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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5th Sunday of Lent - 26th March 2023

Dear Parishioners,

The great Catholic writer Henri Nouwen wrote: "*Every time we make the decision to love someone, we open ourselves to great suffering, because those we most love cause us not only great joy but also great pain.*"

Sadly the shorter version (in the missalettes) of today's Gospel misses that beautiful descriptive statement: *And Jesus wept*.

I think that as we enter the final two weeks of Lent (Passiontide), reflection upon this profound statement should occur. The Gospel today doesn't begin with Jesus mourning death but rather reminds us that Jesus *loved Martha and her sister* [Mary] *and Lazarus.* What follows is a clear teaching, a teaching that reiterates that those who are loved by God are invited to share in the joy of the resurrection and Eternal Life.

We are loved by God, and as we slowly towards Holy Week we are reminded of God's great passion for you and me; we are loved by Him!

The tears that are shed by Jesus, reveals to us the reality of that divine love. As Nouwen continues: *"And love is stronger than fear, life stronger than death, hope stronger than despair. We have to trust that the risk of loving is always worth taking."*

Or as the Gospel puts it*: See how he loved him.*

Jesus knows the power of His love for us, even as the tear run down His face.

His love has purpose and value, His love will wipe away every tear from our cheeks; His love draws us into life eternal, where we will *see the glory of God.*

May God bless you and your families

Fr. Kieren

MASS TIMES

Sat	25	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	26	5th Sunday of Lent
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism
Tue	28	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	29	
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - Jean Black
Thurs	30	
11.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - Margaret Kelly
Fri	31	
7.30am	EM	Mass
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass
2.00pm	OL	Soup and Roll
2.45pm	OL	Stations of the Cross
Sat	01	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	02	PALM SUNDAY
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
		HOLY WEEK BEGINS

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

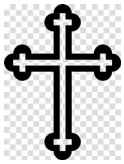
Frank Meakin, Christine Negus, Joe Loughran, David Devine

Intention

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

Anniversaries Masses

Catherine Burke, Delma Geary



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

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.

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!!

TICKETS FOR THE MASS OF CHRISM the Parish has received 6 tickets for the Mass of Chrism which will be celebrated at Salford Cathedral (5th April at 11.00am). If you would like a ticket to attend this Mass with Bishop John and the Priests of the Diocese, please speak to Fr. K

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 31st 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.**

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

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.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BISHOP JOHN REGARDING RECEIVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - RESUMPTION OF COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS Bishop John, following the decision of the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, has established that the reception of communion under both kinds **may** resume in our Diocese, starting from the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Maundy Thursday this year. These notes will help us reflect on the centrality of the Eucharist in our lives, and to prepare us to receive the Precious Blood from the Chalice once again in our Diocese.

Why receive from the chalice?

The Church teaches that the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is present in both the Sacred Host and Precious Blood, and so there is no obligation to receive Holy Communion from the Chalice—in receiving either or both we always receive the "whole" Jesus. Nevertheless, the Church offers us communion under both kinds to help awaken in us a deeper understanding of what we are doing. By eating and drinking we may come to a fuller sense of being among the Apostles at table to eat and drink with the Lord or standing with Mary and the beloved disciple on Calvary to witness his broken body and outpoured blood on the cross. While it is not necessary to receive under both kinds, it is helpful for our spiritual participation in this great mystery. This idea, of promoting a deeper understanding, explains the teaching of the Church in the Roman Missal, which talks of communion having 'a fuller sign when it takes place under both kinds, for in this form the sign of the Eucharistic banquet is more clearly evident and clearer expression is given to the divine will by which the new and eternal Covenant is ratified in the Blood of the Lord'. Both at the Last Supper, and at our Mass, we hear the words of Jesus: "Take and eat … take and drink." Our participation in the divine gift of his Body and Blood is more fully evident when we do what he said!

Receiving Holy Communion

However we receive Holy Communion, it should always be a moment filled with reverence, respect and profound faith. We should participate fully in all the prayers of the Mass, but at the same time develop a personal longing and thirst for Jesus in our hearts. We can imagine ourselves gathered with the apostles at the Last Supper, hearing the words spoken by the Lord over bread and wine, and affirming deep inside ourselves that his words are true: "This is his body … this is the chalice of his blood."

We process forward to the Altar, bow before the Sacred Host and say 'Amen' when the minister says, 'The Body of Christ'. We receive it on the tongue, or on the palm and place it on our tongue straight away. Then we consume it immediately. If we are receiving the Precious Blood, we bow before the Chalice and say 'Amen' when the minister says, 'The Blood of Christ', We take the Chalice, consume the Precious Blood and return it to the minister. We should approach Holy Communion with a profound sense of God's love being lavished upon us, and our "Amen" as we receive the host and/or the Precious Blood should be confident – our personal act of faith.

Please note that that above statement says - MAY - I personally feel that it is impractical to resume this practise in Holy Week, therefore I will be consulting with all extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion via the parish coordinators, and also invite your feedback before, as a Parish, we resume. Fr. K

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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LAZARUS
BETHANY
SISTERS
MARTHA
MARY
OINTMENT
FEET
BROTHER
JUDAEA
TOMB
STONE
PRAYER

Enquirers morning for Vocations to the Diaconate 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/

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