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.

3rd Sunday of Lent - 12th March 2023

Dear Parishioners,

On the farm, where my father was born, there is a little well. It is a well hidden well, only known by those aware of its presence. It's a little family secret that I have been reflecting upon this week.

When Jesus walked the earth, wells were not hidden, they were focal points community, villages and town grew around them, people met, goods were sold and society thrived, all because of water. The well was the focal point, because water IS life!

It comes as no surprise that in the Gospel today, Jesus becomes the focal point; everything revolves around Him. He becomes the well for eternal life:

"… the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life."

The Samaritan woman on meeting Jesus, in hearing His words puts *down her water jar* and rushes off to share the news of Jesus with the people of the town.

That encounter with Jesus, helps her to realise that at the well in the town of Sychar there is somebody more important than water; He is the wellspring of Salvation.

He is the fountain of life, who invites us to share what we have received with us. He invites us to share Him with all that we meet!

May God bless you and your families

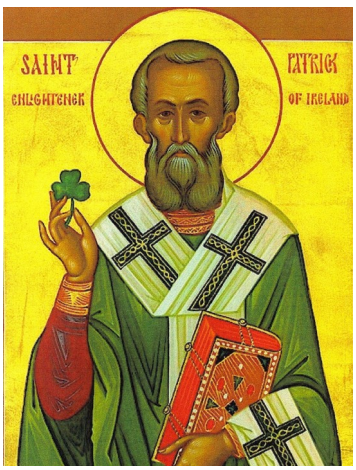
Fr. Kieren

Did you know … that in Irish law, from 1903 to 1970, St. Patrick's Day was declared a religious observance for the entire country meaning that all pubs were shut down for the day. That meant no beer. The law was overturned in 1970, when St. Patrick's was reclassified as a national holiday … I miss the good old days!

I know that many of you abstain from meat on Fridays and especially on the Fridays of Lent, but as this Friday is the feast of St. Patrick, as your Parish Priest, *I dispense you from this obligation*.

But if you are going to celebrate the feast day correctly , get yourself to Mass!

"If I have any worth, it is to live my life for God".
St. Patrick



MASS TIMES

Sat	11	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	12	**3rd Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
Tue	14	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.00am		Funeral Service - Bernard Bowe
Wed	15	
8.25am		Mass - St. Antony's
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - Joe Loughran
Thurs	16	
8.45am	EM	Mass
Fri	17	St. Patrick - Feast
7.30am	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
2.15pm	KR	Soup and Roll
3.00pm	EM	Stations of the Cross
Sat	18	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	19	**4th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

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.

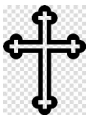
MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Frank Meakin, Michael Carr, Fran Knight, Jean Black, Adrian Leese, Joe Loughran, Tony Sumner, Dave Devine

Intention
a special intention, in thanksgiving, for prayers answered, Angela Taylor

Anniversaries Masses
Bevan Rigby, Bill Lee, Joe Dempsey, Kathleen Cremin, Andrew Towey



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, 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 Supper
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."*

PARISH READERS can I take this opportunity to thank you for your ministry! I know that many of you have already spoken to the Parish Co-ordinators (Lizz and Ann-Marie) regarding Holy Week and The Triduum. The Triduum is the principle feast of the Parish, and it is where you as readers truly shine. Ann-Marie and Lizz are busy gathering readers for this solemn event, if you are able to offer your help (especially at the Easter Vigil) please contact the Parish Co-ordinators.

PARISH ALTAR SERVERS can I invite ALL Parish servers to sign up for the Triduum servers rota posted on the doors of both sacristies. If you would like to join the servers team, please get a parent to email e and I will forward information to the Parish Altar Server trainer. Fr. K

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 17th March at OLOR Primary (2.45pm). You are welcome to gather for a bowl of soup prior to gathering in prayer (2.00pm),

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. 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.**

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://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.

NIFTY50+ The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 14th March 1:00pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's. This will be a free and easy meeting, with plenty of chat over tea and cake with Bingo, Quiz ,Raffle. I you have not been before just come along and introduce yourself ,you will be made most welcome .

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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SAMARITAN SYCHAR JACOB
JOSEPH WELL WOMAN
WATER DRINK JEW
BUCKET CATTLE HUSBAND

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