



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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4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 28th January 2024

Dear Parish family,

"Shhhh, Shhhh
It's, oh, so quiet
Shhhh Shhhh
It's, oh, so still
Shhhh Shhhh
You're all alone
Shhh Shhh
And so peaceful until..."

So sang Björk in 1995.

I know that the full lyrics of the song don't quite relate to today's Gospel, and yet I can't help but call them to mind as I ponder the words of Jesus: *Be quiet!*

Let us set the scene.

Jesus is teaching, and it's hard to teach (so I've been told) when the classroom is noisy, and it is even harder to teach when there is a distraction in the classroom.

Jesus is a wonderful teacher, and yet He is faced with a very loud distraction; and yet as He teaches He transforms the distraction into a visible and tangible aid to the lesson.

He teaches. He commands silence and when all is silent, it is then that Jesus acts; it is in that moment that the "until" occurs.

From that silence a man is thrown into convulsions, and an unexpected healing takes place. Jesus doesn't just teach with authority that is new and unique, He acts with that authority too.

As we prepare to meet and receive that same teacher today, in the Eucharist, perhaps we could make the refrain of today's psalm our prayer of preparation, the prayer that will lead us to silence as the Word speaks:

"O that today you would listen to my voice, harden not your hearts."



May God bless you all

Fr. Kieren

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| MASS TIMES | | |
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| Sat 5.00pm 5.30pm | 27 SM SM | Confession Vigil Mass |
| Sun 9.30am 11.30am | 28 EM SM | 4th Sunday Ordinary Time Mass Mass |
| Tue 9.30am | 30 EM | Mass |
| Wed 9.30am | 31 SM | Mass St. John Bosco |
| Thu 9.30am | 01 EM | Mass |
| Fri 9.30am | 02 SM | The Presentation of the Lord Mass |
| Sat 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm | 03 PC EM SM SM SM | Catechesis SP Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass |
| Sun 9.30am 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm | 04 EM JR SM EM | 5th Sunday Ordinary Time Mass Catechesis SP Mass Baptism |

**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, Carol McGurty, Ron Corry, Peter Makin

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving,
Patrick and Christine McGuilheen

Anniversaries Masses

Stephen Pickup, Keith McHale, Thomas Haugh, Kevin Flannagan, Pat Windle, Joyce Dobson

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, , 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, Paul Kelly, Anne Smyth, Mike Boswell,

(Please ensure that you have permission of the individual/family for their names to be published in the newsletter)

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Catechesis 2 - Parish Centre:

- The Sacraments
8th February (6.30pm)
- Discipleship
11th April (6.30pm)
- Confirmation, Baptism & Holy Spirit
16th May (6.30pm)

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.

**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!

3rd February - Saturday Cohort - Parish Centre
4th February - Sunday Cohort - Jubilee Room

20th & 22nd February Sacrament of Reconciliation - St. Monica's (6.30pm)

20th April - Saturday Cohort - Parish Centre
21st April - Sunday Cohort - Jubilee Room

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

1st February
21st March
18th April
2nd May



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.



TODDLER GROUP the Toddler group runs every Tuesday 9:30-11:30 during term time. The group was established on 8.2.2000 and welcomes children in the Parish and beyond. You are invited to bring your 0-4 yr olds to stay and play and for you to meet other parishioners. Refreshments are provided contact Tracy Fagan 07849539410

CARITAS SUNDAY - RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEK-END Many thanks for your generosity, over £600 was raised last weekend. If you would like to make a private donation please place in an envelope marked CARITAS and post through the Presbytery over the next 2 weeks.

Caritas Salford Every Step Campaign If you're looking for a new challenge for the New Year, why not check out the Caritas Salford website? Their brand new Every Step campaign is encouraging us all to pledge to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone, and there are lots of ways you can get involved. Whether you take on a baking challenge, a 10k run or the ultimate quiz-a-thon, there's something for everyone, and the charity also has places in the Great Manchester Run and Manchester Half Marathon as well as a range of other runs available. <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/every-step/> for more information.

NEW LECTIONARIES the new lectionaries will be on pre-order after Easter and will come into use on 1st Sunday of Advent 2024. Sadly as you can imagine this will be a significant Parish expense! Can I suggest that you refrain from ordering and purchasing "missals" for personal use or for gifts (Holy Communion/Confirmation) until after the new lectionaries have been published.

Day Retreat Programme: Intro to Christian Meditation
The retreat takes place on Saturday 10th February 2024 between 11.30am and 3pm at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's in Lostock Hall. Please book ahead by calling 01772 335387 or emailing office@saintgerards.org.uk.

Parish Family Groups (PFG) In February 2024 PFG will have been running for 12 months in the Parish. It has provided the opportunity for Parishioners to meet socially and establish new friendships across the generations. The groups meet once a month and organise their own low cost/no cost activities. To celebrate the 1st birthday all the groups will be coming together for a party. This could be the ideal opportunity for you to find out more about what happens. For more information contact ; Dawn Wilkinson 07760442432, de_wilk@hotmail.com

Pilgrimage to Walsingham The Diocese of Salford is now accepting bookings for our 2024 pilgrimage to Walsingham. If you would like to join the pilgrimage, please fill out a booking form, <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-2024>. You can get in touch by calling 0161 817 2214.

Youth Pilgrimage to Walsingham Salford Youth and Young Adults Ministry is delighted to once again offer a dedicated youth pilgrimage to Walsingham, aimed for students in Years 7,8 and 9. This pilgrimage runs alongside the main diocesan pilgrimage and will leave on Friday 3rd May and return on Saturday 4th May. For further details please contact: youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

NIFTY50+ Group The next meeting for the group is on Tuesday 30th January at 1 :00pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's. A free and easy afternoon with all the bits, just come along meet up with friends and have a chat in pleasant company.

Summer Opportunity for Young Adults at Palazzola, Rome Palazzola, the summer residence of the Venerable English College students near Rome, has shared details of a fantastic opportunity for young adults. Also a guest house, Palazzola welcomes a number of young adults each year to help serve meals and drinks to guests, in return for free board and lodging, a small salary, transport to and from the airport, and free time to enjoy the beautiful grounds and wider area. If you know of any young adults who may be interested in this opportunity, please ask them to email info@palazzola.net to find out more.

PARISH PRAYER GROUP During this winter, the group meetings will be held at various members homes, Tuesdays 2-4pm. For more information. 07742745640

Exploring Prayer in Lent Programme People across the diocese are invited to embark on a special journey of prayer this Lent in preparation for the 2025 Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee. Taking place on each of the Fridays of Lent between 10am and 12.30pm at Wardley Hall, the sessions include presentations, discussion, and time for quiet prayer and reflection. Find out more at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/prayer-in-lent/>

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/

Notice about scam email The Diocese of Salford has shared a warning about a scam email that has been circulated to some parishes in our diocese. The email comes from a "parish priest" Gmail account, features the parish priest's name in the display name, and asks the recipient to purchase gift cards of behalf of the priest. Please be aware that this is not a genuine email. If you come across any such email, please do not engage with it and simply delete it from your inbox.

Salford Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Centenary Year Fund-raiser - The Mercy Brothers Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with the fabulous 'Mercy Brothers' band on Friday 9th February, 8pm (doors 7.30pm), at The Hough End Centre, Mauldeth Road West, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, M21 7SX. Tickets are priced at £15 (over 16s) and free for under 16s. To book please visit www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209.

Young Adults Mass The next Diocesan Mass for Young Adults takes place Sunday 11th February, 5.30pm, at St Augustine's, Manchester. Coinciding with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, this month's Mass welcomes Canon Tony McBride - former Director of the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes - as our guest celebrant. Join the team after Mass as they explore more about the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year. Details of alternative parking can be found at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/young-adults-mass-feb-2024/>

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 parents 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 note 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.**

Parish Administrator - Our Lady of Hope, Salford

Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent, 12 hours per week, Tuesday to Friday. St Luke's Presbytery, 13 Swinton Park Road, Irlam o' th' Height, Salford, M6 7WR. Salary: £12.60 per hour

Head of Faith in Action - PACT (Prison Advice and Care Trust)

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent
Working hours: 37.5 hours a week
Location: Home-based with extensive national travel
Salary: £46,225

Communications Assistant (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full-time, 12 month fixed term
Working hours: 35 hours per week, some evenings and weekends required
Salary: £22,672 - £24,343

Cathedral Estate Caretaker (replacement role)

Appointment Type: Full-time, permanent
Working hours: 35 hours per week, Tuesday - Saturday with some flexible working
Salary: £24,983 - £30,710

Find out more and apply at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/>

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 *Jessica & Simon, Rachael & Juan, Katherine & Richard, Leanne & Joe, Charlotte & Kieran, Jayne & Richard, and Megan & Aaron* as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together.

STRETFORD 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 your Catholic 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 (by you).
- ◆ 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

