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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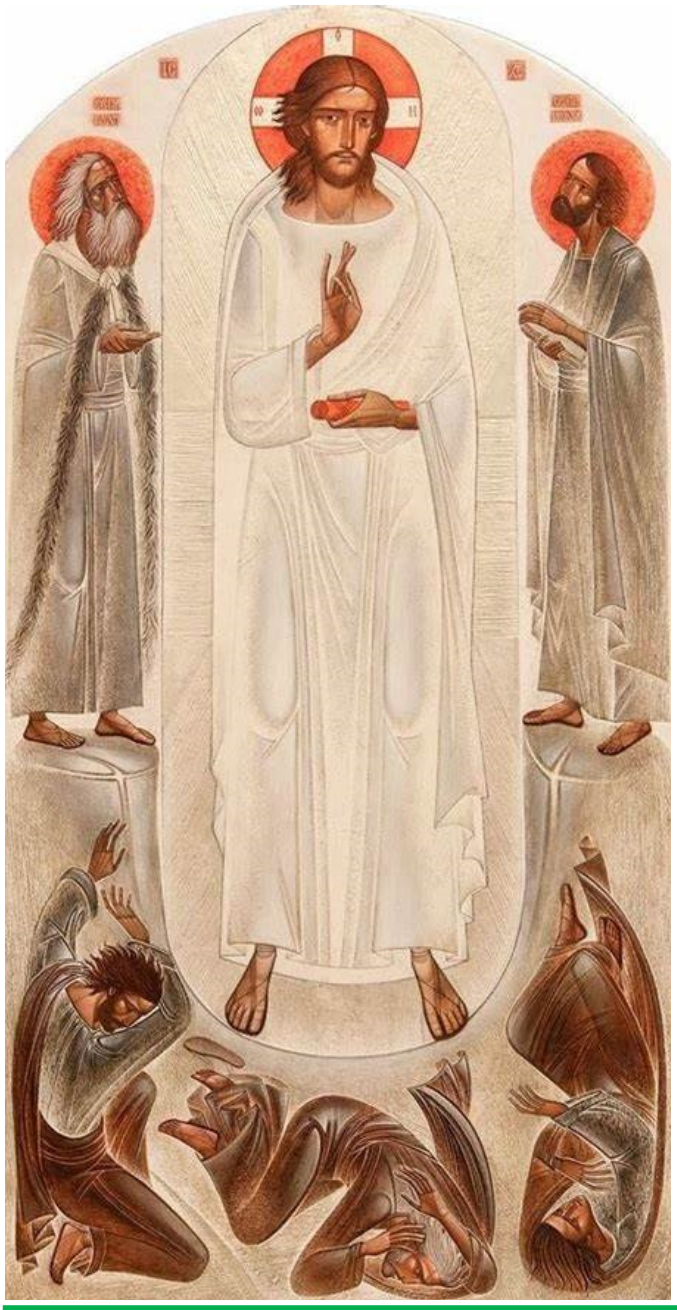
THE TRANSFIGURATION - 6th AUGUST 2023



Dear Parish family,

A song came on the radio last week - and I hadn't heard it for it a bit - but as I listened I began to think, wouldn't this song be great to reflect upon at Christmas, but also wouldn't it be great to reflect upon on today's feast of the Transfiguration! (I will probably quote it again later this year!!)

The words are written by Joan Osbourne:

If God had a name, what would it be?
And would you call it to his face
If you were faced with him in all his glory
What would you ask if you had just one question?

The lesson of the Transfiguration is quite simple, through the Transfiguration we learn that God has a name on which we can call … that name is JESUS, and not only can we call Him by name, we can, as Peter often does, ask Him even more than one question, even daft ones.

In Jesus we encounter God amongst us, in Jesus we encounter God who invites us into a relationship, a relationship not only of knowledge but more importantly of love.

In Him we meet God, in Him we speak to God and in Him God speaks to us.

Pope Francis once summed up this encounter in a very simple way:

Listen to Jesus and follow him. That's the message of the Transfiguration.

If we come to Him, if we speak to Him, and most importantly if we LISTEN to Him then we as the song says … find our way home.

May God Bless you all!

Fr. Kieren

MASS TIMES

Sat	05	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	06	THE TRANSFIGURATION
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	08	St. Dominic, Priest
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass Marie Murphy
Wed	09	St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross
9.30am	SM	Mass
12.45pm		Funeral Service - Stockport Crem Christine Booth
Thurs	10	St. Lawrence, Deacon & Martyr
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	11	St. Clare, Religious
9.30am	SM	Mass
Sat	12	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	EM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	13	NINETEENTH SUNDAY
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	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, Mark Parish, Jim Slidders, Vincent Sheedy

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Michael Rice, Joe Doherty, Kevin Flanagan

Anniversaries Masses

Martin Breen, Ted and Michael Carr, Carol O'Dowd

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, Kathleen Lowe, Monica Monaghan,

(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.

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 extra-ordinary ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested could you please contact Fr. K

CONTACTING THE PARISH please if possible, do not send enquiries to the Parish via the website (they go into spam folders), please contact via the emails addresses provided in the newsletter or contact the office via the phone.

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER should be forwarded to Fr. Kieren (only) via email and marked "Newsletter" by 9.00am on Thursday morning.

SVP 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. **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. As Fr. Mark Paver (Vocation Director) says about these Masses: *"We hope that these Masses and the prayer and community that builds up around them will create opportunities for discussion and sharing, encourage men to ask themselves if they might have a vocation to priesthood, encourage others to spot the potential vocations around them and be willing to suggest it, and also help to build up a culture where all of us take more seriously God's call for our lives, seek it, find it and live it."*

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.

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.

Caritas Diocese of Salford Newsletter Did you know that our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford, now has a monthly e-newsletter providing update, news and event details? Please email Rachel Taylor: comms@caritassalford.org.uk to join.

St Euphrasia's Care Home in Blackley, Manchester, is extending its offer of a respite and day care service to wider members of the community. The all-female home traditionally provides care for the Good Shepherd Sisters but is now taking enquiries from all ladies looking for day care. Visitors can enjoy a warm homecooked meal, an assisted bath or shower, good company, daily Mass, and a friendly, peaceful environment to recharge their and their carer's batteries. For information email euphrasia116@gmail.com.

Parish Centre Manager - St Kentigern's, Fallowfield (replacement role) St. Kentigern's Parish Centre, 36 Wilbraham Rd, Fallowfield, Manchester, M14 7DW.Salary, pension, and benefits: £14.48 per hour (£30,118.40 per annum), 20 days holiday, plus statutory bank holidays, employers pension scheme. For more information and to apply, please email the Diocese of Salford's HR Department at HR@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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 (either in person, or over zoom). 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.

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THOUSAND

"To listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in the word, preserved in sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the very events of our lives, trying to read in them the messages of providence. To listen to him, finally, in our brothers, especially in the little ones and the poor, for whom Jesus himself asked our concrete love. To listen to Christ and to obey his voice. This is the only way that leads to joy and love".

Pope Benedict XVI

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