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 EIGHTH SUNDAY - 15th OCTOBER 2023

Dear Parish family,

In his Pastoral Letter to mark the beginning of the Diocesan Synod, Bishop John writes:

Our Faith is not something that we can celebrate in private. We need to be living our Faith in all our actions and decisions, as nothing less than "ambassadors for Christ", as St Paul calls us. Nor do we live our Faith on our own – it is best lived and expressed in community …

I always think that it is important to understand what it means to be an ambassador.

An ambassador isn't somebody that simply represents somebody, an ambassador in reality "becomes" the one they represent. To be an ambassador of Christ, is to become more like Jesus in lives, and in order to do that, we need to regularly encounter and come into communion with Him.

I suppose an important question we should ask ourselves as we are invited to participate in the Diocesan Synod - is ARE WE AMBASSADORS OF CHRIST?

Do we live and practise our faith? Or do we hide it and keep it private, downplaying it in public?

Bishop John then states further in his letter:

As we live in a fast changing world, we must be prepared to question our priorities and our aspirations.

Again, Bishop John speaks truth.

As Catholics we do need to consider and reflect on what should be our priorities and aspirations, and whether or not we mirror those realities in our lives.

The Diocesan Synod is first and foremost an opportunity to listen, to listen not only to each other, but rather to listen more attentively to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us not be afraid of the Synod, let us not be afraid of hearing what Jesus is saying 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.

MASS TIMES

Sat	14	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	15	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism
Tue	17	St. Ignatius of Antioch
9.30am	EM	Mass
Wed	18	St. Luke
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - Michael (Mark) McGloin
7.00pm	EM	Exposition & Benediction
Thurs	19	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	20	
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - Eddie Rogerson
Sat	21	
10.00am	EM	Confession and Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	22	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.00pm	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 Hannah & Daniel, and Sophie & William

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

If you are a baptised Catholic, living in the Parish and currently in Year 8

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

Catherine Gallagley, Stewart Kidd, Michael Mulcahy, Shay Casey, Celia Fawl, Valentine Cleary, Patrick Rogan, Rita Sugrue, Roy Taylor, Frank Mullarkey, Eddie Rogerson, Cynthia Elison, Ellen Hounslea, Tony Prendergast, Anne Herbert

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Eddie Hanlon, Ellie Evans (S), Patrick Boylan

Anniversaries Masses

Carol O'Dowd, George Hounslea, Ernest Wilkins, John Farnworth, Louise Noone, Nigel Boylan, Patrick O'Shea, Mary O'Shea

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

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

(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

Childrens meetings, all meetings begin at 9.30am

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 - Looking at Baptism
7th December - Advent & Christmas

THE PRESENTATION MASSES

Please bring your child's "Baptism Candle"

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

BAMBINO MASS

The children will receive a small statue of the Baby Jesus , so that they may set up a crib/nativity scene at home.

16th/17th December - attendance at either 5.30pm or 11.30am Masses

THE FITZPATRICK HALL prior to the lockdown the Diocese began the process to condemn the Fitzpatrick Hall. This has meant that hall could no longer be used by the Parish and the wider community (insurance reasons), and that we would begin to look into the process of demolition. The Hall (first temporary Church) was built with a temporary lifespan, estimated for about 10 years, it has well exceeded it's lifespan. The building is no longer safe, and due to the fragility of the roof and the fact that there has been anti-social behaviour around the Centre & School Site with local youth climbing upon the roofs of a variety of buildings and causing damage - it has now been decided (the Diocese has given final approval) that the building should be demolished, and work will commence during the October half-term holiday.

PARISH CHRISTMAS FAYRE we hope to hold our annual Christmas Fayre on Sunday 10th December, if you would like and are able to volunteer to organise the fayre, there will be a meeting on Monday 16th October (7.00pm) in the Parish Centre. If you would like to make any donations to the fayre (booze, confectionary or toys) please drop off at either sacristy.

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: 13th December & 20th December.

Loreto Grammar School - 6th Form Open Evening invites students who to our Sixth Form Open Evening which takes place on Thursday 19th October with a welcome talk at 6:00pm and subject exhibitions until 8:00pm. For further information go to www.loretogrammar.co.uk

ALL SOUL'S CEMETERY MASS (NOON) 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 Catholic Hospital Chaplaincy Team are hosting a Memorial Mass for those who have died in our hospitals. The Mass will take place at Holy Name Church, Oxford Road, M13 9PG, on Wednesday 15th November 2023, 7pm, followed by refreshments.

EXPOSITION & BENEDICTION Wednesday 18th October (7.00pm) at English Martyrs' Church. Everybody is welcome to spend time with the Lord.

Diocesan Day Retreat - The Feeding of the 5,000 Wednesday 18th October, 11.30am - 3pm Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall. Join experienced retreat leader Donna Worthington as she explores the Gospel story of The Feeding of the 5,000 in our first session. Retreats cost £20 per person. Please contact the parish office on 01772 335387 to book your place.

National SVP Young Adults Retreat 24th-26th November
Hebron Hall Christian Centre, Dinas Powys, CF64 4YB
Join the SVP for a weekend of meeting others who are passionate about making a difference in their local communities. It will be a weekend of prayer and reflection with times of volunteering and action, including a visit to St Vincent's, Ely Bridge. Cost: £50
To find out more and to book, email: youngvincentians@svp.org.uk

PARISH SVP The next meeting of the SVP will be on Monday 16th October at 6.30pm at the Jubilee Room at St Monica's.

NIFTY50+ The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 17th October, 1:00pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's. This is a free and easy plenty of chat with tea and a bun Quiz ,bingo and raffle. All welcome, not been before just come along and introduce yourself. A reminder this is the last opportunity to get your name down on the list for the Trip to Ena Mill on the 31st October.

THE PARISH IMPACT GROUP On Saturday, the 14th of October, the kids of Impact! will be sleeping out all night to raise awareness of the plight of the homeless, the idea is that they get to feel just how awful being homeless is. To highlight this cause they have designed a T-shirt/sweatshirt which will be available to buy/order after all masses this weekend, there are several colours available. All profits will go to a local homeless charity**.** If you would like to support us**,** our just giving page is: https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Impact-Big-Sleep-Out, or scan the QR code. Any donations or orders for t-shirts will be greatly appreciated.

World Mission Sunday this year will take place on 22nd October. On this day, the whole Church unites together through prayer for its missionary activity, and by collecting funds to support Catholic communities across the world experiencing situations of poverty and turmoil. The theme chosen by the Holy Father is: 'Hearts on fire, feet on the move' (based on Luke 24). In his message for World Mission Sunday, Pope Francis encourages us all to set hearts ablaze with God's love and compassion for 'everyone has the right to receive the Gospel and we as Christ's followers have the duty to proclaim it without excluding anyone.'
For more information about World Mission Sunday and how you can get involved, please visit https://missio.org.uk/world-mission-sunday-2023/.

St Antony's are looking to increase their team of invigilators to support young people in their exams. For this academic year, this would involve work during November, February, May and June. The work is suited to those who do not wish to be in a permanent post. If this is something that would interest you, please email our exams officer Laura Rowles using the following address l.rowles@st-antonys.com.

Mass for Vocations to the Priesthood Friday 20th October, 7pm St Edward's, Spring Lane, Lees, OL4 5AJ. Each month, our diocesan vocations team travels to a different deanery to hold a special Mass for the future of the priesthood in our diocese. Whether you're discerning a vocation to the priesthood, know someone who is, or would like to pray for vocations to our diocese, we would love to see you there!

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.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham - Save the date. . 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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KING FEAST WEDDING
BANQUET OXEN BUSINESS
FURIOUS UNWORTHY GARMENT
SILENT FEW CHOSEN

In this month of October, which is dedicated to

The Holy Rosary.

Why not visit the local cinema and watch "The Miracle Club"

The film will be released on 13th October.

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