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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2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 19th January 2025

Dear Parishioners,

We have returned to ordinary time, and in the Gospel, Jesus finds Himself (and His mother and friends) as a guest at an ordinary wedding.

Were the couple friends and followers of Jesus?
Was He related to them?
Or was it a local celebration and all the neighbours were in attendance?

We will never know!

But there was a party!

And it was here at an ordinary party, not in the Synagogue or miles away in the Temple, but here, in a the small town of Cana, surrounded by strangers, family and friends, that Jesus gives us His first sign, performing His first public miracle. As the Gospel reminds us *"and His disciples believed in Him"*.

This moment reminds us that God is with us, he is with us in the nitty gritty of our normal lives. He is present in our celebrations and He is present in our grief; and being with us, He invites us to meet, to know and to believe in Him.

To recognise God amongst us, is a moment of joy and celebration, and yes perhaps it is the moment to raise (in moderation) a glass or two - because God is truly with us.

Pope Francis in 2016 whilst reflecting on the today's Gospel joked: "*Imagine ending the wedding feast drinking tea*".

But if we recognise God with us, if we choose to meet Jesus, the wedding feast , never ends!

God Bless.

Fr. Kieren

Weekly Mass Schedule		PARISH MASS TIMES
Tue	21	St. Agnes
10.00am	EM	Requiem Mass - W. Whitehead
Wed	22	
9.30am	SM	Mass
Thu	23	
9.30am	EM	Mass
Fri	24	St. Frances De Sales
11.00am	EM	Requiem Mass - B. Keenan
Sat	25	**Conversion of St. Paul**
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	EM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	26	**3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass
1.30pm	EM	Baptism

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 - 2025

CHILDRENS CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Saturday 9.30am - 11.00am (PC)
Catechesis on Sunday 9.45am - 11.15am (JR)

- Sat/Sun 8th/9th February
- Sat/Sun 1st/2nd March
- Sat/Sun 10th/11th May
- Sat/Sun 17th/18th May

PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- 6th February
- 6th March
- 8th May
- 22nd May

CELEBRATION LITURGY/MASSES

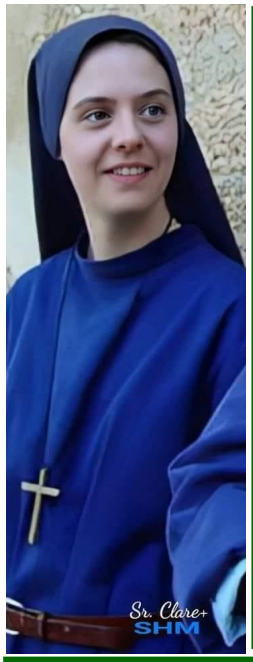
1st Sunday of Lent 9th/10th Mar
Attend any Sunday Mass

Sacrament of Reconciliation
11th & 12th March (6.30pm) SM

First Holy Communion Mass SM
14th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

First Holy Communion Mass OLOR
21st June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

First Holy Communion Mass EM
28th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church



Last weekend Sr. Clare was declared a "Servant of God" and her cause for canonisation was officially opened. Her life is inspirational and I think she can be a true example of faith for us all but especially our young Catholic's. To learn more about her watch: https://youtu.be/xSKiESB1Pfs

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

" Every baptised person not yet confirmed can and should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Since Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist form a unity".

The proposed date for the celebration of the sacrament is Wednesday 21st May 2025 at St. Hugh of Lincoln Church, with Bishop John (TBC).

The dates for Catechesis (which will take place in the Parish Centre 6.30pm) are as follows:

30th January
27th February
27th March

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace
Bridget Keenan, Patsy Dunne, Robert Moran, Celia Cross

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving, Fiona Hodgson, Yvonne McNichol

Anniversaries Masses
Vincent Fowler, Norah Coulson, Tom Kennedy, Andy Walsh, Bob Tupling, Anne McGrory, Carole McGurty

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Pam Clark, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Patrick Rogan, Angela Considine, Sheila Clegg, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Therese Williams, Little Rhia Brooke, Michelle Clegg, Gerry Smyth, Bride McLaughlin, Sian McManamon, Bernard Walker, Mark Daly, Amy, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford

Names of sick parishioners cannot be published without consent of the ***individual****.*

Masses are published as they are received.

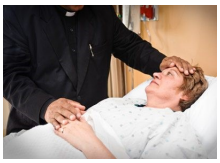
SALFORD LOURDES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes Bookings are now being taken for the 2025 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

This year's pilgrimage will take place between 31st July and 6th August.

For more information on how to book as a pilgrim or register as a volunteer, please visit https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk

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.*



CARITAS SUNDAY Did you know that on Sunday 26th January, we will be marking Caritas Sunday? This annual occasion is a great opportunity to celebrate work of our diocesan charity, Caritas Diocese of Salford. To find out more about the work of Caritas Salford and how you can get involved, please visit https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/caritas-sunday/. We invite you to keep our diocesan charity in your prayers over this coming week. There will be a retiring collection after all Sunday Masses next weekend.

JUBILEE YEAR PARISH PILGRIMAGE as a Parish we will be soon traveling to Assisi (I will arrange a meeting after my little break). Just a little reminder that all those who join the pilgrimage are granted an indulgence during this Jubilee Year. Here are the flight and hotel details:28th April 25. 10.15hrs Depart Manchester T3 arrive Rome 13.55hrs. 03rd May 25. Depart Rome 11.35hrs arrive Manchester 13.25hrs. Accommodation is at www.casaleonori.com There may be a couple of places still available. If you would like to join us please see Fr. K

Pilgrims of Hope and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford books on sale. Two brand new books, Pilgrims of Hope, and A Popular History of the Diocese of Salford, written by Monsignor John Allen have gone on sale - with proceeds going to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford. The books, which give fascinating insights into the Catholic history of Greater Manchester and Lancashire can be purchased from the Caritas: www.caritassalford.org.uk/pilgrimbook and www.caritassalford.org.uk/historybook

APF Red Boxes. If you have sent your Red Box in for emptying, and have not yet had it returned. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange collection. Thank you Amanda

NIFTY50+ The first meeting for 2025 is on Tuesday 21st Jan at 1:00pm in the Jubilee Room at St Monica's. We start our year with a Free and easy afternoon, Tea Coffee Mince Pies and a good chat with Friends and Parishioners, if you have an interest in the Group and have not been to a meeting just come along and introduce yourself you will be guaranteed a warm welcome and a pleasant afternoon, Quiz, Bingo, Raffle included in the entertainment.

ST. MONICA'S CARPARK if anybody parked in the carpark during the Vigil Mass (4th January) and has noticed any damage to their car, could you please contact the Parish Office during office hours (see front of newsletter). Can I also remind all parishioners who attend St. Monica's church, that if you don't have a blue badge could you strive to park in the carpark rather than on Woodsend South Road.

Prayer Group. Please note from Tuesday 9th December meetings will take place in people's homes from 2pm till 4pm. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Bernice Breary 0161 748 9885.

Caritas is buzzing about new launch... Have you seen the special short animation and new campaign for Advent from our diocesan charity Caritas Salford? This year they are asking people to make a real difference this Christmas and not make it all about the tinsel, the parties, and the supermarket queues. Watch the specially created animation, find out more, donate, or take part in the appeal in another way: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

Pilgrims of Hope Jubilee in our Diocese Pope Francis has declared that the year 2025 will be a Holy Year of Jubilee for the Catholic Church, an event that takes place once every 25 years and offers the faithful an opportunity to renew their relationship with God, each other, and all of creation. Over the coming months, there will be plenty of opportunities for you to observe this special year of grace in our own diocese. To find out more about the Jubilee and how to get involved, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/

Jubilee of Youth - Pilgrimage to Rome Young adults across the diocese are invited to join our diocesan Youth Ministry Team for a special pilgrimage to Rome next year. Pilgrims will be travelling to Rome for the Jubilee of Youth, announced by Pope Francis at the 2023 World Youth Day. Our pilgrimage will take place between 28 July and 4 August. Email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

Accessible Prayer Walk The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with diocesan charity Caritas Salford to host an accessible prayer walk. The session offers an opportunity to explore the beautiful, accessible grounds of the Laudato Si' Centre along with a peaceful prayer reflection, taking place between 10 and 11.30am on Friday 31 January. Find out more and register by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Advice as energy bills continue to rise If you, anyone you know, or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford has put together some helpful advice on their website. You can find out more by visiting https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/fuel-poverty-challenges/ and can also find details on the website page on how to arrange a session with their energy advice service team.

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 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 (Sept 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 cooperation of the Head teacher and Head of RE.

TRAFFORD NORTH FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church (English Martyrs). To donate directly Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

The Code of Canon Law states:

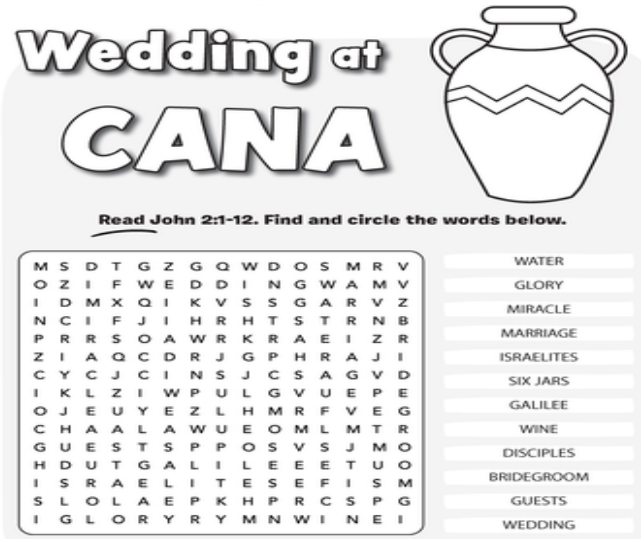
"Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth"

(867)

As a Parish, 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 must be treated as an adult and must follow an adapted RCIA programme.



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 Marie & Andrew, Rebecca & David, Shannon & Connor, Natalie & Jamie, Ella & Ben, Roisin & James, Lorna & Jonathan as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together in 2025!

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

Please scan the QR code to learn more.

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: Mrs Hannah Groves
(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