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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4th Sunday of Lent - 19th March 2023

Like the woman last week who met Jesus at the well, an encounter with Jesus leads us - or should lead us - into lived discipleship.

In Jesus the woman met Jesus and received the water of Life.

Today the blind man meets Jesus and encounters the Son of Man.

In this season of Lent, you too are invited to encounter Jesus, you too are invited to meet Him; to be challenged, forgiven and transformed.

You and me, like the blind man and the woman at the well, are called to become His disciples. To open our eyes, turn away from darkness and to literally follow Him.

Dear Parishioners,

St. Paul in the 2nd Reading today reminds us

"*You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of the light ….*"

Here we are being reminded that through our baptism something significant occurs, we are ontologically changed - changed in being and reality - we become something new. As the writer Megan McKenna reminds us while commenting on this verse:

"*Once we slept unaware of God's presence in the world, oblivious of the power of the Spirit in the Word-made-Flesh, but in our baptism we were awakened to resurrection life.*"

On this 4th Sunday of Lent we are invited to make a choice, just like the blind man in the Gospel, we have a choice; the choice to walk in darkness or to stand with Christ and walk in His light. The story of the Blind man and his growth in awareness of who Jesus really is, is a challenge to our blindness where we refuse to acknowledge and recognise who Jesus truly is, and therefore refuse to truly (unlike the an born blind) become His disciples and follow Him.

To see, recognise and acknowledge Jesus, must lead to us following Hm.

May God bless you and your families

Fr. Kieren

MASS TIMES

Sat	18	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	19	4th Sunday of Lent
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	21	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	22	
8.25am		Mass - St. Antony's
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thurs	23	
8.45am	EM	Mass
Fri	24	
7.30am	EM	Mass
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - Frank Meakin
2.15pm	KR	Soup and Roll
3.00pm	EM	Stations of the Cross
Sat	25	The Annunciation
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
12.30pm	EM	Double Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	26	5th Sunday of Lent (Laetare)
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	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:

24th April Catechesis for SM Cohort ONLY

13th May Catechesis for OLOR & RM Cohort
20th May Catechesis for OLOR & EM Cohort
(all receiving their 1st Holy Communion on 17th June)
Please note change of date to accommodate coronation and bank holiday.

Parent Catechesis

26th April 6.30pm - Parish centre

Families should strive to attend Sunday Mass

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

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

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.

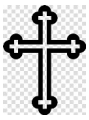
MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Frank Meakin, Christine Negus, Joe Loughran, David Devine

Intention
a special intention, in thanksgiving, Patrick & Mary O'Shea, Patrick & Kathleen Boylan, a special intention

Anniversaries Masses
Bevan Rigby, Bill Lee, Joe Dempsey, Kathleen Cremin, Andrew Towey, Nigel Boylan, Mary Hartey, Danny Piercy



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

EASTER EGG HUNT Our Easter Sunday Easter egg hunt, in the presbytery garden at St Monica's after 11.30 Mass on Easter morning, is returning this year .Any donations of small Easter eggs (cream egg or smaller) will be gratefully received . There are collection boxes in both churches. Don't worry Fr. K will ensure that Easter Eggs are also available at English Martyrs' Church … but they won't be hidden!!

CHURCH FLOWERS FOR EASTER if you would like to make a donation to contribute the flowers this year. Please place your donation in an envelope marked FLOWERS and either place it in the collection basket or pass to Fr. K.

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. 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.**

PARISH PIETY STALLS why not have a look at the wide variety of Easter cards etc …. Holy Communion gifts are also available.

New Ukraine Link Officer to support people in your parish community. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is pleased to have received external grant funding to introduce a new role of Ukraine Link Officer. Taking up the position is Iryna Rybalska, who will work to ensure people from Ukraine can be signposted to appropriate services while providing opportunities such as volunteering and integration. She will provide feedback and understanding to Caritas Salford in how Ukrainian people's lives are being impacted to help shape future service provision too. If there is anyone in your local community who is from Ukraine who would like to contact Iryna, please email i.rybalska@caritassalford.org.uk

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 - 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

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.

HOLIDAY CLUB This is a great opportunity for children to socialise and have fun, whilst keeping themselves physically active. We will initially be opening up places to children at OLOR on a first come first served basis. We will be only taking bookings for full day sessions. All ages are invited (Reception-Yr6). From next week we will open places to children in the wider community, who do not attend OLOR. Families who are interested in booking a place please email the school office rosary.admin@trafford.gov.uk or telephone 748 **4626 for further details.**

Enquirers morning for Vocations to the Diaconate
Saturday 1st April,10am, St Patrick's Church, Livesey Street, Manchester, M4 5HF. The Diocese of Salford's Department for Formation is holding an enquirers morning for anyone who may be discerning a vocation to the diaconate. If you would like to learn more about what a deacon is or does, or would like to speak to someone about how God might be calling you to serve as a deacon in our diocese, this event will help you find out more. Come along to an Enquirer's Morning at St. Patrick's Church, Livesey St, Manchester, on Saturday 1st April, starting with Mass at 10am and finishing with a sandwich lunch. Email formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to let us know you're coming. You can also learn more about the role of deacons by visiting https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/diaconate-faqs/

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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BLIND SPAT PASTE
SPITTLE SIGHT RESTORED
PROPHET PARENTS DISCIPLES
SINNERS DEVOUT BELIEVE

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