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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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 23rd February 2025

Dear Parishioners,

It's not often that theology (the King of all science) becomes a talking point within politics and especially concerning current US (and I suppose therefore European) economic and social policy.

And yet very recently the Vice President of the US, J.D Vance, recently quoted the Catholic concept - as developed by both Ss. Augustine & Thomas Aquinas - but not doctrine of *ordo amoris* (rightly ordered love), which led to an invigorating trans-Atlantic "X" debate with the former government minister Rory Stewart, and finally the intervention of Pope Francis as he wrote recently to the Bishops' of the US.

Basically, the concept (not doctrine) argues that acts of love/charity begin locally and then move outwards - for example we love our family first and the stranger second.

Logically such an approach seems obvious, and then we listen to words of Jesus in the Gospel today, and we discover why this concept is not Catholic doctrine. Remember, just because a saint may say or write something, it doesn't mean the Church teaches it!

In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us what the true *ordo amoris* is.

Jesus (and we follow what He - God - teaches) states clearly:

For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?

Jesus doesn't invite us to love easily, but rather to love sacrificially, to love as He loves. He invites us to reach out of our comfort zone and love difficultly ... the stranger, the outcast or as we hear today our enemy.

Theology should discussed more in the public sphere, maybe we would get better politics and eventually a better world.

God Bless

Fr. Kieren

PARISH MASS TIMES

Tue	**25**	
9.300am	**EM**	Mass.
Wed	**26**	
9.30am	**SM**	Mass
11.00am	**EM**	Funeral - Anthony Ryan
Thu	**27**	
9.00am	**EM**	Mass
6.30pm	**PC**	Confirmation Catechesis
Fri	**28**	
10.00am	**EM**	Requiem Mass - Denis Farr
Sat	01	**St. David - Solemnity**
9.30am	PC	Catechesis SP
11.00am	EM	Mass
1.00pm	SM	Baptism
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	**02**	**8th Sunday of Ordinary Time**
9.30am	**EM**	Mass
9.45am	**JR**	Catechesis SP
11.30am	**SM**	Mass
1.30pm	**SM**	Baptism

FAMILY FAST DAY - FRIDAY 14TH MARCH

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 - 2025

CHILDRENS CATECHESIS

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

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

PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- 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

#Lent 2025

Ash Wednesday isn't too far away, and there is no harm beginning to prepare for this day of fasting and abstinence.

5th March 2025

9.30am. Mass (SM) with school
9.30am. Service (OLOR) with School
1.30pm. Mass (EM) with school
6.00pm. Mass (EM)

GETTING READY FOR LENT

It is always important to begin to prepare ourselves for this great season, below are some liturgies that will be taking place.

From the 1st Sunday of Lent:

7.30am Mass every Friday in Lent (English Martyrs')

6.00pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday in Lent (English Martyrs')

12.00pm Stations every Wednesday in Lent (St. Monica's)
3.00pm Stations every Friday in lent (English Martyrs')

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 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:

27th February
27th March

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace
Owen McKeever, Carol Varley

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving,

Anniversaries Masses
Celia Sabelimo, Charles Doherty

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, Tom Parry, Mary Doolan

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

Masses are published as they are received.

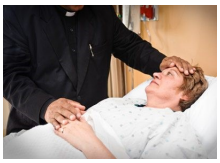
SALFORD LOURDES

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.*



A SAFEGUARDING REMINDER children **MUST** not go to the toilet during Mass unless they are accompanied by a parent.

DIOCESAN BAPTISM POLICY I'm often getting questions regarding baptism. I have provided a summary of the policy on the back of the newsletter. However, can I remind parishioners that only the parent of a child may arrange a baptism. If you regularly attend Mass (practising Catholic - I hate that term) then you don't have to wait 6 weeks, but can immediately book the baptism. If you would like to read the full policy: https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Forming-young-people-for-life-Policy-Nov-2016.pdf

IMPACT GROUP & LOURDES There are 12 aspiring volunteers that will be going to Lourdes this year from our Impact! group. The trip is a chance for them to strengthen their faith and learn the true meaning of empathy. The cost per person is £669.00 but we are hoping to subsidise the cost. On Saturday the 5th April we will be holding an 80's night, tickets are £20 for adults and £10 for children (16 and under) there will be food, entertainment and fancy dress is mandatory. It looks like a fabulous night so please support us and come along. If you would like tickets please use the QR code for our JustGiving page and make sure you put your name and the number of tickets required. Thank you for your support

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

Jubilee for Communications In celebration of the Holy Year, we are having a Jubilee of Jubilees to shine a light on a number of different themes represented in our diocese. We begin with our Jubilee for Communications, in which we explore this month's Gospels to reflect on how we can share the Good News in our world today. Access the resources now at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/

RETIRED CLERGY FUND Diocesan Retired Priests' Fund is a vital resource that provides accommodation, care, and support to our clergy during their retirement. There will be a Second Collection on the First Sunday of Lent (9th March).

Jubilee Book Signing Event A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to celebrate the launch of two new books about our diocese by Mgr John Allen - 'A popular history of the Diocese of Salford' and 'Pilgrims of Hope: Out and About in Salford Diocese'. 3rd March at 5pm at St Patrick's Church, in Collyhurst. You can book your free place now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/booksigning.

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Week year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on Tuesday 4 March at 11am at Wardley Hall. Contact: joankfmsj@gmail.com or call 0161 971 7842 to find out more.

'Understanding our Everyday Beliefs' Retreat A three-day Lenten retreat is taking place at the Loreto Spirituality Centre In Llandudno in March to help people reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. The course explores three core topics: Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church and will take place between Wednesday 12 March and Saturday 15 March 2025. Further information is available at www.loretocentre.org.uk

Are you aged between 18 and 35 or know someone who is? Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford is looking for young adult volunteers to join their governance committee as co-opted members to help shape the charity in the coming months and years.
Find out more about how you can help tackle poverty, homelessness, disadvantage, and displacement in our parish communities at www.caritassalford.org.uk/youngadultboard

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025 Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its next annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025 or call 0161 817 2209

World Day of Prayer - Friday 7th March This year's theme is "I have made you wonderful" based on the words of Psalm 139 and celebrating God's care and attention in our creation. The service, prepared by Christian women of Cooke Island, is being hosted at St Clement's Church on Manor Ave Urmston from 3-5.30pm

Primary ECT Pool 2025 Are you looking for a career in teaching? Do you know someone who is training for a career in primary education? ECT (Early Career Teachers) due to gain Qualified Teacher Status in Summer 2025 are being invited to apply for recommendation for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2025. Email millie.burton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and apply or call 0161 817 220.

Annual St Joseph's Technical High School Reunion Mass The reunion will take place on Saturday 22nd March 2025 at St Bernard's RC Church, Burnage. Mass begins at 12 noon, with opportunity for confession and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 11am. Please arrive by 11.30am to sign in. Refreshments will be available in the parish hall after Mass.

Jubilee for Interfaith and Ecumenism To mark this month's celebrations, our Episcopal Vicar for Dialogue has written a number of reflections encouraging us to consider how we are called to walk with pilgrims of other faiths in peace and harmony. Read more at https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/jubilee-2025/calendar/

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 2025) will be invited from the beginning of May 2025 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 2025) 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"

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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.

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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