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

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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
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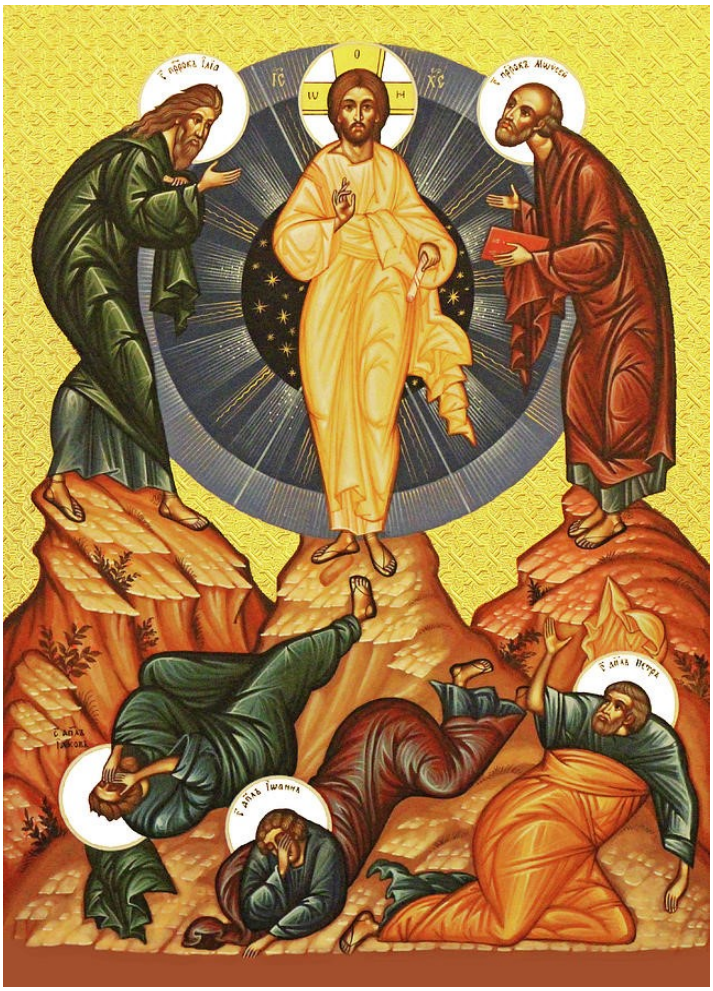
2nd Sunday of Lent - 5th March 2023



Abraham, in the first reading this weekend, discovered for himself (it is never too late) in his 75th year.

In the Gospel today, we listen to Matthews account of the Transfiguration, a special theophany where God reveals Himself to us. Jesus, stands between Moses and Elijah, He stands as the one who completes the Law and fulfils the words of the prophets. He stands amongst us as God; present and here. As God, He is the embodiment of Divine love, as Jesus He offers that love as a living and real relationship to you and I.

As Pope Francis reminds us:

"In him is salvation, beatitude, light and the boundless love of God."

He is God, and God is love.

The Season of Lent invites us to enter deeper into the relationship that God offers us, to understand as Peter does that "*it is good that we are here.*"

This relationship, offered to us, by God who gives us all that He is, is good for us. It is a relationship that invites us to offer ourselves fully to God, who gives Himself totally to us. And as this relationship is renewed and rediscovered, we too are transfigured, we too are transformed as we become more like the One who stood transfigured and radiant upon the mountain.

As we, you and I, journey through Lent we will discover many moments of God's love, His gift lived out and shared with us as Jesus walks, that wonderful journey of love, towards Jerusalem.

Dear Parishioners,

During my spiritual reading this week, I came across the following words:

" *… God is unrestrainedly and unconditionally in love with us, and all of time is for us to learn its patterns …"*

The season of Lent is an invitation, for you and I, to rediscover the joy of being loved by God. This rediscovery is a timeless invitation, as

May God bless you and your families

Fr. Kieren

MASS TIMES

Sat	4	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	5	**2nd Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
Tue	7	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	8	
10.00am	EM	Requiem Mass, Stephen Pickup
Thurs	9	
8.45am	EM	Mass
Fri	10	
7.30am	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
2.15pm	KR	Soup and Roll
3.00pm	EM	Stations of the Cross
Sat	11	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	EM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	5	**3rd Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	EM	Baptism

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 convalidated 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

Please pray for Kate & Andrew, Rachel & Matthew and Hannah & Daniel

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION

Children's Catechesis/Liturgies:

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
24th June - Confirmation
St. Hugh of Lincoln Church (2pm)

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

Sponsor forms available at the back of both churches.

Caritas Salford Lent Appeal This Lent, will you make a change to change a life?
Whether you're making a change to your diet, fasting, amending your behaviour or adapting your thoughts and focus...as you pray, fast and give this Lent the change you're making could also help to change a life. By remembering Caritas Salford during Lent, your donations and prayers will make a real difference to the lives of the local people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire that the team supports - people in our local communities facing poverty, disadvantage, homelessness and isolation. Keep Caritas Salford and the people they work alongside in the local community in your prayers this Lent Join their Lent appeal and collect change to help change lives (you can pay in your collection or donation online at https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/service-view/lent2023/ or request donation envelopes for your Church or community group by emailing fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk)

Thank you for your kindness and support.

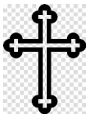
MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Bill Kielty, Bob Perry, Stephen Pickup, Dave Devine, Margaret McCarthy, Katerine Tillsbury, Frank Meakin

Intention
a special intention, in thanksgiving, John O'Connell, Bob Wilkinson, Marie Burgess, Peter Durham

Anniversaries Masses
Denis Deeney, Cecelia McGrory, Phil Chisnell, Tom Mellett, John Gunning, Bill Lee, Oliver Loughlin



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Marion Kerrigan, John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, Geoff Martin, Janet Lavin, 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, Pam Clark

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

HOLY WEEK IN THE PARISH

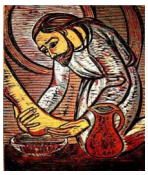
The Triduum

Maundy Thursday **6th April**
Mass of the Lord's Sipper
7.00pm - English Martyrs'

Good Friday **7th April**
Stations of the Cross
10.00am - St. Monica's
The Passion
3.00pm - St. Monica's

Holy Saturday **8th April**
Lucernarium & Easter Vigil
7.30pm - English Martyrs'

Easter Sunday 9th April
Mass
9.30am - English Martyrs'
11.30am - St. Monica's



FEET WASHING DURING THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER I thought that as we begin the season of Lent that I would invite parishioners to volunteer to have their feet washed during the Mass of the Lord's Supper (Maundy Thursday) as we begin the Triduum. If you would like to volunteer please see Fr. K, as Jesus said to Peter: "*If I do not wash you, you can have nothing in common with me."*

St Antony's Catholic College are supporting CAFOD's Big Lent Walk this Lent. Our school community will join thousands of others fundraising so that families around the world can fight the effects of the climate crisis. This term we are walking 200km during lent. Why not join us on Saturday 25th March at 1:30 for our sponsored walk from St Antony's Roman Catholic school. Check out our supporter page to see our progress https://cafod.enthuse.com/pf/stantonys

PARISH FAMLY GROUP Thank you to everyone who attended the meeting last Sunday and a special thank you to the leaders who have volunteered to facilitate the groups. We now have 5 groups and if you signed up you will be receiving information by email, text or phone call about the first meeting of your group. If you haven't received this information contact your group leaders, if you have their details, or Dawn Wilkinson 07760442432. It's not too late to join, just fill in the form, available at both churches, or contact Dawn. We also have an appeal. We need some board games, card games, and colouring books for the children to use during the meetings. If anyone can donate any of these, used or new, we'd be very grateful.

SOUP & STATIONS DURING LENT The Stations will be prayed on Friday 10th March 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.

Lent at the Hidden Gem If you are visiting Manchester City Centre during the Season of Lent, why not pop into St Mary's, the Hidden Gem? Each weekday during Lent there will be Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (10.30am) and Confessions (11.00am), Rosary (12noon), Holy Mass (12.30pm) and Stations of the Cross (1pm). There will also be the weekly evening Mass Wednesday at 5.15pm, followed by a series of Lenten Meditations each Wednesday at 6pm given by Fr Ian Kelly. More details about St Mary's Lenten Programme are available on the diocesan website.

Offertory Envelopes for the next tax year. The New envelopes are ready for collection from the back of both churches. If you were previously registered under Our Lady and the English Martyrs Parish, your box can be collected from English Martyrs Church and if you were previously registered under St Monica's parish, your box can be collected from St Monica's Church. Please look for your NAME and STREET NAME, please do not look for your regular number as most numbers have been reallocated, due to depletion of people signing up to this scheme. If you are unable to find your box, please contact Amanda in the office. These new envelopes start from Easter Sunday, 9th April. If you have not already signed up to Gift Aid your donation, and you are able to do so (to be able to sign up to Gift Aid your donation, you do need to be a UK Tax payer). **Signing up to the Gift Aid scheme will not cost you any more money, it just means that as a Parish, we are able to claim an extra 25% back from the Government, on your donation. If you would like a form or more information on this, please contact Amanda during office hours.**

SVP The next SVP meeting will be held on Monday 6th March at 6.30 pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's.

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. **One of our parishioners**, James, has signed up to take part. If you would like to support him and raise funds for Caritas Salford please follow this link: https://www.greatmanchesterrun2023.enthuse.com/pf/james-baddley

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.

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

Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walks On the 29th of May this year the Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walks will return to the streets of Manchester once again. This is the first time the walks have taken place since 2019. In 2019 over 1,000 people joined this 200-year-old tradition. This year the procession will leave Cathedral Gardens at 10.00am and we will process to the centre of town (the precise route is still being finalised) for an Act of Worship, before returning to Manchester Cathedral. If you would like consider bringing a group from your parish or Deanery and carrying your church banner with pride please contact revd.caroline.hewitt@gmail.com of the Diocese of Manchester for more information.

Retreat Programme: Lenten Journey Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Brownedge Rd, Lostock Hall, Saturday 11th March, 11.30am. The Diocese of Salford's day retreat programme returns in March with a special focus on Lent. Find out more and register at https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-programme-2022-2023/

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.*

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.

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JESUS PETER JAMES
JOHN MOUNTAIN FACE
SUN MOSES ELIJAH
TENTS CLOUD SHADOW

Ecumenical Lent Study

Tuesday mornings
9:30am, beginning with breakfast

28th February
7th March
14th March
21st March

St John Henry Newman Parish Centre
(formerly Our Lady's)
Davyhulme Road, M41 7DS

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

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