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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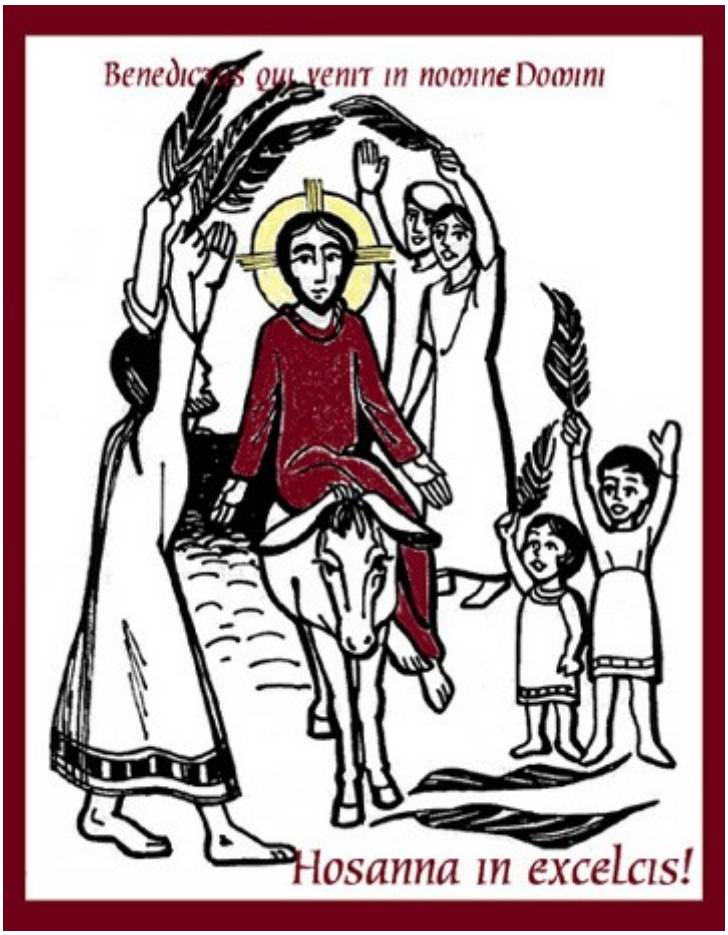
PALM SUNDAY - HOLY WEEK 2023



I often wonder about the crowds that welcomed Jesus into the city of Jerusalem, you can almost sense their excitement - there is something new happening and there is electricity in the air.

Jesus is welcomed as a King, entering the city in victory and triumphant, and yet Jesus knows that this welcome will be short lived. As we stay with Jesus we watch as the One who was carried on a donkey, is left carrying a cross; the One welcomed in joy and triumphant , is now rejected, despised and betrayed, we are pretty fickle … aren't we?

Thank God, He isn't!

Palm Sunday is a reminder that God stays with us, even as we turn away and run from Him.

Bishop John often asks us to pray: *Stay with us Lord, on our journey.* AS we enter Holy Week we pray that we may have the courage to stay with the Lord on His!

May God bless you and your families

Fr. Kieren

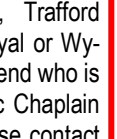
Dear Parishioners,

The season of Lent begins to end and Holy Week - the climatic highlight of the year - begins. As we enter this week and engage with the Passion, we begin to contemplate the depth of God's love for you and I.

In my youth, there seemed to exist a tradition where throughout Holy Week the 1977 miniseries "Jesus of Nazareth" was shown throughout the week on Granada, giving the viewer an opportunity to walk with Jesus towards Calvary, it is a shame this no longer happens … I will have to dig out the DVD and rewatch it!

MASS TIMES

Sat 5.00pm 5.30pm	01 SM SM	Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	02 EM SM	PALM SUNDAY Mass Mass
Tue 9.30am	04 EM	Mass
Wed 11.00am	05	The Mass of CHRISM
		THE TRIDUUM
Thurs 7.00pm	06 EM	MAUNDY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 10.00am 3.00pm	07 SM SM	GOOD FRIDAY Stations of the Cross The PASSION
Sat 7.30pm	08 EM	HOLY SATURDAY The Easter Vigil
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	09 EM SM	EASTER SUNDAY Mass Mass



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.

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

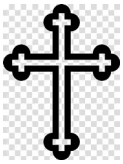
Frank Meakin,

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention, Bradley birthday, Florence Farnworth, Sue Foster

Anniversaries Masses

Delma Geary, Michael McGrory



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, Richard Barry, Pam Clark

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

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

UNDERSTANDING & CELEBRATING THE SACRED TRIDUUM

The Tridu-what?

The word obviously means three days, but from a liturgical point of view, it is ONE liturgy celebrated over **THREE DAYS**. It's an opportunity to walk the journey of faith, not only in the knowledge of events but in participation: The Triduum is when time stands still, when, as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, "The kingdom of God enters into our time" (CCC, 1168). **Maundy Thursday** is the commemoration of the Last Supper, where Jesus washed the disciples' feet and said, "a new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34). This is the most neglected day of the Triduum. If it's hard to get to everything, this is the one that we're most likely to skip, right? **Good Friday, the Passion** is an opportunity to meditate on the sorrow and suffering of our Lord and remember its implications for our own lives. Good Friday commemorates the crucifixion. It's the most solemn day of the year; the Eucharist is not to be celebrated, and baptism should only be done when in danger of death. **Easter Vigil/Easter Sunday**, "Christ is risen! If somebody greets you this way today, the expected response is, "He is risen indeed!" The celebration of the Easter Vigil tells the whole story of our salvation — from creation to resurrection and beyond. The Easter Vigil includes the lighting of the Easter Fire and Paschal Candle (the large candle that we will use throughout the year), the singing of the Exsultet, the expanded Liturgy of the Word that traces time through Salvation History, the Liturgy of Initiation, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist. All these rituals come together for one purpose: to remember and recall the saving deeds of our God on our behalf. Here's an explanation of two moments from the celebration You can choose one or the other, or both. It's all good. If you do go to Sunday morning Mass on Easter, it will be much shorter than the Vigil, and there will still be plenty of people there to celebrate what is widely considered the pinnacle of the Christian year.

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!!

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.

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

OLOR Holiday Club OLOR Primary School will be organising a holiday club from 7.45am - 4.00pm on Tuesday 11th April - Friday 14th April.. The club will be organised by staff from OLOR. Children attending will have a variety of activities on offer throughout the day. These will include different sports, art, crafts and sessions in OLOR's fantastic forest areas. This is a great opportunity for children to socialise and have fun, whilst keeping themselves physically active. Places are open to all Parish children (OLOR, St. Monica's and English Martyrs) from Reception to Year 6. The cost of the club is £28 per day (this is non-refundable) and must be paid in cash, upfront, to secure your booking. If children are booked for all four days, the cost will be reduced to £100 (a reduction of £12.00 per child). Please email rosary.admin@trafford.gov.uk or telephone the school office 0161 748 4626 to book a place and access more details.

Our Lady of the Rosary Big Breakfast Early risers in our community are welcome to join OLOR's Annual Big Breakfast, in the school hall on Thursday 6th April at 8.10am. Come along and enjoy a continental-style breakfast for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will go to Macmillan, Marie Curie and Motor Neurone Disease (MND).

IMPORTANT NOTICE FROM BISHOP JOHN REGARDING RECEIVING THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - RESUMPTION OF COMMUNION UNDER BOTH KINDS we take this opportunity to think once more about the amazing gift of the Eucharist that we receive from the Lord. Since we believe that what we receive in Holy Communion is truly the Body and Blood of the Lord Jesus, it demands our utmost respect, both in the way we receive, but also in the way we refer to it. Before the Consecration, when the Celebrant says 'Take this, all of you, and eat of it…' and 'Take this, all of you, and drink from it…' it is bread and wine. But after the Consecration it is the Body of Christ (under the appearance of bread) and the Blood of Christ (under the appearance of wine), and so we should call it the Body of Christ or 'the Sacred Host' and the Blood of Christ or 'the Precious Blood'. We should never refer to communion as "eating the bread" or "drinking the wine." True reverence for the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist goes beyond our manner of receiving or talking, it must change us too. As Pope Francis has said: '… the Eucharist does not end with the partaking of the Body and Blood of the Lord. It leads us to solidarity with others. The communion with the Lord is necessarily a communion with our fellow brothers and sisters ...Those nourished by the Eucharist are called to bring the joy of the gospel to those who have not received it. Strengthened by the living Bread we are called to bring hope to those who live in darkness and in despair.' After receiving communion we should not leave church, but kneel or sit and make our thanksgiving, either by joining in a hymn or by praying quietly. And remember, when you do leave church, the Lord Jesus, whose Body and Blood you have consumed, will go with you!

60+ Group There will be a meeting of the Thursday 60+ Club at 1 pm on Thursday 6th April in the Parish Centre. Come along for a relaxing afternoon with Bingo, raffle and games. There will also be coffee, tea, cake and hot cross buns to enjoy.

Livestream of Chrism Mass at Salford Cathedral This year's Chrism Mass for the Diocese of Salford will be taking place at 11am on Wednesday 5th April at Salford Cathedral. If you would like to pray along at home, the Mass can be livestreamed at https://salfordcathedral.co.uk/

Resources for Holy Week and Easter During the course of Holy Week and Easter, the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a number of resources to help you pray and reflect at home. To find out more or access these resources, please visit https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/ or follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram.

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/

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood Friday 21st April, 7pm Salford Cathedral. The diocesan series of Masses for Vocations to the Priesthood returns in April to help inspire conversation and prayer around the call to priestly life. The next Mass will take place at 7pm on Friday 21st April at Salford Cathedral. All are very welcome to attend. To find out more about these Masses, please visit https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/monthly-vocations-masses/

Rome Pilgrimage all Parish (and beyond) Pilgrims should have now received their tickets. Please remember that it is YOUR responsibility to make your way to MCR airport. If you have any questions please speak to Fr. K

THE SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 3rd April at 6.30pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's.

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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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