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 Pascha (Easter) 2025

Dear Parishioners,
As I prepare this edition of the weekly newsletter, we still have no idea who will be the next Pope, of course this is likely to be different on Sunday.

It struck me this week that as a priest I have experienced 3 Conclaves, and during each Conclave the media reaction has been generally the same. The focus has been on intrigue, politics, progressives and conservatives - secular matters, and little if no attention on the fact that the Parish priests of Rome (the Cardinals) are entrusted with the solemn task of not only electing the next Bishop Rome, but also the successor of Peter; who was given the vocation to feed and teach the flock of the Good Shepherd; Jesus Himself.

Each of us, have in turn, been entrusted with a vocation, each is different, but all call us to holiness. Our vocations given to us, by Jesus Himself, can often become hidden behind the passing priorities of our secular world; and yet each of us are being called by Him.

As our Parish Patron Saint - St. John Henry Newman reminds us: *God has created me to do him some definite service; He has committed some work to me which he has not committed to another.*

Discover that "definite service", that vocation that God has given you - it will truly change your life; as you will become who you were created to be.

Fr.K

PARISH MASS TIMES

Tue	***13***	***Easter Weekday***
9.30am	***SM***	Mass
Wed	***14***	***St. Matthias***
9.30am	***SM***	Mass
Thu	***15***	***Easter Weekday***
9.30am	***SM***	Mass
Fri	***16***	***Easter Weekday***
9.30am	***SM***	Mass
Sat	***17***	***Easter Weekday***
9.30am	***PC***	Catechesis - Saturday Cohort
11.00am	***EM***	Mass
5.00pm	***SM***	Confession
5.30pm	***SM***	Vigil Mass
Sun	***18***	***5th Sunday of Easter***
9.45am	***JR***	Catechesis - Sunday Cohort
9.30am	***EM***	Mass
11.30am	***SM***	Mass
1.30pm	***EM***	Baptism

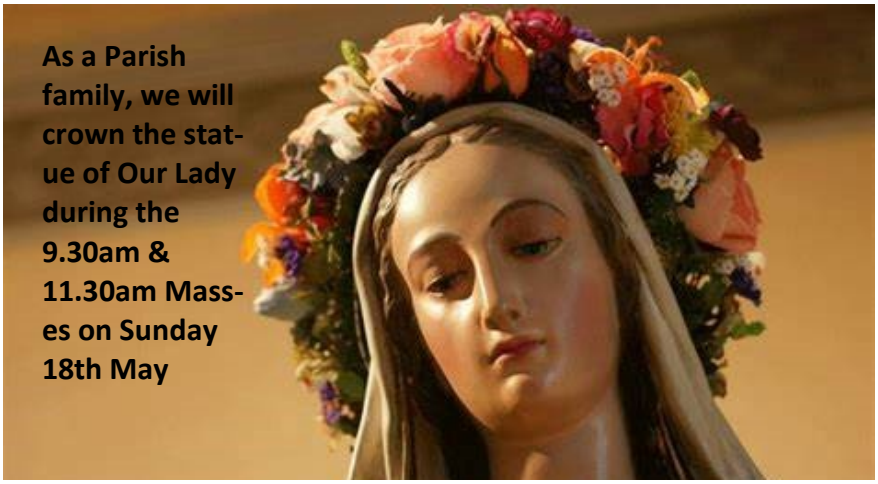
Vocation Sunday/Good Shepherd Sunday

Today we pray for vocations, especially vocations to the Priesthood and Religious/Consecrated Life.

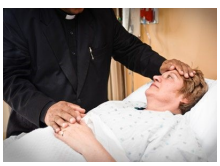
There will be a retiring collection after all Masses (sorry for the short notice) for the Ecclesiastical Education Fund (Fund).

More importantly, please pray for the priests that you know (and perhaps don't) in the Diocese of Salford - we do need and appreciate them.

St. Ambrose Barlow, pray for us



IMPORTANT INFORMATION!!! HOSPITAL CHAPLAINCY CARE 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.*



Mass Intentions

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Micheal Donnelly, Josie Behan, Patrick Eckersley, Maureen Bartlett, Austin Hanlon, Patrick McGuiehan

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, successful operation

Anniversaries Masses

Mary Caine, Mary Boylan (3), John McPhillips, Mary Doherty, Martin Cassidy, Margaret Dearden

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, 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, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford, Tom Parry, Mary Doolan

Names cannot be published without consent of the individual.

Masses are published as they are received.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2024 - 2025

CHILDRENS CATECHESIS

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

- Sat/Sun 17th/18th May

PARENT CATECHESIS

Catechesis on Thursday 6.30pm (PC)

- 22nd May

Holy Communion Mass SM

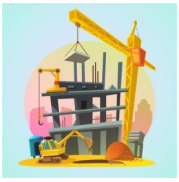
14th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

Holy Communion Mass OLOR

21st June (Noon) St. Monica's Church

Holy Communion Mass EM

28th June (Noon) St. Monica's Church



BUILDING UPDATE please note that repair work will begin in English Martyrs' Church on 12th May - this Monday (hopefully for only 2 weeks). This will not affect Sunday Mass (or any booked baptisms), however all weekday Masses during the period of repair will be celebrated at St. Monica's.

HOLY COMMUNION 2025-2026 the new programme will begin after the Summer. I would like to invite parents of children currently in Year 2 to an Introductory Meeting on Wednesday 11th June (6.15pm) in the Parish Centre (Davyhulme Road).

EASTER WATER Throughout the Easter Octave and Easter Season do not forgot to collect some Easter Warter. This Easter water may be taken home to bless the house, as well as Easter food.

ENVELOPES If you haven't collected you envelopes they have been moved to the Parish Office, please contact Amanda directly to arrange pick up.

"Come and See" Day for the Permanent Diaconate On Saturday 17th May, our diocesan vocations team will be holding a "Come and See" event for anyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. Whether you're discerning a possible vocation to this wonderful ministry, or would just like to learn more about the work of a permanent deacon and how that supports our parishes, our vocations team is on hand to help you discover more. Join us for our drop-in session at St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst, any time after 10am Mass and before 3pm. Email: diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lindisfarne Young pilgrims in Years 7, 8, and 9 are invited to join the Diocese of Salford's Youth Ministry Team for a faith-filled pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne. The pilgrimage will be led by Bishop John Arnold and will take place between 20-22 June. To find out more, please email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2214.

Good Shepherd Sunday - Prayer for Vocations As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday today, we invite you to join us in praying for priestly vocations to our diocese as we say: *Heavenly Father, in the great love you have for your people, we ask you to inspire men in our diocese to respond to your call to priestly life. Mould their hearts, Lord, after the Sacred Heart of your Son, so that they may grow in love and serve with joy. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.*

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025

Mass to Celebrate Jubilee Wedding Anniversaries Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3rd June at 7pm at St Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass.
Email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CROWNING OF MARY https://forms.office.com/r/M9HuNRTSR4 As part of our devotions to Mary during the month of May, we will be crowning a statue of Our Lady on Sunday 18th May at both 9.30 and 11.30am masses. In keeping with tradition, we are looking for two girls to volunteer to crown the statue of Our Lady during masses on Sunday 18th May. If you would like your daughter to be considered for the honour, please complete the form below by Friday 16th May. If we have lots of interest, one girl will be selected from random for each Mass.

Whit Walk The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration. Taking place on Monday 26th May, the walk will begin at 9:30am 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!

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club The Diocese of Salford's environment hub, The Laudato Si' Centre, is delighted to announce a regular gardening club. Parish groups and volunteers are invited to join the team at the Centre to explore top tips, and to come together in shared faith to care for our common home. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more.

The Impact! group would like to say a huge thanks to our wonderful parishioners. Thanks to you, our 11 Aspiring Volunteers are able to go to Lourdes with minimal cost - we are blown away by your generosity. This is such a wonderful experience for the children and you have made that possible so thank you so much. When we return from Lourdes, we will be putting on an afternoon tea to say thank you to everyone. The kids will present a slideshow of their time in Lourdes and will talk to people about it. We are also hoping to bring some holy water back with us. If you have any petitions that you would like us to take please contact Tracy Reece on 07930 489114 and she will collect them from you.

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"
(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 aged 7 or over they are treated as an adult and must follow an adapted RCIA programme.

To read the full diocesan policy:
https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Forming-young-people-for-life-Policy-Nov-2016.pdf

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SHEEPFOLD THIEF BRIGAND
SHEPHERD FLOCK GATEKEEPER
STRANGER PARABLE PASTURE
STEAL KILL LIFE

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