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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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY - 3rd SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parish family,

I must admit that I am looking forward to my little break, but don't worry I will be back to cover all the Sunday Masses next weekend - unless the Archbishop of Tuam would like to adopt me! As I have been reflecting upon the Gospel, I have also been thinking about the beginning of the new school year - we welcome Mrs McGlade as the new Head teacher of English Martyrs' - I'm sure there are many excited people getting ready for next week.

In the Gospel today, Peter who so successfully passed his theology examination last week , fails to understand the practical realities of the answer he gave, to such an extent that Our Lord declares:

"Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

It isn't always easy to think with God, is it?

Many years ago, with other priests of the Diocese, we gathered with Bishop Terence to pray in the Church of Bartres (above Lourdes). It was a muggy hot evening, and as we gazed upon the Blessed Sacrament you could hear a number of priests begin to nod off as they prayed. Suddenly a young local family entered the church, and seeing Our Lord present on the altar, moved instinctively to the sanctuary to kneel in adoration before Him. Two young parents, accompanied by their 3 children, all under 5, silently gazed with love upon God present amongst us. It was a tremendous moment of faith, and it was obviously natural and well practised. Later that evening as we broke bread together every priest present, spoke of this family. Each of us was in awe, that in a little way this family - being in God's presence - was choosing to strive to think like Him, by making real time for Him in their lives.

If we can recognise Jesus as Peter could, shouldn't we too strive to think as one with God? As we begin this new academic year, wouldn't it be wonderful if all of us, but especially the parents, grand parents with their children (and of course teachers) within our Parish, would contemplate doing the same?

May God continue to Bless you all.

Fr. Kieren

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

MASS TIMES

Sat	09	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	10	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	12	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	13	St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor
9.30am	SM	Mass
11.00am	SM	Funeral Service - Francis Cassidy
Thurs	14	THE EXALTATION OF THE CROSS,
9.30am	EM	Mass
7.00pm	SM	Diocesan Vocation Mass
Fri	15	Our Lady of Sorrow
9.30am	SM	Mass
Sat	16	Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	17	**TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism

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

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

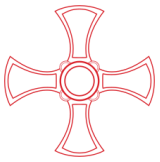
MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Patrick Mulvihill, Canon Denis Clinch, Kathleen Lowe

Intention
a special intention, in thanksgiving, Agnes Webster,

Anniversaries Masses
Terry Finnegan, Bernard Bickmore, Patrick McLaughlin, John Loneghan, Patrick Joseph Flanagan, Daniel Piercy, Betty Byrne, Martin Kavanagh



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)

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.

FR KIEREN AWAY & NO NEWSLETTER there will be no weekday Masses this week (the Mass list is for the week commencing 11th September), there will also be no newsletter next week, as Fr. K is on a short break. If you urgency need a priest, please contact Fr. Ged Murphy (Emergencies only) on 0161 865 2079 .

THE FUNERAL OF KATHLEEN LOWE Kathleen will be received into English Martyrs' Church on the evening of Tuesday 5th September (6.30pm) and her Requiem Mass will be celebrated on Wednesday 6rh September (10.00am)

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on the 4th of September at 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

Online Seminar With Sherry Weddell The Diocese of Portsmouth, in collaboration with the Bishops' Conference Department for Evangelisation, have organised an online seminar led by Sherry Weddell called Engaging the Disengaged: How to Accompany Non-Religious Persons in Daily Life. It takes place on Tuesday 21st November 2023 6pm – 8pm and tickets cost £10. This seminar will be of special interest to all those in parishes and dioceses who are actively engaged in evangelisation and catechesis such as clergy, catechists, Catholic teachers, lay ministers, parish groups.
www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/engaging-the-disengaged-how-to-accompany-non-religious-persons-tickets-646139539757

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.**

RETIRING COLLECTION 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

CHILDRENS LITURGY will return from the summer break next weekend at all Masses. Can I thank all our leaders for their hard work.

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. Everyon£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

NIFTY50+ The first meeting for the Autumn session is on Tuesday 5th September at 1:00pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's. We start the session with a free and easy , plenty of chat and all the bits. Not been before just come along and introduce yourself and have an enjoyable afternoon out.

Caritas Diocese of Salford's Big Sleep Out The annual Caritas Big Sleep Out is back! This autumn, people across the diocese are being challenged to sleep out under the stars for one night only to raise funds and awareness of people experiencing homelessness in our diocese. Taking place on Friday 13th October, this is one of the most important events in the Caritas annual calendar, helping our diocesan charity make a very real impact on the lives of local people. Find out more and register at https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/big-sleep-out-2023/

Knights of St Columba National Relics Tour - Saint Andrew, Saint Margaret, Saint Columba. An exciting opportunity to pray before the relics of three inspiring saints is heading to our diocese this month. The Knights of St Columba are proud to be accompanying the sacred relics of Saints Andrew, Margaret, and Columba on a tour of churches across the country, including a number of parishes in our diocese. Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass in honour of the visit at St Mary's, Horwich, at 7pm on Monday 11th September. Find out more about the tour and where you can join in prayer at https://ksc.org.uk/national-relics-tour-2023-september/

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/

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DESTINED JERUSALEM ELDERS
SCRIBES SATAN OBSTACLE
RENOUNCE CROSS LIFE
WORLD GLORY ANGELS

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