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 Lent - 17th March 2024

Dear Parish family,

The Irish comedian Tommy Tiernan (I won't provide a link as his language can be a little industrial) once quipped that it was necessary for St. Patrick's Day to be celebrated in Lent as it was the only way the Irish could survive the fasting and abstinence expected during the season - obviously nobody told him that Sunday's don't count in Lent!

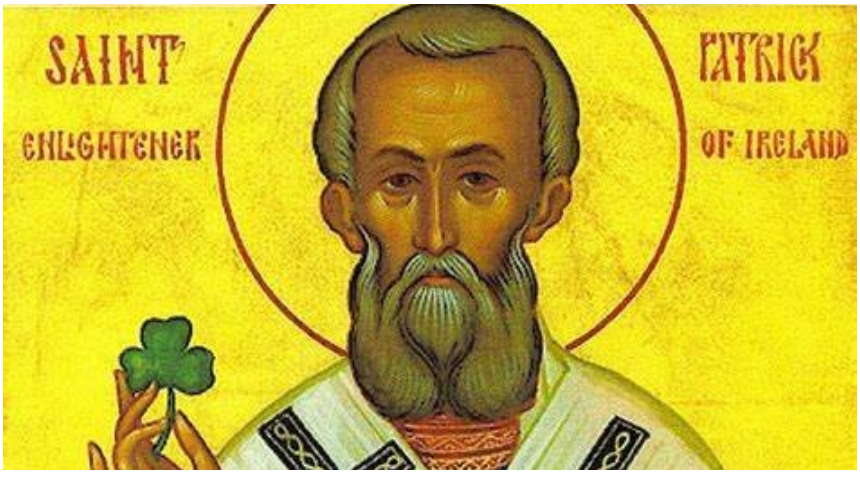
I love St. Patrick, and I chose him as my patron saint at my Confirmation. It is my belief that St. Patrick is very much a Lenten saint, and sadly many who celebrate him this weekend (or tomorrow in Ireland - the solemnity is transferred and you get a bank holiday), have never read his words.

They have never read his *Confessio* or his *letter to Coroticus,* because to do so would be to put down your pint and turn to Christ. In both documents he begins with the following words: *I Patrick, am a sinner* … so are you and so am I. To celebrate him is to recognise this truth and to turn like he does to the living God; Jesus Christ Himself.

I pray that you all enjoy *Lá fhéile Pádraig sona dhuit* and if I may I will end my random reflection with the words of the man himself:

"We will be children of the living God, co-heirs with Christ and conformed to His future image for we will reign through Him, and with Him, and in Him." confessio 59

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	16	
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	17	**5th Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
Tue	19	St. Joseph - Solemnity
9.30am	EM	Full School Mass - EM
Wed	20	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thu	21	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	22	
7.30am	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
11.30am	EM	Requiem Mass - M. Mulvihill
Sat	23	
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	24	**PALM SUNDAY**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

"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

May Mulvihill, Sr. Thomas More (Stella McGrath), Jim McDonald, Esther Froggatt, Peter Gollaglee

Intention

a special intention, in thanksgiving, Rose Rogan, Rhia Brooke, Nigel Boylan (birthday), Patrick Boylan

Anniversaries Masses

John and Mary Evans, Anne Hanlon, Bill Lee, Kathleen Cremlin, Mary McNulty, Mary Hartey

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, Little Rhia Brooke

(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.

UNDERSTANDING THE CELEBRATION OF THE TRIDUUM next Sunday is the beginning of HOLY WEEK which concludes the celebration of the Solemn Paschal Triduum. Basically, the Sacred Triduum is one great festival recounting the last three days of Jesus' life on earth. **Though chronologically three days, they are liturgically one day unfolding for us the unity of Christ's Paschal Mystery**. (Act 1) The evening Mass on Holy Thursday is referred to as The Mass of the Lord's Supper. This is where the Church re-lives the institution of the Eucharist and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass at the Last Supper, as well as the institution of the priesthood, which took place the evening before Jesus was crucified. (Act 2) Good Friday is a mandatory day of fasting and abstinence. This is the day of the crucifixion. The parish altar looks very different on Good Friday: it is plain and bare. There is no consecrated Host in the tabernacle at the main altar of the church; it was carried away on Holy Thursday night to the "altar of repose" to signify Jesus' death. The candle by the tabernacle is blown out, and the tabernacle doors are left open to show that it is empty. Jesus is gone. The ceremony on Good Friday is not a Mass—it is a communion service using the consecrated hosts from Holy Thursday. Good Friday is the only day of the year on which no Masses are offered. Often the priest will begin the service by prostrating himself in front of the altar. (Act 3) There is no daytime Mass on Holy Saturday. A vigil Mass is held after nightfall on Holy Saturday, or before dawn on Easter Sunday, in celebration of the resurrection of Jesus. This is called the Easter Vigil: the most glorious, beautiful, and dramatic liturgy for the Church. The vigil is divided into four parts and can last up to three hours: 1) the Service of Light, 2) the Liturgy of the Word, 3) the Liturgy of Baptism, and 4) the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

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 has arranged the following rehearsals and will also email the details: **Holy Thursday** - practice on Wednesday 27th, 6.30pm at English Martyrs. **Good Friday** - practice on Friday 29th, 9am at St Monica's. **Holy Saturday** - practice on Saturday 30th, 10am at English Martyrs

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

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.

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

Thursday Club 60+. Our next meeting is on Thursday March 21st at 1pm in the Parish Centre. Come along for a happy afternoon with friends.

EASTER FLOWERS as we approach the big day, if you would like to make a donation for Easter flowers, please place any donation in an envelope marked FLOWERS and give to Fr. K

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

SVP The next meeting of the SVP will be held on Monday 18th March at 7pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's.

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.

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!

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. Salary: £62,000 - £82,000 per annum, depending on current salary/experience. Find out more and apply at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

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.

Launch Mass for Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in our Centenary Year will be taking place at 7pm on Tuesday 16th April at St Patrick's, Livesey Street, Collyhurst, M4 5HF. Whether you are planning to join us in Lourdes this summer, or will be praying along at home, you'd be most welcome to join us for our Mass next month. For more information on this year's pilgrimage, including how to book, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/booking-lourdes-2024/

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.***

The custom of veiling the images during the last two weeks of Lent hails from the Middle Ages. As early as in the ninth century Germany the tradition of extending a large cloth before the altar from the beginning of Lent known as the 'hunger cloth', hid the altar from the view of the people until the reading of the Passion on Wednesday of Holy Week at the words "the veil of the temple was rent in two." The veil in the temple of Jerusalem separated the Holy of Holies from the main body of the temple.

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WORSHIP FESTIVAL WHEAT
BETHSAIDA SINGLE SOUL
VOICE THUNDER ANGEL
SENTENCE PRINCE DEATH

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