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 FIFTH SUNDAY - 24th SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parish family,

Many of us will be familiar with the story of the Emperor Constantine, who famously was declared the Emperor by his troops in York (306), and would become the first Christian Emperor of Rome.

What many people forget is that he didn't truly become a Christian until he chose baptism on his death bed (337). He waited until the last possible moment in order to receive his eternal reward. On his death bed the great Emperor, even if he cut it a little fine, was and is as much a Christian as you and I. I wonder if other Christians complained - *its not fair, he has only been baptised, why should he get into heaven too*? I'd like to think that none of the faithful moaned or complained, that they fully embraced the generosity of God; but knowing our broken (and yet saved) human nature ...

I think the life of Constantine and the Gospel today sums up the phrase: *its better late than never.*

God is truly generous!

His gift of grace, the gift of Himself, is not dependant on whether we have earnt it or put in a shift - it is pure gift. His love for us is free and fully equally, regardless of how late we come to know it.

In the beautiful words of St. Augustine of Hippo, who also wrote *"Lord give me chastity and self control - but not yet."*:

""*Late have I loved you, O Beauty ever ancient, ever new, late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside, and it was there that I searched for you. In my unloveliness I plunged into the lovely things which you created. You were with me, but I was not with you. Created things kept me from you; yet if they had not been in you they would have not been at all. You called, you shouted, and you broke through my deafness. You flashed, you shone, and you dispelled my blindness. You breathed your fragrance on me; I drew in breath and now I pant for you. I have tasted you, now I hunger and thirst for more. You touched me, and I burned for your peace.*"

It's when we realise that we can turn up late to God's party - but we must turn up - it is then that we truly understand God's generosity (His gift of self) to us.

May God Bless you all

Fr. Kieren

DIOCESAN SYNOD

As part of the Diocesan Synod, I invite you to attend the "The Parish BIG Listen" on Thursday 19th October (6.30pm) in the Parish Centre.

This is a LISTENING and not a debating exercise, we are invited to listen to each other (without response), so that what is said and heard can be communicated accurately and honestly back to Diocese.

The Synod is also NOT a forum to discuss or argue over doctrine.

If you are interested in attending please sign the sheets at the back of both churches.

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MASS TIMES

Sat	23	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	24	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism
Tue	26	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	27	St. Vincent De Paul (M)
9.30am	SM	Mass with SM School
Thurs	28	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am		Mass with Yr7 (St. A)
Fri	29	Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael (F)
9.30am	SM	Mass
Sat	30	St. Jerome (M)
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	EM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	01	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	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

Jenny Edwards, Canon Kevin Kenny, Shay Casey, Rosario Bartolomeu

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Kit McDonald, Lech Waskiewicz, Happy 60th Wedding Anniversary to Steph and Fred

Anniversaries Masses

Anne Cassidy, Thomas Campbell, Frances Hines

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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' PRIMARY SCHOOL We are looking for 2 mid day assistants to join the team at English Martyrs School. The hours are 11.30 to 13.10 and the salary scale is point 2 (£20,441 pro rata). Please contact the school office for more information 0161748 7257 or email admin@englishmartyrs.trafford.sch.uk.

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 **TODAY** after all Masses.

ADVENT STATION MASSES I'm hoping to reintroduce Parish station Masses (Wednesday evenings in Advent). If you would like to host a Station Mass in your home (inviting neighbouring Catholics and non-Catholics). Please contact Fr. K. The Masses will be celebrated at 6.00pm on: 6th December, 13th December & 20th December.

LORETO 6th FORM COLLEGE OPEN DAYS Saturday 7th October (10am -12pm & 1pm -3pm)., Sunday 15th October (101m -12pm & 1pm -3pm). Tickets are available to book by visiting the website www.loreto.ac.uk

XAVERIAN 6th FORM COLLEGE OPEN DAYS Saturday 7th October (10.30am-2pm)., Sunday 15th October (10.30am-2pm). Feel free to come along, or for further information contact Xaverian on 0161 249 2145, or by email admissions@xaverian.ac.uk

DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES - ALL SOUL'S CEMETERY MASS Trafford LA have kindly agreed again to allow me to celebrate an outdoor Mass at Urmston Cemetery on the feast of All Soul's (2nd November). The Mass will be celebrated at 12 Noon.

AFTERNOON TEA The mayor of Trafford warmly invites you to afternoon tea on Saturday 30th September (2pm) at the Parish Centre. Tickets cost £15 and monies raised will go towards the charities supported by the Mayor. Please contact Filippa on 07866583870.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION Wednesday 4th October (7.00pm) at St. Monica's Church. Everybody is welcome to spend time with the Lord.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 6th October 2023. Please take a (prepaid) envelope from the back of either church. Place all monies saved on the Fast Day and send directly via post to CAFOD or return to Fr. K.

Volunteering opportunities - Caritas Diocese of Salford. As we head into a new season, now might be the perfect for a new challenge! Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for more volunteers to support its work across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. There are a range of different opportunities available to meet individual needs and skillsets, and full training and support is given every step of the way. If you're interested in finding out more, please contact Matt Yates: m.yates@caritassalford. org.uk or visit the Caritas website: www.caritassalford.org.uk.

Regular Day Retreat Programme returns The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its regular day retreat programme, taking place at the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall. Facilitated by experienced retreat leader, Donna Worthington, this fascinating series is a wonderful opportunity to discover more about our faith through the study of scripture, prayer, and other religious texts. The first session takes place on Wednesday 18th October, 11.30am - 3pm, with a focus on The Feeding of the 5,000. The retreat costs £20 per retreat and booking is recommended by calling 01772 335387 or emailing office@saintgerards.org.uk.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME (1st Holy Communion & 1st Reconciliation). The first meeting for ALL children registered on the programme will be with Fr. Kieren on Saturday 7th October in St. Monica's Church (9.30am). During this meeting the children will receive their Sacramental Programme Passports (which contains all meeting information) that must be stamped **every time** (that means every week) they come to Mass. The meeting should end at 10.30am. Please use the carpark at St. Monica's for drop off. Fr. K

PRAYER GROUP now begins at 7pm with the Rosary. Join us on Tuesday evenings in the Jubilee Room when we praise and thank God for His love and goodness, share the word and pray for the needs of all.

Evangelii Gaudium – Preparing for the Jubilee Year in Faith and Prayer Evangelii Gaudium Sunday calls us to be joyous in proclaiming our faith. "Evangelii Gaudium" is Latin for "Joy of the Gospel". The day supports the work carried out by the Mission Directorate on behalf of the Bishops' Conference. A key focus of work for the next few years is responding to Pope Francis' calling of a Jubilee Year in 2025 with the theme Pilgrims of Hope. The Holy Father has invited the whole Church to prepare for the Jubilee in the two years prior through: (1) Reflecting on the four Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council in 2023.(2) Deepening our prayer life, with a special focus on the Lord's Prayer, in 2024.To support the Church in England and Wales in this important initiative the Mission Directorate has produced a series of videos on the four Constitutions which reflect on the Liturgy, the Word of God, the Church and on its role in the modern world. www.cbcew.org.uk/evangelii-gaudium-sunday

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/

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Save the date. The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the date for our next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Next year's day pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 4th May. We are also pleased to once again offer an overnight option, following the popularity of this year's two-day pilgrimage. To register your interest, please email walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 Please note that 31st October 2023 is the deadline for Yr7 applications (Secondary). For Reception places all applications must be submitted by 15 January 2024. Parents can apply for up to 5 schools, ranked in order of preference. It is important when applying for Catholic Schools that you read the Admission Policy and if Catholic provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate to each of the chosen schools. You can apply online: www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-school-admissions.aspx. Paper applications forms are available on request from the Trafford's School Admissions Team. **Proof of Baptism is requested by all Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Salford.**

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 already be doing, 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)

As a Parish within the Diocese of Salford we follow the Diocesan Baptism Policy.

In order for your baby/child (under the age of 7) to be baptised,) if you are not already practising their faith, then you must begin to attend Sunday Mass for a minimum of at least **6 weeks** before a baptism date can be discussed.

- If you live outside the Parish, but this Parish is your place of *regular* worship, no permission is needed.
- If you live outside the Parish and don't regularly attend Mass, permission from your Parish Priest is needed.
- After a date for baptism has been set, a meeting with Fr. Kieren or Deacon John must be arranged.
- If your child is over 7 they are treated as an adult and must follow an adapted RCIA programme.

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LANDOWNER DAYBREAK VINEYARD
WORKERS MARKET FAIR
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GRUMBLED UNJUST FIRST

Diocese of Salford - Job Vacancies The Diocese are looking to recruit in a number of positions:

- Communications Assistant (replacement role) : £19,838 - £23,936, depending on skills and experience
- Financial Accountant (replacement role) £43,260 - £53,178 depending on skills and experience
- Accounts Payable Officer (replacement role) £23,793 - £29,248 per annum depending on skills & experience
- Parish of St Augustine's, Manchester - Cleaner. 15 hours per week to be worked on a flexible basis as agreed by the Parish Priest. St Augustine's Presbytery, Grosvenor Square, All Saints, Manchester, M15 6BWSalary: £10.90/hour

To find out more and apply for the job advertised please visit 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