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 EASTER 2024 - 28th APRIL 2024

Dear Parish family,

Well I've finally ran out off Easter Eggs! Although we are still in the Easter Season there is nowhere to restock … chocolate withdrawals!

When we consider the Gospel today, we too might begin to think that the Easter Season is over, there is no mention of the Resurrection , rather we hear Jesus teach - in the ordinary sense - inviting His disciples, that means me and you, to remain with Him.

Sometimes we forget that the Resurrection event itself is simply the culmination of the teaching of Jesus, and through that teaching we are invited to:

"Remain in me, as I remain in you."

The same invitation given to the disciples is given to us; it is an invitation of intimacy and communion - we are to become ONE with Him.

Now if only there was a way in which we today could remain with Jesus; a way in which we could actually enter into **communion** with Him … but of course there is! Jesus never asks us to something without giving us the means to do it! He gives us the Eucharist as we gather to celebrate the Mass.

I am struck by the words of Blessed Carlos Acutis:

""The more Eucharist we receive, the more we will become like Jesus, so that on earth we will have a foretaste of heaven."

The more we remain with Jesus, the more we enter into HOLY communion with Jesus, and the more we receive Him in the Blessed Sacrament; the more He dwells within us.

Dwelling within us, He guides and shapes us, until we literally begin to become more like Him.

Now some Parish Centre News:

Filippa Martin has now retired from looking after the Parish Centre. Can I take this opportunity to thank her for all the work, both she and her late husband Archie put into the Centre, and for all the support she has offered me over the last few years!

If you would like to book the Centre for an event please contact Krissy at SDC on the number above, for all other enquiries please contact the Parish Office.

God bless
Fr. Kieren

		MASS TIMES
Tue	30	
9.30am	EM	Mass
6.00pm	EM	Reception of the body of the late May McEnery
Wed	1	**EASTER WEEKDAY**
10.00am	EM	Requiem Mass - May McEnery
6.30pm	JR	IMPACT! Group
Thu	2	**St. Athanasius**
10.00am	EM	Requiem Mass Brendan Behan
6.30pm	PC	Parent Catechesis
Fri	3	**Ss. Philip & James**
9.30am	SM	Mass
Sat	4	**The English Martyrs'**
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confessions
11.00am	EM	Mass
2.00pm	SM	Wedding - Rachael & Juan
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	5	**5th SUNDAY OF EASTER**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

I think that as disciples of Jesus Christ, we should continuously ponder the words of Madeleine L'Engle wrote:

We do not draw people to Christ by loudly discrediting what they believe, by telling them how wrong they are and how right we are, but by showing them a light that is so lovely that they want with all their hearts to know the source of it.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!! 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.

The Chaplains no longer have access to patient details - a chaplain must be requested by a member of the family to minister to a sick relative.

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2024

Catechesis 2 - Parish Centre:
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.

MASSES RECEIVED

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Brendan Behan, Fr. Billy Molloy, Esther Froggatt, Ursula Mullane

Intention
a very special intention, in thanksgiving, Jo Riley, Eileen Rice, Gerry Prendergast, Maureen Sammon

Anniversaries Masses
Judith Lee, Cathleen McDermott, Michael Hanlon, Andrew Towey, Mary Doherty

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Grace McNulty, , Carol Grimsley, Maureen Boylan, Michael Rice, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, 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, Olivia Holland, Mary Boylan, Michelle Clegg, Gerry Smyth

(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!

26th April - Saturday Cohort
27th April - Sunday Cohort

Parents meeting will begin at 6.30pm in the Parish centre

2nd May

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES
Please arrive @ 15minutes early - family benches will marked with the First Holy Communion Certificate!

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.

Many Thanks for those who supported Good Shepherd Sunday £500 was collected to send to the EEF. I will keep the fund open for the next 2 week if anybody would like to make a late contribution. If you want to learn a little more about Vocation in the Diocese please scan the QR code below for the latest updates.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION During the last PSG (Parish Steering Group) meeting, **It was decided that if Fr. K was to be away over a weekend, then for that weekend there would be NO Saturday Vigil Mass, which would make it easier to find cover.** At present the only weekend Fr. K will be away this year in when he travels to Lourdes this summer with the Diocese.

INFORMATION MEETING FOR NEXT YEARS SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME As the current programme draw to a close, I invite parents within the Parish, who have baptised Catholic children going into Yr 3 or above in September to attend an Information Meeting on Thursday 4th July (6.30pm) Parish Centre.

Thursday Club, 60+ There will be no meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday May 2nd. Members who have put down their names will be going out on a trip. The coach will leave the Parish Centre at 10am on May 2nd. Please try and arrive at the Parish Centre by 9.45am

NEXT WEEKEND -CHILDRENS LITURGY - CROWNING OF OUR LADY during the 9.30am & 11.30am Masses on 5th May the children from our children's liturgy group will crowning the statues of Our Lady. If you are a parent please note the information sent via the Liturgy Group leaders. Why not bring a flower or bouquet to bring to Our Lady next week?

The General Election A UK general election is due and those standing will want our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics, to ensure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to them. A Year of Encounter; is an initiative by CAFOD and the S.V.P. to equip Catholics to ask the key questions at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on 25th April and 4th May. Or email sholleron@cafod.org.uk Tel 077 100 944 54

Offertory Envelopes for the next tax year. The New envelopes are ready for collection from the back of both churches. Please look for your NAME and STREET NAME, If you are unable to find your box, please contact Amanda in the office. These new envelopes start from Sunday 7th April. If you have not already signed up to Gift Aid your donation, and you are able to do so (to be able to sign up to Gift Aid your donation, you do need to be a UK Tax payer). Signing up to the Gift Aid scheme will not cost you any more money, it just means that as a Parish, we are able to claim an extra 25% back from the Government, on your donation. If you would like a form or more information on this, please contact Amanda during office hours.

Talks on the Constitutions of Vatican II Our series of weekly talks on the Constitutions of the Second Vatican Council continue into April and May. The talks have been organised as part of our preparation for the 2025 Year of Jubilee, in response to Pope Francis' invitation to learn more about these important documents. To find out more and to register, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/whats-on/

THE MAYOR OF TRAFFORD - DOLORES O'SULLIVAN with some members of Trafford Council will be joining us for Mass on 12th May (11.30am) for her "Sunday Civic Service". It is a great opportunity to support a parishioners who has spent so much time generously as a public servant.

GIFTS & CARDS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION if you are looking for a card or a gift why not support your Parish and have a browse of what is available at Piety Stalls?

SVP The next meeting of the SVP is on Monday 29th April at 6.30pm at the Parish Centre.

Northern Dioceses' Environment Group The Northern Dioceses' Environment Group (NDEG) invites parishes and individuals to a workshop to find out more about how our food supply system links to our faith. The event, titled "Faith in Food - Thinking and acting both locally and globally about our food system" takes place on Saturday 18th May between 11am and 3:30pm at St Wilfrid's Church, Preston, PR1 8BU. To register, please visit https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/faith-in-food-tickets-879396337117

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

Diocesan Day Retreat: The Cloud of Unknowing
Our diocesan day retreat programme continues in May with a closer look at the mystical text, The Cloud of Unknowing. Dating back to the 14th century, this profound work offers a spiritual guide to contemplative prayer. The retreat runs 11.30am - 3pm on Monday 13th May at Our Lady of Lourdes and St Gerard Majella's, Lostock Hall, and costs £20 to attend. Find out more and register https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/retreat-may-2024/

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

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!

Cemetery Mass A special outdoor Mass will take place at St Joseph's RC Cemetery, Moston, on Monday 27th May. The Mass, led by Canon Paul Daly, will begin at 11am. An additional Mass is also due to take place at the cemetery on Monday 26th August, 11am. In the event of wet weather, Mass will take place at St Dunstan's church.

Volunteer Registrations for Lourdes pilgrimage closing soon There's not long left for volunteers to register for our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes in our centenary year. Head to https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk to find out more and register before 30th April. Aged 18-35? We'd love to welcome you along on our Young Adults Pilgrimage. youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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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VINE BRANCH FRUIT PRUNES
WORD HOME PLENTY THROWN
FIRE BURNT GLORY DISCIPLES

Chef - Cathedral House (replacement role)
Appointment Type: Part time, permanent
Working Hours: Weekend Hours
Location: Cathedral House, 250 Chapel Street, Salford, M3 5LE
Salary: £21,840 - £24,343 per annum (subject to pro-rata)
Find out more and apply at https://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