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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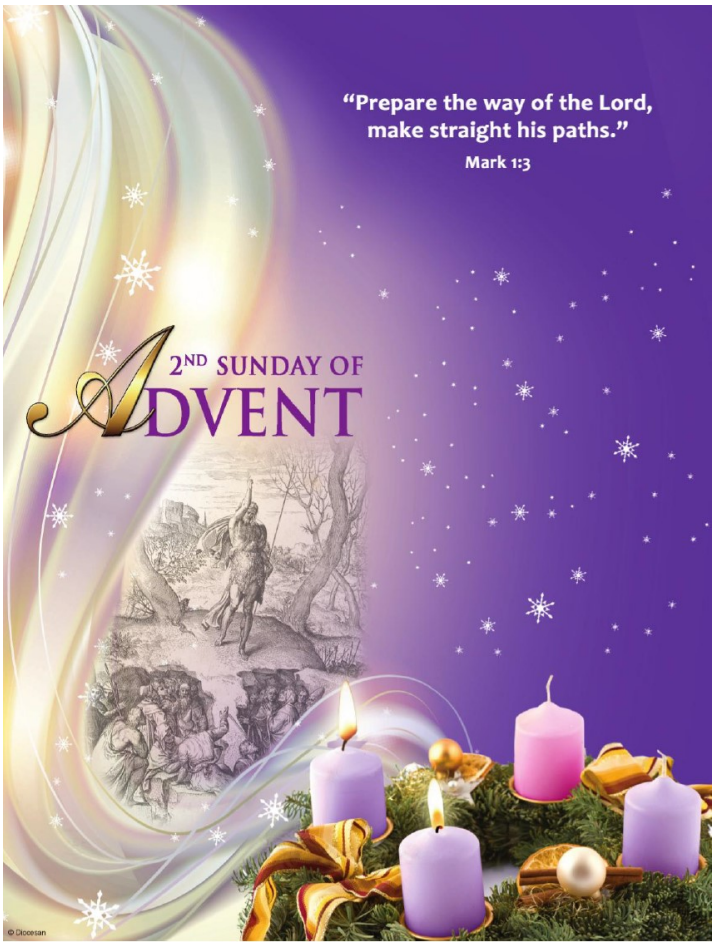
2nd Sunday of Advent—10th December 2023



Dear Parish family,

You should always start a story from the beginning, sometimes it is fun to start in the middle but it often leads to the confusion of the listener or reader.

In the Gospel today, we go right back to the beginning of Mark and hear the words: *The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God*. What a wonderful sentence!

In that sentence we are firstly reminded that Jesus is the good news, the good news that we all need to know, and secondly in that sentence we are told, in a very matter of fact kind of way that Jesus is God Himself. You literally could (and many have) write books trying to unpack that sentence!

Jesus is the good news - He is the Gospel - a people (e.g. Isaiah) have been talking about Him before He was born "to us". Jesus is the story, but His story has been taking shape for centuries before His birth. The prophets have foretold of Him, and He in His coming to us completes the story they tell.

A story told to prepare us and all generations for His coming into the world, as John the Baptist puts it: *One mightier than I is coming after me.*

Jesus fulfils the story, He is the fulfilment of God's promise, a promise to be with us. And in keeping that promise, in concluding the ancient story, we are reminded of a new prophecy, the beginning of a new tale … that Jesus will come Himself again, and God always keeps His promises!

God Bless you during this Advent season

Fr. Kieren

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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. Lucy
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thurs	14	**St. John of the Cross**
10.00am	EM	Requiem Mass Amelia Gory
Fri	15	
9.30am	SM	Mass with whole school
Sat	16	
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.30pm	EM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	17	3 ADVENT - GAUDETE SUNDAY
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.00pm	EM	Baptism

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CARE 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.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

23rd/24th December

4th Sunday of Advent

5.30pm SM
9.30am EM

24th December

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00pm SM

this Mass is traditionally aimed at younger parishioners and can be very busy and noisy!

8.00pm EM

25th December

CHRISTMAS DAY

9.30am EM
11.00am SM

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Catechesis 2:Parish Centre:

After experimenting with Saturdays for Catechesis, I've decided it would be best to return to 3 shorter evening sessions. The new dates will be confirmed in the New Year.

All candidates must attend ALL catechesis and regularly attend Sunday Mass.

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place with Bishop John on 12th June (7pm) St. Hugh of Lincoln church.

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

Anne Herbert, Joe McNamara, Amelia Gorey, Charles Hutton, Christine Mayo, June Scott, Janet Lavin

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, the Holy Souls, Philip Ronan, for members of the SVP

Anniversaries Masses

Kathleen Royle, Stuart Mooney, Tommy Keegan, Michael Carr, Tony Robinson, Bernard & Veronica McGrath

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, Geoff Martin, 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, Andrew Roche, Joe Parker, Bernadette Reed

(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, 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!

20th January - Parish Centre
21st January - Jubilee Room

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

1st February

BAMBINO MASS - 3rd Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday

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 RETIREMENT OF MISS MOLLOY as many of you know Miss Molloy will be retiring as Head teacher of Our Lady of the Rosary primary School at the end of the summer term 2024. She has served our Parish at Our Lady's for over 31 years and I would like to - as Parish Priest - thank her for all she has done to serve the Catholic family of our Parish. Now if you are looking for job and would like to generously offer 31 years to the Church there is a job advert you might be interested in … www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/

A GENTLE REMINDER Amanda is a wonderful asset to the Parish. However she only works during the office hours as advertised on the front of the newsletter. As she works elsewhere at the beginning of the week please could you refrain from phoning her outside office hours. Of course you can continue to send emails but they will not (unless sent to me) be responded to until Wednesday.

NIFTY 50+ Group The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 12th dec at 1.30pm (please note the later start time) in the Jubilee room at St Monica's. This the last meeting for 2023 and is the Christmas party so don't miss out.

Caritas Diocese of Salford Advent Appeal Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has launched its Advent appeal for 2023, including a very special animation film voiced by local children. You can view the short animation and find out more about how you can make a donation to the appeal, or take action to help people in your parish who are experiencing crisis this Christmas, by visiting the Caritas Salford website: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS if you are a EMHC or a reader and would like to help at the Christmas Masses can I ask you to contact the EMHC and Reading ministry coordinator's. Fr. K

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS If you would like to make a donation to help decorate the churches for Christmas - don't the flower teams do a great job - please place your donation in an envelope marked "CHURCH FLOWERS" and place in the collection basket or alternatively post into English Martyrs' Presbytery.

Your travel to church As the Diocese of Salford works to reach its goal of being net zero by 2038, we're looking to find out more about the travel patterns of people across the diocese. Our diocesan environment team has put together a short survey to find out more about how people travel to and from church and would be very grateful for your response. The survey can be found at https://forms.gle/skCHYCknBzhDrvbn9.

Deep Clean at St Monica's. If you are able to spare an hour or so on Friday 15th December, to help with a deep clean of the Church and Jubilee Room. We will be meeting at 10am, after the Weekday Mass. Many hands make light work.

2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee This Advent, Pope Francis invites people across the world to embark on a Year of Prayer in preparation for the 2025 "Pilgrims of Hope" Jubilee. Over the coming weeks and months, the Diocese of Salford will be sharing a range of resources and ideas to help us journey together through this Year of Prayer. Head to https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/ to find out more.

ECT Primary Pool 2024 Are you looking for a career in teaching? Do you know someone who is training for a career in primary education? ECT (Early Career Teachers) due to gain Qualified Teacher Status in Summer 2024 are being invited to apply for recommendation for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2024. Email education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and apply.

Discover more about our Diocesan Synod

Over the coming weeks and months, the Diocese of Salford is carrying out the first key stage of our diocesan synod. But what is a synod? And what does it mean for our diocese and the future of the Church in Greater Manchester and Lancashire? Scan the QR code below to find out more:

SOME OF OUR YOUNGER PARISHIONERS Liam Stewart, James Hess, Francis Ansa Awusu and his friends at school are going to doing a sponsored "virtual cycle" from Urmston to Theodore's house in Ukraine and on to Sami's (Heba's son) grandparents house in Hebron valley in Palestine, to raise money for aid and warm clothes. It's over 2400 miles!!! You can donate via: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/Liam-Stewart-helpingthoseinneed?utm_term=nvPXNPPyZ or you can donate some miles. If you cycle, monitor your mileage and let us know. You can donate your miles to help us reach our goal quicker!

Use of Mobile Telephones in Confessionals Following discussion at the Bishops' Conference, we have been advised that, due to the sacred nature of the confessional, clergy and penitents are requested not to have active mobile phones with them in the confessional.

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/

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.

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.**

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.***

V. The angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. **And she conceived by the Holy Spirit.**
Hail Mary, etc.
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. **Be it done unto me according to thy word.**
Hail Mary, etc.
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. **And dwelt among us.**
Hail Mary, etc.
V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. **That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.**

Let Us Pray

Pour forth, we beseech Thee O Lord,
Thy grace into our hearts;
that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ,
Thy Son, was made known
by the message of an angel,
may by his Passion and Cross be brought
to the glory of his Resurrection
through the same Christ our Lord.
Amen.

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH In order to get married in the Catholic Church 6 months notice must be given, 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, Gemma & Simon, Rachael & Juan, Katherine & Richard, Leanne & Joe, Charlotte & Kieran* as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together.

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.

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

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.

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