The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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St John Henry Newman, Urmston
If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY - 27th AUGUST 2023

Dear Parish family,

Maybe the death of the legendary Michael Parkinson got me pondering, but as I reflected upon this weekends Gospel, I couldn't help but call to mind a TV programme he presented - Give us a Clue!.

It's amazing how a basic game of charades can become such an entertaining TV classic.

I think if we spend time reflecting upon the Gospel, we could conclude that up until this point, Jesus has been offering His followers and those who are intrigued by His message, clues to His identity.

Jesus isn't playing charades with us, on the contrary, He is gently guiding us to full recognition, He wants us to know and encounter, God who is with us. He wants us to come to know Him and in knowing Him begin the process of conversion that we help us to become the one that God has created us to be.

Music Ministry – Would you like to sing in the Choir? The liturgy and music play a major part in our parish and we would like to invite you to join our music ministry. English Martyrs choir are looking for new members to enhance the liturgy. Very often we hear people say 'I can't sing' or 'I can't read music'. You shouldn't let that stop you. If you enjoy singing then please feel free to come along to one of our practices, currently on a Wednesday night at 7.15pm to see if it's something you'd like to do. Like any voluntary role, commitment is needed and only with this commitment can we make the music ministry a success. So, if there are any singers out there that who would like to join us in please feel free to speak to me at any time after the 9.30am mass or email me at:deborahp514@gmail.com

I wonder if you and I can imagine ourselves being asked the question that Peter answers today.

I wonder if we can put the clues together and recognise who Jesus really is?

Does the answer we discover lead to the authentic and necessary transformation of our lives?

Jesus gives us the clues, but we need to answer the question, hopefully that answer will bring to us to know Christ and in knowing Him, also our truest self.

May God continue to Bless you all.

Fr. Kieren

		MASS TIMES
Sat	26	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	27	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.00pm	EM	Baptism
Tue	29	THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	30	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thurs	31	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	01	ST EDMUND ARROWSMITH
9.30am	SM	Mass
Sat	02	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
	SM	
Sun	03	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

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

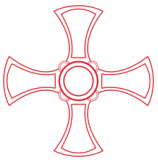
MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Patrick Mulvihill, Marie Humphries, Vincent Sheehy, Kathleen Lowe, Francis Cassidy

Intention
a special intention, in thanksgiving, Ellie Evans, Anthony P, Major Moses Irene and family on the occasion of his 84th birthday.

Anniversaries Masses
Terry Finnegan, Bernard Bickmore



PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, Geoff Martin, Janet Lavin, Carol Grimsley, Maureen Boylan, Michael Rice, Isla Venter, Esther Froggatt, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Kathleen Connors, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan, Monica Monaghan, Angela Considine

(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

Dates for Programme

The deadline to enrol children closes on Monday 31st July.
Late applications must be made via Fr. Kieren

Childrens meetings, all meetings begin at 9.30am

7th October - St. Monica's Church

14th October - Parish Centre
15th October - Jubilee Room

9th December - Parish Centre
10th December - Jubilee Room

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

12th October
7th December

THE PRESENTATION MASSES

4th/5th November - attendance at either 5.30pm or 11.30am Masses.

PRAYERFUL SILENCE BEFORE MASS I have received a number of concerning messages regarding the noise in church before weekday Mass. Can I remind you to be respectful of the sacred space that is the church and remember that many desire silence before Mass so that they may prepare themselves to meet the Lord in prayer.

CHRISTMAS FAYRE MEETING I know it seems a long way away but we need to begin to start our planning for this years Christmas Fayre. If you would like to help organise and coordinate this wonderful annual event there will be a meeting on **Wednesday 6th September (6.30pm) in the Parish centre.**

DAVYHULME CATENIANS Our activities with charity and youth have recently been outlined. We would now like to invite you to our social gathering in September. We will meet at The Clubhouse near Irlam at 7.30pm on 28th August. We dine with our wives after the meeting. **If interested please call Phil Brown on 07754 144925 by Sunday 24th September.**

RETIRING COLLECTION just a heads up! There will be a retiring collection for the Catholic Education Service after all Masses on the weekend 9th/10th September.

SVP RETIRING COLLECTION the SVP exercise a vital ministry within the Parish, reaching out to those often with unseen needs. To help support that ministry there will be a retiring collection after all Masses on the weekend 23rd/24th September.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION will be returning in September, every 2 weeks (and alternating between both churches) Deacon John will lead us in a period of adoration. This will begin on Thursday 21st September at English Martyrs' (7.00pm) - everybody is welcome to spend time with the Lord.

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.

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.

SCIE Review of CSSA Policies and Procedures - Stakeholder survey The CSSA (Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency) has commissioned the SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence) to undertake a review of its policies and procedures. The review aims to help shape the future of safeguarding within the Catholic Church and make representations where it is evident or perceived that the current policies and procedures are outdated, or there is a gap or no policy for a situation. To help the review team take into consideration as many views as possible, the CSSA is requesting that people right across the Catholic Church in England and Wales complete the following survey: https://forms.office.com/e/PavSuixHim

FRANCIS HOUSE We are looking to compile a list of volunteers who would be able to help fill the envelopes which are sent out three times a year. The envelopes usually contain the newsletter and at Christmas the list of cards available to buy. If interested contact Sheila Clegg (07913 956383) or Jane at Frances House (07919 493312)

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.

OLOR Community Festival Saturday 9th September, is set for OLOR's 'Family Music Festival 2023' fundraising event. The grounds will open at 2pm until 6pm, for families and friends to socialise in the school grounds. The featured band 'The Camdens' will perform on the outdoor stage from 3pm -5pm. They are an established Indie Pop cover band formed in 2013. Refreshments will be on sale and stalls on display. All attending are invited to bring their own picnic blankets, food and beverages. Tickets will be on sale from 4th September via the school office. Adults £8.00, children £5.00. All proceeds will help balance the school budget and keep OLOR moving forward, creating the best possible teaching and learning experiences for all pupils.

OLOR's Colour Run Our first family/community Colour Run will be held on Sunday 24th September between 3.00pm and 4.30pm. This will involve participants (pupils/family/friends) running around OLOR's Daily Mile Track wearing a white shirt and cheap sunglasses. Another bunch of people (the event crew and volunteers) will sit in waiting at designated stations ready to pelt the participants with colour powder. Everyone will finish the mile or more in their own time, taking plenty of pictures on route - then throw more colour powder at each other at the end. £5.00 fee to be allocated a participant number. Tickets available from the School Office/front of school from Monday 11th September

St. Gregory's Centenary 1923 -2023 Calling All Gregorians! Please come and join us for our Centenary Celebration. To be held at St. Catherine's Community Centre, School Lane, Didsbury Manchester. M20 6 HS. On Saturday 9th September 2023 at 7.00 pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for anyone connected to St. Gregory's R.C. High School, Ardwick Green, Manchester. To attend our very special reunion of the Gregorian family to reminisce, to share fond memories and have an all-round splendid social evening. Memorabilia will be on display. Admission is free and refreshments will be provided. Further information available from Peter Ryan on 07980498431 or Dominic Mulcahy on 07545283334

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.

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.

A History of the Catholic Church in Stretford & Urmston Lawrence Gregory, former parishioner of St Ann's and ex-diocesan archivist is publishing a new book on the collected histories of the Catholic Churches and schools in Stretford & Urmston. 15 years ago he did an oral-history project at St Ann's recording people's memories of the parish, school, and priests - from the 1930s to the 1970s, and would now like to do the same with long standing parishioners and former parishioners of St Hugh's, St Anthony's, St Teresa's, St Lawrence's, St Alphonsus, English Martyrs, St Monica's and Our Lady of the Rosary. We are also looking to collect old photographs from all the parishes, which we can copy for the book. If anybody has old pictures or would agree to being interviewed Please speak to Lawrence by email LRCGregory@outlook.com.

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

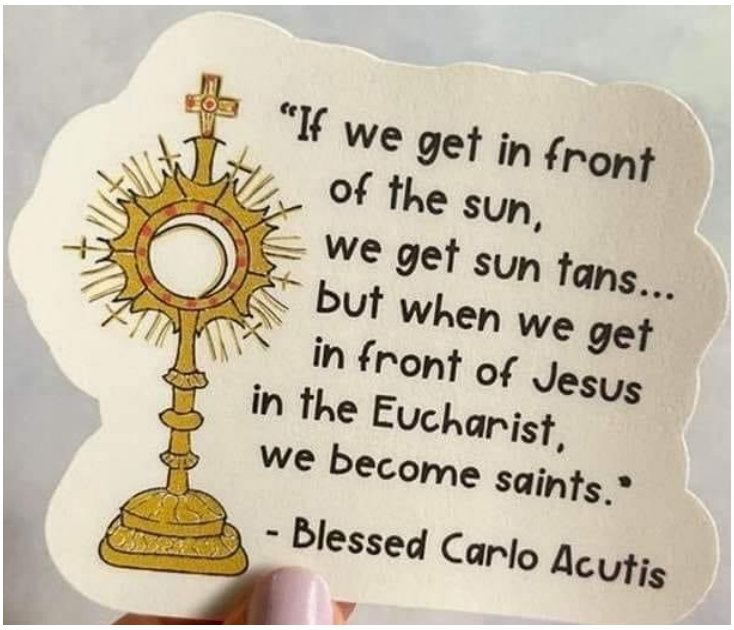
STRETFOOD FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs). To donate directly Stretford Food bank Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.

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.

JOB OPPORTUNITY Diocese of Salford - Senior Finance Officer Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent
Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP
Salary: £28,119 - £31,176 per annum, depending on skills and experience. Find out more and apply at https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/



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 Alison McGlade
(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