



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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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY (A) - 23rd JULY 2023

Dear Parish family,

If you engage in social media, I wonder what stories appear in your news feed?

Normally my news feed consists of stories related to politics (local and international), Sport (especially Manchester United gossip), and of course the latest update and reports about infighting within the Church.

I was therefore surprised, this week to discover a story revolving around of all people Alan Titchmarsh - the last time I watched him on TV was in his Pebble Mill days - and a discussion about whether we should pull up the weeds in our gardens or allow them to grow in our gardens helping them to be “rewilded” instead (I don’t know what it means!!!).

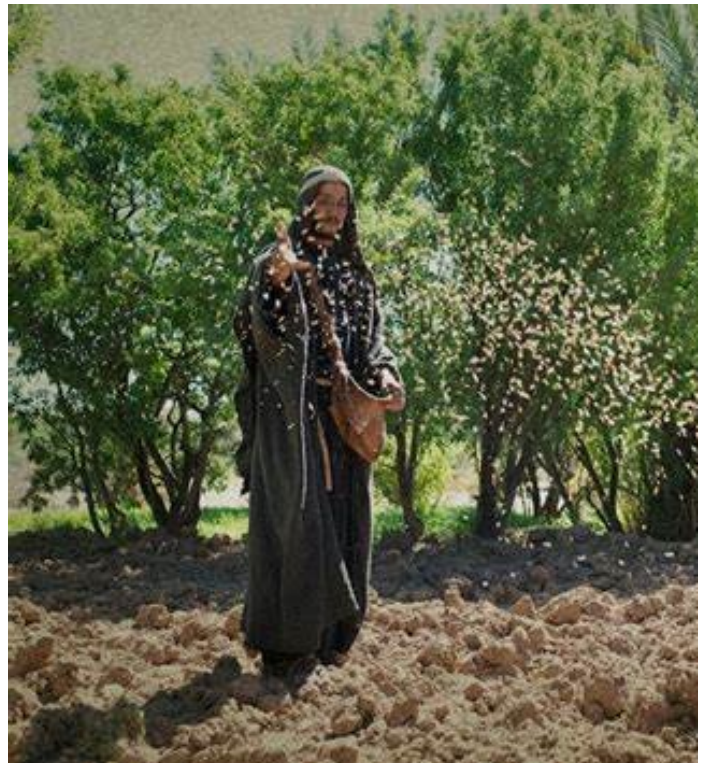
I do hope that this doesn’t happen again!

Alan Titchmarsh would surely have an opinion on the Gospel today as we are invited to reflect upon the darnel (weed) that sowed - deliberately - amongst the wheat. Should they be uprooted or not?

Jesus answers the question by saying no, and so I believe should we.

The central meaning of this parable reminds us that the Church - the community of faith - does not grow or exist in isolation. We take root not in pure and perfect soil, but rather in an imperfect and sinful world, we grow and mature beside those who deny and reject God and His Church. This diversity is not a bad thing, and can actually strengthen us in our faith and our relationship with God.

Wouldn’t following Jesus be easier for you and I if we didn’t get entangled in the weeds?



The wonderful reminder of the Gospel, is that Jesus finds value even in the darnel, for God the weeds too have a purpose!

As Christians, we are called to live amongst the weeds, to live in a world that often challenges us and makes us a little uncomfortable. It is a faith that is challenged and shaped that can lead us to a full harvest.

May God Bless you all!

Fr. Kieren

MASS TIMES		
Sat 5.00pm 5.30pm	22 SM SM	Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	23 EM SM	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY Mass Mass
Tue 9.30am	25 EM	Mass St. James, Apostle
Wed 9.30am	26 SM	Mass Ss. Joachim & Anne
Thurs 9.30am	27 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	28 SM	Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	29 EM EM SM SM	Ss. Martha, Mary & Lazarus Confession & Adoration Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	30 EM SM EM	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY Mass Mass Double Baptism

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are a baptised Catholic, living in the Parish and entering Year 8 in September.

Please complete the registration form (available at the back of Church and return to Fr. Kieren.

Catechesis 1: Parish Centre, Saturday 4th November - 10.00am - 2.30pm

All candidates must attend ALL catechesis and regularly attend Sunday Mass.



Diocese of Salford Synod 2023-2025 Prayer

Loving Father,
Be with us as we seek new ways
of being your people in our Diocese.

May each new day bring us
closer to your Son Jesus,
as we follow his teaching and
become disciples of love.

As we continue our Synodal journey,
draw us closer to each other.

May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us.
Open our hearts, as we listen to each other
and reach out in love to your people.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Pray for us
St. Joseph, Pray for us

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

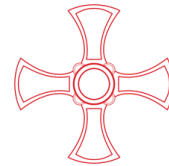
Patrick Mulvihill, Patrick Boylan, Margaret White, Mark Parish, Baby Angel

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, a special intention, Bernie O'Sullivan, Anna Loftus, J. McCabe, Fr. Gerard Fieldhouse-Byrne

Anniversaries Masses

Martin Breen, Paul Gerard Dobson, Mary Olive Conroy, Virginia Ann Kayley, Getta Marie O'Sullivan



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, Kathleen Connors, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan

(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. If you have a loved one in Wythenshawe Hospital (Shrewsbury Diocese), please request a chaplain via the nurses station.

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 con-validated 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 Suzanne & Dominic, Hannah & Daniel, and Sophie & William

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2023 - 2024

If your child is baptised in the Catholic Church, and will be entering Year 3 (or above) this September, they are now invited to join the **Parish Programme**.

Enrolment forms are now available from Fr. Kieren after ALL Sunday Masses.

Forms must be completed and returned to Fr. Kieren (either after Mass or via the Presbytery) by 31st July 2023

If as a family, you are not already attending Sunday Mass, and I know that many of you already do, you should start **now**.

Please note that in completing and returning the form:

- ◆ **That you are agreeing to attend Mass every Sunday (required of all baptised Catholics).**
- ◆ **That you are agreeing to attend ALL Parent meetings and ensuring that your child will attend ALL Catechesis meetings.**

The first catechesis meeting for children will take place at St. Monica's Church, 7th October, 9.30am; and the first meeting for Parents will be 12th October the Parish Centre 6.30pm





RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST UNDER BOTH SPECIES after consultation, I have decided that reception of the Eucharist under both species in the Parish should begin again at the beginning of September. In order for this to go forward, the Parish will need to recruit some new extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested could you please contact Fr. K



Deanery Synod Holy Hours Bishop John will lead a Holy Hour for our Diocesan Synod in each Deanery. All are invited to attend any of these times of prayer as we embark on our Diocesan Synod asking the Holy Spirit to enlighten us on this next stage of our journey. St Ambrose Barlow (South Manchester) - Wednesday 26th July 2023, 7pm - 8pm - Our Lady's RC Church, Raby St, Manchester M16 7DJ

NIFTY50+ GROUP The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 25 July 1:00pm in the Jubilee room at St Monica's. As this is the last meeting of the spring /summer session we are making it a cream cake day and also a bonus bingo day., so don't miss the treats.

A big THANK YOU to all who supported Nadia's cake sale a few weeks ago. You helped raise nearly £380 for 18 sets of emergency blood clotting pads and war zone grade first aid bandages which, as you will have seen from the news, is vital to preserving life prior to reaching hospitals. I would also like to thank the parishioners for their donations of hospital quality bandages and pads. Everything was sent to Ukraine this weekend by courier and will be distributed through a charity run by one of Nadia's friends.

GIFT AID & STANDING ORDERS If you are able to Gift Aid your donation to the parish, you do need to have completed a Gift Aid Donation form under "St John Henry Newman". If you have previously completed a Gift Aid form under "Our Lady & the English Martyrs" or "St Monica", but you are still wishing to Gift Aid your donation, you MUST have completed a new form under the NEW parish name. This was not automatically transferred when the Parishes Amalgamated. We also need to check that anyone who pays via Standing Order, is using the correct Account Name. The Sort Code and Account Number are exactly the same, but the Account Name should now say "St John Henry Newman" and NOT "Our Lady and the English Martyrs". If you can change the account name through your online banking, that is great. However if you do need to delete your standing order to change the name, please make a note of the sort code and account number before deleting as this remains the same.

DIOCESAN SYNOD I have asked Julia Sheils and Rosalyn O'Connor to become our Parish Representatives, and they have graciously agreed. It is hoped that our Parish family will engage in the "Big Listen" in October/November 2023. Please remember that the Synod is a "Listening Exercise" and not a debating society. **The purpose of the Synod is not to change or disagree with the teaching of the Church, but rather an opportunity to reflect upon and prepare for the ministry of the Church in the future.**

DATE FOR THE DIARY - DIOCESAN MASS FOR VOCATIONS As a Parish family we host the Mass on Thursday 14th September (7.00pm) on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross, at St. Monica's Church.

'The Catholic Medical Association (CMA) invites all medical professionals to a monthly Mass and social at Saint Catherine of Siena, Didsbury (M20 6HS). It will give an opportunity for Catholics working in the medical profession to gather, pray, socialise, and network. Date for your diary: Wednesday 26th July, 7pm Mass followed by guest speaker and refreshments.

PRAYER GROUP we invite you to join us in the Jubilee Room on Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm as we gather in fellowship to adore, praise and thank God, share His word and pray for the needs of all. Everyone is welcome.

Exciting New OLOR Sports/Holiday Clubs Holiday Clubs Summer 2023 at Our Lady of the Rosary Primary School Davyhulme Rd, Urmston, Manchester, M41 7DS. **Development in Sport and PE Holiday Club** Development in Sport and PE have been running holiday clubs in Trafford for the last 7 years. They aim to offer 16 different sports throughout the week for example football, cricket, dodgeball, tennis, multi sports, Gymnastics are just a few to mention. They will always have two sports on offer at any one time so the children have a choice. At certain parts of the day they will offer a craft option so participants can have a break from sport. **Session Length/Costs: 9.00am - 3.00pm - £20.00 per day, £80 full week. 7.45am - 4.30pm £28.00 per day, £120 full week. Dates: 24th July - 28th July, 31st July - 4th August, 21st August - 25th August.** To book go to www.developmentinsportandpe.com or contact Ben Shawcross on 07458369809. **Bitesize Bootcamp Holiday Club** Ruth McShane and her team have been working in close partnership with OLOR for many years. Each day there will be a variety of activities to suit every one of all ages and they can't wait to get going. Book our holiday club sessions via your phone or laptop, all children must be signed up and disclaimers agreed upon before attending. **Session Length/Costs: 7.45am - 4.00pm, Half Day £14, Full Day £28, Full Week £120. Dates 7th August - 11th August, 14th August - 18th August.** For ease the direct link to the Class Schedule is <https://bitesize-bootcamp.class4kids.co.uk/camp/34>

Pilgrimage to Walsingham in Prayer for the Sanctity of Life Saturday 5th August, 12 noon Mass, Walsingham. Catholics around the country will be heading to Walsingham this August to pray and reflect on the sanctity of life. Archbishop Kevin McDonald will lead the pilgrimage on Saturday 5th August and celebrate Mass at 12 noon. For more information please visit <https://prolifepilgrimage.org/>

March for Life UK - Saturday 2nd September in London Join thousands of others at this family-friendly event to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves. Full details can be found at marchforlife.co.uk The Didsbury branch of SPUC is organising a block booking for those wishing to travel by train to the event. Please email zdpgazdecki@btinternet.com if this is of interest.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS if you are (have received your 1st Holy Communion) interested in joining the Parish Altar Serving team, please ask your parents to email me (Fr. Kieren), so that training can be arranged.

World Day of Prayer of Grandparents and the Elderly This coming Sunday is the Third World Day of Prayer for Grandparents and the Elderly, falling close to the feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, grandparents of Jesus. To mark this year's celebration, Pope Francis presents each of us with a challenge to foster "joyful and renewed encounter" across all generations, and to make a special gesture to reach out to grandparents and the elderly. As part of this, Pope Francis has granted a Plenary Indulgence for those who visit their grandparents, or elderly or housebound friends, neighbours, or relatives. Visit the Holy See's website at <https://shorturl.at/cjmA9> to read more. For further information, resources, and prayers to mark this special day, please visit cbcew.org.uk/world-day-grandparents-elderly/

NEWSLETTER all items for the newsletter must be sent to Fr. K (via email) before 9.00am Thursday

**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 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 note 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 co-operation of the Head teacher and Head of RE.**

STRETFORD 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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"A true Shepherd ... is one who seeks to walk in front, among, and behind the people: in front, to point out to them something of the way ahead; among them, to feel with the people and not to go wrong; and behind, to assist the stragglers and to allow the people, with its own nose for these things, also finds for itself the right paths."

Pope Francis

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