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 EASTER - Vocation Sunday

Dear Parishioners,

Whilst in Rome I read a tweet (and subsequent thread) written by an American Parish Priest (or Pastor as they are called). The tweet by Fr. Brian O'Brien (yes, his real name) read as follows:

"The expectations on parish priests in the United States are not realistic. The Church in the US should expect early retirements, more sabbatical requests, more priests actively thinking about leaving, and others who will burnout"

I would think that many Priests in our Diocese and beyond, do in some way share that sentiment. Afterall Priests are today being asked to do the work of 4 - 6 men (how many priests served the "parish" 20 years ago?), in supersized parishes. However, many of the responses to his words - and they were predominately from the laity - were quite appalling. He was accused of betraying his vocation and told that he should never have been ordained. By the same people who probably daily pray for vocations.

It was a sad read!

But! It got me thinking. What is a Priest for?

I remember being asked this question, why I began the discernment process with the Diocese. I don't think that my answer today is the same I gave so many years (decades ago!). I firmly believe that Priests are called by God to echo the voice of His Word. As the late Pope Benedict stated in 2009:

Thus, in the life of a priest, missionary announcement and worship are inseparable, just as sacramental identity and evangelising mission are likewise inseparable.

The Priest (good and even bad ones) exists to echo, through the celebration of the sacraments and through his preaching the voice and reality of the Good Shepherd - Jesus Christ, God made flesh.

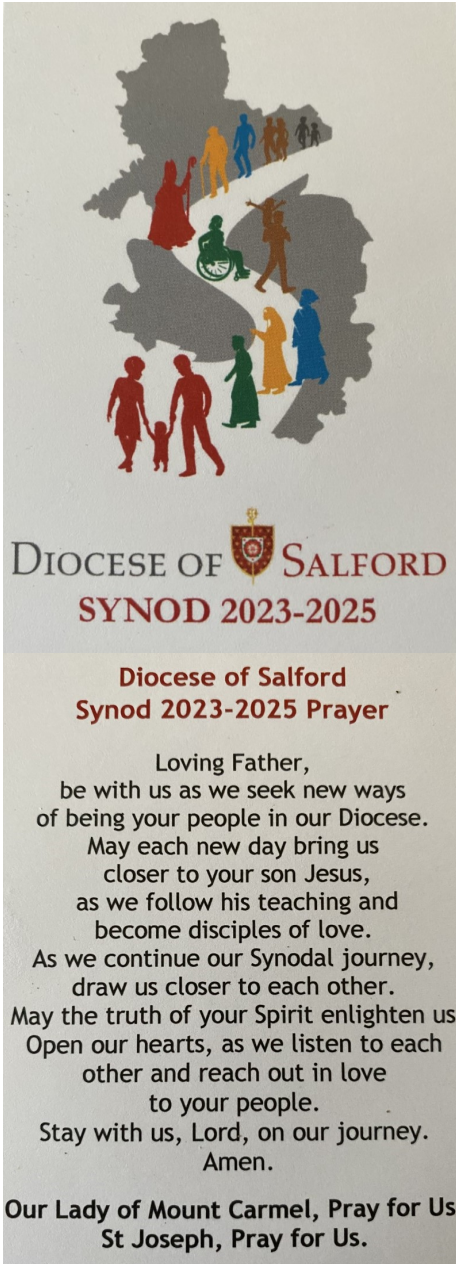
So that all who belong to Him may continue to listen and respond to His voice.

I personally believe that His voice is the one that everybody needs to hear, and that is why we need His priests, because His voice is the ONLY voice worth listening too, as it is the only voice that leads us to eternal life.

I know times are difficult at the moment, but if you could support the Ecclesiastical Education Fund via the retiring collection, it would be greatly appreciated.

May God Bless you, Alleluia! Alleluia!

Fr. K



MASS TIMES

Sat	29	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass with reception of Natalie and Florian
1.30pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	30	**4th Sunday of Easter**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass with baptism of Pamela & Ryan
1.30pm	EM	Baptism
Tue	02	
9.00am	EM	Fr. K on retreat
Wed	03	
9.30am	SM	Fr. K on retreat
Thurs	04	The English Martyrs' - Feast
9.30am	EM	Mass with EM SCHOOL
Fri	05	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Sat	06	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	07	**5th Sunday of EASTER**
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:

13th May First Holy Communion Mass
St. Monica's Cohort - 12pm
13th May Catechesis for OLOR & RM Cohort
20th May Catechesis for OLOR & EM Cohort (all receiving their 1st Holy Communion on 17th June)
17th June First Holy Communion Mass
EM Cohort - 11.00am
17th June First Holy Communion Mass
OLOR Cohort - 1.00pm

Please note change of date for LOR & EM Cohort catechesis to accommodate coronation and bank holiday.

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.

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

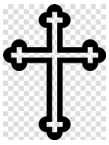
Fr. Bernard Charnock, Ethel Blunt, Roy Kellet, Bridie Murphy, Peter King, Thomas Hogan, Judith Lee

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention, Marian & Tommy Moran, Matthew Foster & Mary Johnson, Patrick Flanagan, the Heneghan family, Walter Hodkinson

Anniversaries Masses

Thomas Piercy, Oliver Piercy, Thomas O'Dowd, John McPhillips, Mary Sumner, Christina Teece



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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, Pam Clark

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

SALFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD

Each Parish will be asked to provide 2 Lay Synod members, and in the next week or so, I will receive guidance on how these members are to be chosen. If you are potentially interested in being chosen, can I ask you to seriously reflect upon this role, and especially consider the guidance that I will provide.

The basic rule of thumb is as follows:

"A Synod member is a baptised, committed, prayerful Catholic who is prepared to listen carefully to the views of others concerning the role of faith and the Church, especially in our Diocese, and to faithfully and non-judgmentally feed those views back.

The candidate should be willing (with guidance and support) to be part of group discussions, and, putting aside personal agendas, is able to listen prayerfully to discern what they sense the Holy Spirit is asking of us as Salford Diocese. Full support and training will be offered. "

Both myself and Deacon John are - through our ministry - Synod members.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR FR. BERNARD CHARNOCK - Tuesday 9th May Requiem Mass, McAuley Mount (2.00pm), Reception of body, St. Monica's (6.00pm). Wednesday 10th May Requiem Mass, with Bishop John (11.30am) followed by internment at Urmston Cemetery. Following the Requiem on the 10th you are invited to the Parish Centre for refreshments.

EASTER SEASON STATION MASSES to celebrate the Resurrection in the Deanery three "Station" Masses have been organised: Tuesday 25th April - Our Lady's, Moss Side., St. Ambrose, Chorlton. All Masses will begin at 7.30pm

KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS Pamela, Ryan, Natalie, Florian and Romy, who will be baptised ad received into Full Communion with the Church during the Easter Season.

Offertory Envelopes Offertory Envelopes. The envelopes for the new tax year are now in use. If you use the envelopes, you should now be using the Yellow coloured envelopes. There are still a number of boxes waiting to be collected, at the back of both churches. If you have not yet collected your new box on envelopes, please look for your name and road name. If you are unable to find your allocated box, please contact the Parish office.
If you have any other colour of Offertory Envelopes, please destroy them as they are not for this current Tax year, and therefore can no longer be used.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL are looking to recruit for two posts within the school family. There are vacancies for a Lay Chaplain and a Science Technician. For further information please visit www.loretogrammar.co.uk.

Caritas Vacancy: Bank Art/Activity Tutor - Cornerstone Day Centre Hulme Bank rate SC16 £14.34 per hour (plus holiday pay accrued pro-rata). Cornerstone Day Centre in Hulme is launching a new Arts Programme and has an exciting opportunity for Art Practitioner's to run an Arts Project at the Centre for people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. The tutor will plan, deliver and evaluate an arts/activity project on a weekly basis over an agreed period. The art/activity session will be 2 hours of delivery and 1 hour for preparation and planning. The sessions are designed to improve people's skills, confidence and well-being of people and to deliver an outcome that will showcase people's skills and talents. Please visit: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/team-view/bank-art-activity-tutor-manchester/ to apply. The closing date is Monday 8 May 2023.

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

Walk for Life Monday 8 May, from 2pm. Beginning at Theodore House, Stonyhurst, Clitheroe, BB7 9PZ Join the Christian Heritage Centre and St Peter's Church, Stonyhurst, for a Walk for Life, in aid of Right to Life. The walk will follow the beautiful Tolkien Trail, taking in the scenery that inspired The Hobbit and The Lord of the Rings. It will end at 5:15pm with a benediction at St Peter's Church, followed by refreshments at Theodore House.

SVP The next meeting of the SVP will be on Thursday 4th May at 6.30 pm at the Jubilee room.

Parish Family Groups (PFG) All the groups have now met for the first time and have started to make plans for the next few months. If you haven't been able to make a meeting yet, don't worry ! You will be receiving details about the up coming meetings and if you are still having problems getting there, contact your group leaders. Don't assume it's too late ! The group may be able to help, so please get in touch. There will soon be PFG notice boards in EM church and SM's Jubilee room for group information.

Laudato Si' Centre Pray with Nature series The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre would like to thank everyone across the diocese who has sent in photos for its Pray with Nature series this Lent. To find out more or view all of our photos, please visit https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/general/parishes-and-schools-take-part-in-pray-with-nature/

PRAYER GROUP will be returning to hold their weekly meeting in the Jubilee Room from Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm. You are invited to come and join us as we gather in fellowship to adore, praise and thank God, share His word and pray for the needs of all. Everyone is welcome.

DIOCESAN SYNOD before Christmas in his pastoral letter, Bishop John informed us of his intention of establishing a Diocesan Synod. Hopefully this plan will begin to take shape within the Easter season. As a Church we will be asked to seriously and honestly reflect on our faith and discipleship, and how the Gospel is proclaimed and most importantly lived by us the faithful. This might mean that we will have to listen to uncomfortable words and encouraged to take risks (that is what we are supposed to do!). The voice of the faithful - yours and mine - need to be heard, so keep your eyes peeled on the newsletter for further information.

NIFTY50+ The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 2ed May at 1:00pm in the Jubilee room. A free and easy afternoon with plenty of chat. Not been before just come along and introduce yourself. As the Pizza day is now on the agenda we will be taken your orders at this meeting. We also have a few seats left for the trip to Ripley Castle (Ancestral home of Blessed Francis Ingleby) if any person interested in joining the group on the visit give Cec a call on 07434647062.

Thursday Club (Over 60s) At the next meeting on Thursday 4th May we are having a Coronation Afternoon Tea (cost £10). There will be entertainment as well as our usual bingo and raffle. Any new members will need to contact Filippa on 07866583870 to book a Tea. (for catering purposes).

ALTAR SERVER REFRESHER COURSE Michael will be offering refresher training at SM Wednesday 17 May at 6.00pm and Saturday 27 May at 10am (both in SM's Church). This training is aimed specifically at the servers who regularly offer their time and service at St. Monica's church. Michael will be sending an email reminder!

Our Lady of the Rosary School/SJHN Parish Special Intention Prayer Service Following the success and greater parish community links formed during the 'Soup and Stations of the Cross' afternoons during Lent, Fr Kieren and Yr6 OLOR pupils will lead a Special Intention Prayer Service at Our Lady of the Rosary School on Friday 5th May. A selection of cakes and refreshments will be served from 2.30pm Special Intention Prayer Service 3.00pm - 3.15pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 3.15pm – 3.25pm. All welcome to gather together to pray as a parish community Light a candle for your special intentions and for St John Henry Newman Parish Spend time of prayer and quiet reflection during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

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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SHEEPFOLD THIEF BRIGAND
SHEPHERD FLOCK GATEKEEPER
STRANGER PARABLE PASTURE
STEAL KILL LIFE

"The world looks to the priest, because it looks to Jesus! No one can see Christ; but everyone sees the priest, and through him they wish to catch a glimpse of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur of the Lord! Immense is the grandeur and dignity of the priest!"

Pope 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

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