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 Lent - Laetare Sunday - 10th March 2024

Dear Parish family,

HAPPY MOTHERING SUNDAY!

As I have got older I've noticed that most people today refer to this day as Mother's Day rather than Mothering Sunday; we now focus on the noun (the Mother) and no longer the verb (the mothering), and although I don't have any deep objection to this movement away from the true meaning of the celebration, I must admit it doesn't really feel right!

Today also marks an older celebration - Laetare Sunday - the Sunday in Lent where as Christians we mark the moment that Jesus resolutely turns towards Jerusalem to bring about through His Passion, our salvation.

I wonder who accompanies Jesus on this salvific journey, we know that in Holy Week we will be introduced to numerous characters; but who actually stays resolutely - motherly - at His side?

We know that at the foot of the cross, with the apostle John, was Mary the mother of God as that ancient hymn - Stabat Mater - reminds us:

"*At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last.*"

Here with Mary we learn what "mothering" is all about. We see the verb in action as we learn about the joy and the sorrow of accompaniment. We learn to ponder and marvel in our hearts, those, that each mother brings, into the world. And at the end, with Mary our hearts are pierced and we learn to let go - through faith - of the One that is loved.

Mothering is hard! And so I pray on this Mothering Sunday for God's blessing upon all who "mother" within our Parish family.

Fr. K

Holy Week

It is never too early to prepare to celebrate the greatest week in the year and throughout history, here is everything you need to know:

PALM SUNDAY
23rd March 5.30pm Vigil Mass SM
24th March 9.30am EM., 11.30am SM

THE TRIDUUM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
28th March 7.00pm EM (watching until 10.00pm)

GOOD FRIDAY
29th March 10.00am Stations of the Cross SM
3.00pm THE PASSION SM

HOLY SATURDAY
There is NO Saturday Vigil Mass at St. Monica's
30th March 7.30pm The Easter Vigil EM

EASTER SUNDAY
31st March 9.30am EM., 11.30am SM

		MASS TIMES
Sat	09	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	10	**4th Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	12	
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass - P. Gollaglee
Wed	13	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thu	14	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	15	
7.30am	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
2.15pm	OL	Stations of the Cross
Sat	16	
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	17	**5th Sunday of Lent (St. Patrick)**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	SM	Baptism

"The less we have, the more we give. Seems absurd, but it's the logic of love."

Mother Teresa

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Catechesis 2 - Parish Centre:

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

Peter Gollaglee, Tom O'Brien, Win Fitzgerald, May Mulvihill

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, May Mulvihill, in thanks for all prayers offered for Mike Boswell, Barry English, David Elliott

Anniversaries Masses

Michael Carr, Ted Carr, Cecelia McGrory, Denis Deeney, John and Mary Evans, Anne Hanlon

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, Therese Williams

(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 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.

ALTAR SERVERS & THE TRIDUUM can I ask all Altar Servers to check with families their availability for serving the various aspects of the Triduum and sign the relevant sheets in the sacristy. Micheal will arrange relevant rehearsals.

WASHING OF FEET - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER if you would like to volunteer to have your feet washed during the beginning of the Triduum please see Fr. K

STATIONS OF THE CROSS did you know that you can gain a plenary indulgence by praying the Stations (especially in Lent). Why not join us on Friday afternoon to pray and walk the way of the cross publicly , or come early to Mass and pray the Stations privately. *We adore you O Christ, and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.*

PAINT WORK AT ENGLISH MARTYRS' CHURCH & OTHER MATTERS work will continue in EM church from Monday 8th April - 12th April. All WEEKDAY that week will be celebrated at St. Monica's Church. We will also be assessing if the two large trees outside SM church should be removed. The church is experiencing drainage problems and it is believed that tree roots are causing significant damage.

FACEBOOK PROBLEMS some of you will be aware that the social media site crashed on Tuesday. Unfortunately since then I have not been able to log on to the Parish (and my own account). If this matter isn't remedied by next week, I will have to establish a new FB account for the Parish

PARISH PRAYER GROUP meetings return to the Jubilee Room on Tuesday evenings beginning at 7pm with the Rosary. All are welcome. For more information. 07742745640

NIFTY50+ GROUP The next meeting is on Tuesday 12th March at 1:00pm in the Jubilee room at St Monicas, a free and easy with all the bits, not been before just come along and introduce yourself and have a fun afternoon with fellow parishioners and friends.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year Bookings are now being taken for this year's diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes, marking our centenary year. The pilgrimage, led by Bishop John Arnold, will take place between 26th July and 1st August. Find out more and book online at https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/travel-accommodation

ST. MONICA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL St Monica's are looking for casual midday assistants and to contact the school office if they would like an application form / further information.

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

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.

John Stainer's The Crucifixion A special performance of John Stainer's The Crucifixion is heading to St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst this Lent. Taking place on Saturday 23 March at 4pm, this poignant piece will be performed by Salford Cathedral Choir, Salford Cathedral Girls' Choir and the Cambiata Boys' Choir. All are welcome to attend.

Summer Opportunity for Young Adults at Palazzola, 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

Caritas Salford Appeal for Volunteers our diocesan charity, is appealing for volunteers to support its work across Greater Manchester and Lancashire. Even a few hours can have a huge impact on the lives of others locally. To find out more about the huge range of opportunities available - from gardening to van driving, supporting their services to becoming a Caritas parish rep or accessibility advocate - visit their website now: www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

Bishop John's message for Caritas Salford campaign - Why Every Step Matters Bishop John Arnold has recorded a special video message about Caritas Salford's 2024 campaign, which is asking us to do something this year that pushes us out of our comfort zone. You can watch the video and find out more about how you can take on a challenge to support people in your local community here: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/bishop-john-every-step/

Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 27th May, the walk will begin at 10am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter's Square for an Act of Worship. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to attend!

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee 2025 Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be a Year of Jubilee – an event that happens every 25 years. The theme for the upcoming Jubilee is "Pilgrims of Hope". To find out more about the Jubilee and this preparatory Year of Prayer, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/

Deputy Director for Schools' Systems - The Diocese of Salford (replacement role) Appointment Type: Full time, permanent. Working Hours: 35 hours per week, Mon - Fri, some flexibility in working patterns sometimes required. Location: Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP Salary: £62,000 - £82,000 per annum, depending on current salary/experience. Find out more and apply at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

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.***

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NICODEMUS SERPENT DESERT
LIFE CONDEMN SAVED
REFUSES SENTENCE LIGHT
DARKNESS EVIL TRUTH

Stations of the Cross at the Laudato Si' Centre Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on Saturday 16th March for a special Stations of the Cross in the midst of nature. Experience a reflective journey through the Stations, contemplating the Passion of Christ in the serene setting of the Centre's beautiful woodlands. All are welcome to join us at one of our three sessions. For more information and to book, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-stations-2024/

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