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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THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY - 5th NOVEMBER 2023

Dear Parish family,

Those of you who have been following the recent "Synod on Synodality" in Rome may have noted the recent comments from Pope Francis regarding young priests and their attachment to the various clerical tailors and outfitters in Rome. Although my personal tastes don't include lace and embroidery, I found his words a little unfair, as some of the best priests that I have encountered wear the odd bit of lace whilst some of worse would wear the opposite.

I must also admit that I follow the example of St. Francis of Assisi, who insisted that nothing was too good for celebration of the Mass. Although, I thought his words were a little unfair, I must admit that in light of today's Gospel, I can certainly understand them.

A phylactery, in Jewish religious practice, is one of two small black leather cube-shaped cases containing Torah texts written on parchment, which, in accordance with Deuteronomy 6:8 (and similar statements in Deuteronomy 11:18 and Exodus 13:9, 16), are to be worn by male Jews 13 years of age and older as reminders of God and of the obligation to keep the Law during daily life.

The phylactery is designed to keep these words - and therefore knowledge of God - close to their hearts.

THERE WILL BE A MEETING FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAYRE on Saturday 18th November (2pm) in the Parish Centre. Please ensure that you attend the meeting if you can help with the Fayre! The Christmas Fayre will be 10th December in the Parish Centre. All donations welcome!

In the Gospel Jesus is not telling His people not to wear a phylactery, just as the words of Pope Francis are not suggesting that beautiful vestments should not be worn for the celebration of Mass.

Rather, both Our Lord and Pope Francis are offering us a subtle warning and reminder; a warning not to get caught up on the outward appearances, the size of phylactery or the length of lace on your alb, it impresses nobody and especially not God.

We are being reminded to ask ourselves a serious question, and that question is this:

How close to God is your heart, your mind and your life?

"The greatest among you must be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted."

Fr. Kieren

		MASS TIMES
Sat	04	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	05	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	EM	Baptism
Tue	07	
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	AC	Funeral - Christine O'Connell
Wed	08	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thurs	09	**The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica**
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	10	St. Leo the Great
9.300am	SM	Mass
Sat	11	St. Martin of Tours
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	12	**THIRTY SECOND 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 currently in Year 8

Please complete the registration form (available at the back of Church and return to Fr. Kieren.

Catechesis 2:Parish Centre:

Saturday 16th March - 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

Michael Mulcahy, Eddie Rogerson, Catherine Gallagley, William (Bill) Ryan, Anne Herbert, Patrick (Paddy) Walsh

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, the Holy Souls, Barbara Flynn, deceased members of the SVP, the Ryan family, the faithful departed

Anniversaries Masses

Bridie Mullen, Mick Mullen, Joseph Mullen, Brenda Talbot, Neil Talbot, Patrick and Margaret Mahoney, Brian Orford

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, Sheila Clegg, Maureen Smith, Andrew Roche

(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 convalidated 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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME

2023 - 2024

Dates for Programme

Childrens meetings, begin at 9.30am - pick up 11.00am. All children have been placed in either a Saturday or Sunday group, your child only has to attend their relevant catechesis and not both days!

9th December - Parish Centre
10th December - Jubilee Room
20th January - Parish Centre
21st January - Jubilee Room

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

7th December - Advent & Christmas
1st February

THE PRESENTATION MASSES

Please bring your child's "Baptism Candle", if you cannot find the candle please contact Fr. K

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

NOVEMBER PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED & THE HOLY SOULS Every Friday during the month of November I will offer the Mass for the intentions of the Holy Souls and the Faithful departed. If you would like your loved ones remembered during those Masses please fill in a brown envelope found at the back of church and return to Fr. K.

PRESENTATION MASSES we welcome this weekend at 5.30pm & 11.30am Masses the children on the Sacramental Programme as they begin their liturgical journey by renewing the promises made for them at their baptism. Please hold them all and especially their families in your prayers.

DIOCESAN SYNOD if you missed the **PARISH BIG LISTEN** you can still contribute to the Diocesan Synod by scanning the QR code (see Posters in both churches) or by visiting the website www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/synod/, scrolling down to the Portal window, and clicking 'Submit a response to the Synod'. It might be a good idea for our many of the Parish groups to participate in their own BIG LISTEN during one of your regular meetings!!

Pastoral Visit of the Apostolic Nuncio His Excellency Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendía, Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, will make a pastoral visit to Salford Diocese on 29th 30th November. As part of his visit he will celebrate Mass at St Patrick's, Collyhurst on Thursday 30th November at 6:30pm where he will impart an Apostolic Blessing on all those present. All are welcome to attend the Mass and there is no need to register.

MASS FOR DECEASED CLERGY OF THEV DEANERY you are welcome to join the local clergy as we offer Mass for the repose of the souls of deceased priests who have served in the Deanery of St. Ambrose Barlow. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Alphonsus Church (10.30am) 21st November.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion I have decided that at the present time, we as a Parish, will not immediately return to received the Blessed Sacrament via the Chalice. This is difficult decision but has been took after discussion with my brother priests in the Deanery. However, a small number within the Parish came forward to volunteer to become EMHC. I would like to invite them to a training session with me (if they are still interested) on Tuesday 7th November (6.30pm) in the Kershaw Room at EM Presbytery.

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.

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 Thursday 16th November (7.00pm) at English Martyrs' Church. Everybody is welcome to spend time with the Lord.

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

A LITTLE REMINDER ABOUT DATA PROTECTION sadly due to data protection we cannot share the details of members of the Parish or their families. If you would like to have a name added to the sick list, please ensure you have their permission for it to be included.

Bishop's Fund Crises can happen to anyone and we believe that everyone deserves a helping hand during these difficult periods. The Caritas Bishop's Fund plays a crucial role in providing support to families and individuals who are experiencing challenges or crises within our diocese. These difficulties may arise from various circumstances such as illness, unemployment, the ending of the Universal Credit £20 uplift, job insecurity, and the increasing costs of energy and food. Recognising the pressing need for assistance in these situations, the fund has been established to offer immediate support to those in need. If you feel that you might qualify please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/bishops-fund/

Annual Mass for the Deceased Members and Families of St. Gregory's Grammar School, Ardwick. This year we are celebrating our 100 year Anniversary of the school's opening. Our Centenary Mass will be celebrated at St. Catherine's R.C. Church, Didsbury by former St. Gregory's pupil, Fr. Tom Connolly, on Friday 24th November at 7.00p.m. There will be a social gathering after Mass in St. Catherine's Social Club.

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

Volunteering at the Laudato Si' Centre The Diocese of Salford's environment hub - is looking for new recruits to join its team of volunteers. This flexible, rewarding opportunity can be on a regular or ad hoc basis as the team works to develop the Centre's beautiful walled garden and woodland areas, set within the grounds of Wardley Hall. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more!

Craft Events at The Laudato Si' Centre This autumn, the Diocese of Salford's environment hub - The Laudato Si' Centre - is inviting people across the diocese to reconnect with nature through a series of craft workshops, including felting and wreath making. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for upcoming dates and further information.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 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.**

Thursday Club. Trip out to Broadstone Mill, Stockport 9th November. Please arrive at 9.30 at the Parish Centre for the coach.

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 2024) will be invited from the beginning of May 2024 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 to 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 (2024) 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"

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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.

"We should remember the faithful departed on All Souls' Day not only because our prayers and acts of penance can help the souls in purgatory become truly holy, but also because we continue to owe the dead our love and we express this love in and through our remembrance. In the absence of such remembrance, the love one professes for another would seem to be no true love at all, and the relationship one claims to still have with the dead could only be superficial".

Zachary Taylor - October 30, 2023

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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