The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 19th February 2023

Dear Parishioners,

I have always been fascinated by the use of myth, ritual, symbol, story and language within religion, but especially within Catholicism.

Writing an essay over twenty five years ago I discovered the professional writing of J.R.R Tolkien who argued that myth equals a truth that cannot be explained by mere fact; and that myth is in essence the expression of a greater truth. Such an understanding is shared by his great friend C.S Lewis who saw all myth as an attempt to shine light on truth.

Over the last couple of weeks the readings during the Weekday Mass has focused on the book of Genesis and the "myth" of creation. We have listened as Adam and Eve fell away from God, distorting the truth of their humanity and hiding not only from God, but from their true self. It is my belief that if we reflect upon the story of Genesis then we will ready ourselves for Lent!.

The Gospel today reminds us that as disciples of Christ we are called to become more. The Gospel reminds us that we are called to be restored to the One we have fallen away from. We are invited - and this is why Lent is wonderful - to become again like the One whose image and likeness we are created in:

"You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Lent is an opportunity, an opportunity for you and me, to rediscover the truth of our humanity, and the real truth of our relationship with God, a relationship never forgotten by Him, but sadly often overlooked by you and I.

In the season of Lent, we can start again, we can get it right, we can become more than we are. We can walk again with God!

As the late Pope Benedict XVI wrote: "*God seeks us where we are, not so that we stay there, but so that we may come to be where He is, so that we may get beyond ourselves.*"

May God bless you and your families

Fr. Kieren

ASH WEDNESDAY

22nd February 2023

MASS TIMES

9.30am OLOR Primary School
9.30am SM Church
1.30pm EM Church
6.30pm EM Church

MASS TIMES

Sat	18	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	19	**7th Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism
Tue	21	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	22	**ASH WEDNESDAY**
9.30am	SM	Mass
9.30am	OL	Mass
1.30pm	EM	Mass
6.30pm	EM	Mass
Thurs	23	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	24	
7.30pm	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
2.15pm		Soup and Roll - Kershaw Room
3.00pm	EM	Stations of the Cross
Sat	25	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	26	**1st Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	EM	Baptism

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Children's Catechesis/Liturgies:

25th/26th February (over all Masses)
4th/5th March - Catechesis
14th/15th March - RECONCILIATION (St. M Church - 6.30pm)
18th/19th March (over all Masses)

Parent Catechesis

26th April 6.30pm - Parish centre

Families should strive to attend Sunday Mass every weekend.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Catechesis Meetings will take place in the Parish Centre (6.30pm) on the following dates:

16th March
11th May

Confirmand (candidates) should strive to attend Mass every Sunday.

Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches.

HOLY COMMUNION TIES

If you would like to order a Holy Communion tie ,

please put £5 in an envelope with your child's name and return it to Fr. K

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY at Manchester Royal Infirmary, Saint Mary's, Manchester Children's Hospital, Manchester Eye Hospital, Trafford General and The Christie, Salford Royal or Wythenshawe. If you have a relative or friend who is an inpatient and would like a Catholic Chaplain to visit them for pastoral support please contact the Chaplaincy Office on 0161 276 8792.

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH In order to get married in the Catholic Church 6 months notice must be given. If you have been married outside the Church and would like to have the civil marriage con-validated and recognised by the Church, please contact Fr. Kieren for further information.

*"**And that is what marriage is! Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives**".*
Pope Francis

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Bill Kielty, Bob Perry, Stephen Pickup, Blanche Yates, Brendan McErlean

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, John Farnworth, the Barnes family, safe travels, John O'Connell

Anniversaries Masses

Eddie Hanlon,Angela Morton, Austin Fergus, Jim & Ellen McLoughlin, Kevin Flannagan, Kieran O' Doherty, Teresa Kennedy, Anthony McGettrick

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Marion Kerrigan, John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, Geoff Martin, Janet Lavin, Frank Meakin, Carol Grimsley, Maureen Boylan, M. Lundy, Michael Rice, Isla Venter, Esther Froggatt, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Brendan Atkin, Kathleen Connors,, Jean Black, Richard Barry

(Please ensure that you have permission of the individual/family for their names to be published in the newsletter)

Young Adults Day Trip to York
Saturday 18 March, 8am - 5pm
Pick up points: Manchester University Chaplaincy and Salford Cathedral £20. Join Salford Youth Ministry and Manchester Universities' Catholic Chaplaincy on a fascinating journey of faith history as we travel to the historic city of York to explore more about how it has shaped the religious fabric of our nation, and to find out more about inspirational religious figures, such as St Margaret Clitherow.

For more information and to register, contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

English Martyrs RC Primary School

As part of God's family we grow together, respect each other and challenge ourselves to be the best that we can be.

Headteacher

English Martyrs RC Primary School, 5 Wycliffe Road, Urmston, M41 5AH Tel: 0161 748 7257 https://www.englishmartyrs.trafford.sch.uk/ NOR 236 Required for September 2023 (Leadership Spine points L15 to L21 £62,560 to £72,483 per annum) Are you a practicing Catholic with the drive and enthusiasm to lead our school? Due to the retirement of our current and well respected Headteacher, the children, staff and governors are seeking a new Headteacher.

Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged and can be arranged by contacting the school office on 0161 748 7257 Closing Date: Monday 20th February 2023 5pm Shortlisting: 28th February 2023 Interview: 9th /10th March 2023 English Martyrs is a Roman Catholic School committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Appointment is subject to a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service.

Application forms should be returned to karen.samples@trafford.gov.uk

PARKING AROUND ST. MONICA'S CHURCH can I remind all parishioners and groups that **no** parking should occur in front of the main doors of the Church (for any reason). The flagging is not designed for parking and damage is occurring because of the weight of cars. Please use the car park only.

GENTLE REMINDER please accompany your child to toilets during Mass.

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 20th February at 6.30 pm at the Parish Centre.

PARISH FAMLY GROUP We had an amazing response last weekend with 109 forms being submitted, including families, single people and couples as well as some of our more mature parishioners signing up ! We have decided to create 5 mixed groups (replicating a typical family unit) and you should by now have had initial contact from your leaders telling you about the first short get together which we hope as many as possible; can come along. Please remember this is YOUR group and the success will be down to all group members in making a contribution in some way even simply if it's bringing a packet of biscuits to share at your meeting. The initial meeting for all groups is Sunday 19th, 5.00pm. This is a short meeting where you will be able to watch a film showing family groups in other UK parishes with some ideas of activities the groups can organise. You will also be able to meet some other members of your new parish family.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 3rd March - if you would like to financially contribute to the appeal, please take an envelope from the back of either churches. Either post the envelope directly to CAFOD (the envelope has pre-paid postage) or return it to Fr. K via the collection baskets.

WALK WITH ME - LENT BOOKS the season of Lent will soon begin. The new Walk With Me books are now available at the back of both churches. The recommended donation is £1.

SOUP & STATIONS DURING LENT The Stations will be prayed this Friday at English Martyrs' Church (3.00pm). If you would like to join Fr. K for a bowl of soup prior to gathering in prayer (2.15pm), please let him know asap. Please note that NEXT Friday the Stations will be prayed at OLOR Primary School (2.45pm), and you are welcome to gather for a bowl of soup at the Primary School at 2.00pm.

BINGO @ THE PARISH CENTRE Every Monday Evening.. All are very welcome from 7-45 -9-15 pm

Parish Prayer Meetings are currently taking place on Zoom as we pray together for the needs of others. All are welcome to join. To receive a link for the meeting, please contact Joan on 07531179552

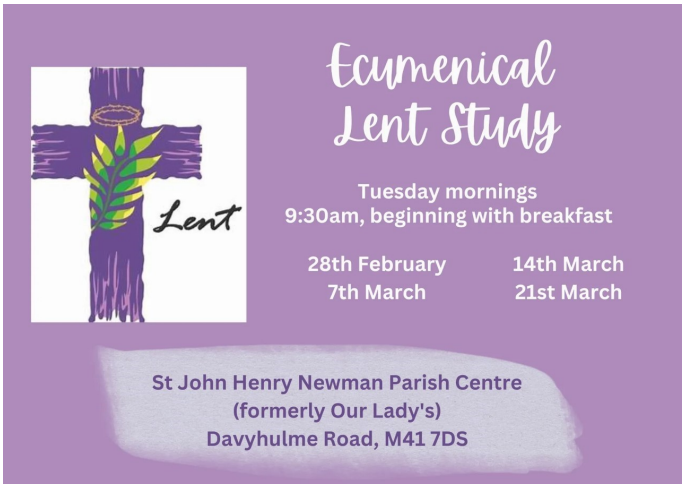
Walsingham Pilgrimage 2023 Saturday 20th May You can now register your interest to join our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Walsingham this May! The cost for a day pilgrim is expected to be between £35 and £45. Our overnight option has been well received and is now nearly full. The cost of this is expected to be between £130 - £150 (includes evening meal, breakfast, and packed lunch.) Please register your interest by emailing: walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Great Manchester Run - Free places with Caritas Diocese of Salford Team Thinking of taking on a new challenge for 2023? Would you please consider running the Great Manchester Run in aid of Caritas Salford? Please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/every-step-you-take-helps-local-people-take-a-step-towards-transforming-their-lives or email fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk

Clothing Donations Caritas Salford is appealing for donations of unwanted, clean clothing to help support people in the area experiencing poverty, homelessness and discrimination. The charity will give appropriate donated items to people experiencing homelessness who access their services in Greater Manchester and Lancashire, with other items being used to raise much-needed funds to help Caritas Salford continue its work. Clothing can be donated at the charity's Caritas House building in Collyhurst from 9.30 am to 4.30 pm Tuesday to Friday: Caritas House, Nobby Stiles Drive, Collyhurst.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - ST. JOSEPHS NURSING HOME– NURSING VACANCY - REGISTERED NURSE – NIGHTS VACANCY. Job Types: Full-time, Permanent. Salary: From £40,000.00 per year. Please contact Jane on 0161 273 4147 or email jane.powner@lsplondon.co.uk

VACANCIES AT LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL the closing date for both posts 24th February 2023. Loreto is seeking to appoint Examination Invigilators and a Display Assistant. For more information please visit: www.loretogrammar.co.uk/812/current-vacancies



NEWSLETTER all items for the newsletter must be sent to Fr. K (via email) before 9.00am Thursday morning

THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION
EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

EUCHARIST (HOLY COMMUNION)
The Eucharist is the source and summit of all Christian life, the Eucharist is not a thing or a holy object, the Eucharist is the gift of God Himself given and shared with us. All parent's of children who will be entering Yr 3 (in September) will be invited from the beginning of May 2023 to enrol their children on the Sacramental Programme. All children must be baptised in the Catholic Church and families **WILL** be expected, to do what all Catholic families should do, that is attend Sunday Mass.

CONFIRMATION at the end of Yr6 children will be invited (by Fr. Michael Dea's) to register their interest in joining the programme in Yr8. All details will be published in the newsletter and a notice will be sent to our local Diocesan Catholic Secondary School (St. Antony's) and those schools that are in the Diocese of Shrewsbury (BTH, St. Ambrose & Loreto). Registering an interest is **not** joining the programme, and as the child enters Yr8 they will have to make the commitment to participate on the programme and complete the sacraments of initiation. Please not that although information is sent to High Schools outside the Diocese of Salford and the non-Catholic schools in the area, distribution of information is *dependant upon the cooperation of the Head teacher and Head of RE.*

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RESISTANCE CHEEK TUNIC
CLOAK BORROW LOVE
NEIGHBOUR ENEMY CREDIT

"Only in Christ can men and women find answers to the ultimate questions that trouble them. Only in Christ can they fully understand their dignity as persons created and loved by God."
Pope St. John Paul II

VOCATIONS - DIOCESE OF SALFORD

If you feel called to the Diocesan Priesthood please contact Fr. Kieren or contact the Diocesan Vocation Director directly Fr. Mark Paver:

mark. paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

STRETFOOD FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs). To donate directly Stretford Food bank Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Code of Canon Law states:
"Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth"
(867)

This canon, although not always practical for many reasons, reminds us of the importance and urgency of the sacrament of Baptism. **As a Parish within the Diocese of Salford we follow the Diocesan Baptism Policy.** In order for a baby/child (under the age of 7) to be baptised, the Catholic family, (resident in the Parish of St. John Henry Newman) if not already practising their faith, must begin to attend Sunday Mass for a minimum of at least 6 weeks before a baptism date can be discussed. To discuss this further please contact Fr. Kieren or speak to him after Sunday Mass.

OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS
DIOCESE OF SALFORD

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

English Martyrs
Wycliffe Road, Urmston.
Head teacher: Mrs Carole Partington
(0161) 748 7257

Our Lady of the Rosary
Davyhulme Road, Urmston.
Head teacher: Miss S. Molloy
(0161)748 4626

St. Monica's
Woodsend Road South, Flixton
Head teacher: Mr. Mark Doherty
(0161) 748 3353

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St. Antony's Catholic High School
Bradfield Road, Urmston
Head teacher: Mr. A. Campbell
(0161) 911 8001