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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5th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME 4th February 2024

Dear Parish family,

In the Gospel today we are told that "*everybody is looking for you* [Jesus]"

I think that is a lovely sentiment, but it begs the question - why are the looking for Him; its not as if He is hiding!

The search for Jesus and the purpose behind, can, I believe, be discovered in encounter with and the healing of Peter's mother-in-law today. In the Gospel we discover that when people meet Jesus, when He reaches out to touch and heal them, they are not left as they were; they become more than they were.

In the Gospel she is "*helped up*" by Jesus, the same verb *egeiro* that is used to describe the Resurrection.

In meeting Jesus, through His healing and touch, Peter's mother-in-law, is literally given new life.

The people seek Jesus, because they too desire to share this life that comes from God Himself. And, what is beautiful is that God desires to share that life with us. He does not hide from us, rather He goes out to us, because "*For this is the purpose I have come*"

May we have the faith to also discover Jesus, and in that meeting, through that encounter be lifted up and transformed by Him.

May God Bless you all

Fr. Kieren

		MASS TIMES
Sat	03	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	04	**5th Sunday Ordinary Time**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	06	Ss. Paul Miki & Companions
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - B. Alford
Wed	07	
9.30am	SM	Mass
11.00am	SM	Funeral Service - R. Corry
Thu	08	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	09	
11.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - P. Makin
Sat	10	St. Scholastica
10.00am	PC	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	11	**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Catechesis 2 - Parish Centre:

1. The Sacraments

8th February (6.30pm)

2. Discipleship

11th April (6.30pm)

3. 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.

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.

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, Edward McKeowan, Bernadette Reed, Mike McGuire, Gerard O'Sullivan

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Patrick and Christine McGuiheen, John Farnworth, Ron Holmes, Michael Adams, Peter & Pat Carlon, the people of the Parish

Anniversaries Masses

Stephen Pickup, Keith McHale, Thomas Haugh, Kevin Flannagan, Pat Windle, Joyce Dobson, Betty Donohue, Mary & John Evans, Francis & Mary Brady, Elizabeth & John Higgins, Austin Fergus, Daniel McGrory

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, 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)

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

20th April - Saturday Cohort - Parish Centre
21st April - Sunday Cohort - Jubilee Room
26th April - Saturday Cohort
27th April - Sunday Cohort

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

21st March
18th April
2nd May

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

11th May - 11.00am (EM)
11th May - 1.30pm (OLOR)
18th May - 11.00am (SM)

All Masses will be at St. Monica's Church. Children who do not attend the Parish Primary Schools may choose to join any of the above Masses.

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 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.

WALK WITH ME/CAFOD FAMILY FAST, books and envelopes will be available at the back of Church this weekend. If you are able to make a donation of £1 for the Walk with Me books please do so.

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) 1st Birthday party will be held on Sunday 25th February (3.00pm) in the Parish Centre. Music, dancing , party games, pie and peas and the bar will be open. Please RSVP to your group leaders for catering purposes
If you've never been to a PFG event or if you've been in a group and missed a few meetings now's the time to get involved again. Contact Dawn Wilkinson 07760442432 , de_wilk@hotmail.com

Thursday Club. The next meeting is in the Parish Centre on Thursday February 8th at 1pm. Come along for a relaxed afternoon and perhaps make new friends.

HOME BAKE SALE after the 5.30pm and 11.30am Masses on 10th/11th February in aid of funds to upkept St. Monica's garden.

SVP The next meeting of the SVP will take place on Monday 5th February at 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

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

A QUICK REMINDER all enquiries for sacraments should be made via the Parish Office directly. Please do not use email or social media.

PARKING AROUND ST. MONICA'S PRESBYTERY can I ask parishioners not to park across the driveways outside the Presbytery. Please use the car park.

Prayer in Lent - Our Father The first of a series of prayer workshops is set to begin this February with a focus on the Our Father. In preparation for the 2025 Jubilee, Pope Francis has designated 2024 as a Year of Prayer, calling people to revisit the basics of the prayer and, in particular, the Our Father. The first of these workshops invites you to rediscover this beautiful prayer on Friday 16th February, 10am, at Wardley Hall. visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lent-prayer-programme-1/

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

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. 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.

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. Details of alternative parking can be found dioceseofsalford.org.uk/young-adults-mass-feb-2024/

"Come and See" Enquirers Group for Vocations to the Priesthood Our next "Come and See" meeting for those enquiring about a vocation to the priesthood will be taking place on Saturday 17th February at St Winifred's, Heaton Mersey. Our next session will welcome a guest speaker and include a period of Eucharistic Adoration and prayer, before the chance to discuss the vocation to the priesthood over a meal. These events are specifically for anyone interested in finding out more about a vocation to the priesthood. Fr Michael Deas (michael.deas@dioceseofsalford.org.uk) or Fr Mark Paver (mark.paver@dioceseofsalford.org.uk), who will be able share further details.

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.***

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

Cleaner - Holy Family, Denton - Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent
Working hours: 4 hours per week to be worked on a flexible basis as agreed by the parish priest
Location: Holy Family Presbytery, 67 Thornley Lane North, Reddish, Stockport SK5 6QR. Salary: £12 per hour

Chef Cathedral House (replacement role) Appointment Type: Part-time, permanent. Working hours: 12 hours over three days per week, Friday - Sunday Salary: £21,840 - £24,343
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.

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 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