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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16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 20th July 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I've always felt - as the Church does - that there is a place for both Mary and Martha as positive examples of living out the faith. There is room to be both reflective contemplatives and pro-active missionaries.

As the body of Christ we can be "doing" and "being" we can be Martha and Mary!

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals		
Tue 9.30am	22 EM	St Mary Magdalen Mass
Wed 9.30am	23 EM	St Bridget of Sweeden Mass
Thu 9.30am	24 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	25 SM	St James Mass
Sat 10.00am Noon 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	26 EM EM EM SM SM	 Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	27 EM SM EM	17th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Mass Baptism

I certainly believe that unless time is spent in prayer, rest and reflection - unless we make the effort to "be" in silence and "be" with Him (this is why priests need a day off, holidays and retreats) then it becomes impossible to live out our Catholic faith, we won't be able to "do" the Gospel!

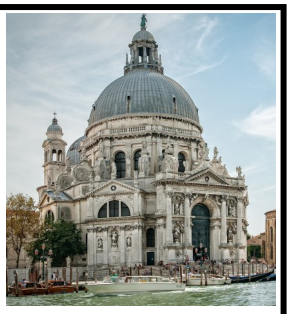
We will soon be entering holiday time, please use it well, rest and be still, recharge your batteries, spend time with loved ones - but also He who loves you. And when you return, let us together join Martha and get busy proclaiming the Gospel!

CAN YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

As a Parish family with 3 Primary Schools I am always looking to recruit new and strengthen the current Governing Bodies. Foundation Governors are appointed in the name of the Bishop by the Episcopal Delegate for Education and they form the majority of the Board. They have a legal duty to preserve and develop the Catholic ethos of the school and to ensure that it is conducted in accordance with its Trust Deed. Their responsibility is not only to consider the interests of their individual school or college but also the interests of other schools and colleges and Catholic education in general across the Diocese. Nominees would not be expected to have a direct knowledge of current education law, of school organisation or governance but should be willing to learn and dedicate reasonable time to their responsibilities. Potential governors would be expected to have a genuine commitment to the educational, personal and spiritual development of students and in particular to the wellbeing of the school community as a whole, and to attend all relevant diocesan training. Supportive packs and appropriate training opportunities will be made available. To be a Foundation Governor you must be over 18 and a practising Catholic. If you think that you can make a real difference and would like to find out a little more simply visit the website below:

www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/governance/

A LITTLE BIT OF HOLIDAY FUN Our schools are now breaking up for the summer holidays and many of our Parish families will b e enjoying a well earnt break. If you are going away, why not visit a local Catholic Church (even go to Mass … we should never take a break from our wonderful Catholic faith!)?



If you do visit a church please take a photo and send it to me via email (please do not have your children in the photo) and it might make it into the summer Parish newsletters.

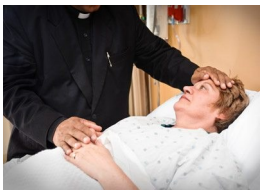
No names or addresses will be advertised, and adults can take part too!!

DIOCESAN SYNOD IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE

Our Diocese continues its journey of renewal and listening, begun by the Synod process. A Synod Implementation Team has been formed to guide 4 key areas identified at our voting day in March. Each grouping of Leadership and Collaboration, Community and Outreach, Young People and Schools, and Spirituality and Formation, have their own dedicated subgroup. As these teams begin their work, two recommendations are already developing. The Community and Outreach group is recommending the establishment of "Welcomer Teams" in every Parish. Parishes are encouraged to share their good practise on Welcome and are asked to form Teams by the 1st Sunday of Advent. Ideas and opinions are also being gathered which hopefully will promote appropriate support structures for our clergy. Let us continue to pray that we may discern what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church, and to our Diocese, in these times.

Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. +John

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

Julie Burgess,

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, in thanksgiving of a speedy recovery,

Anniversaries Masses

Bill Lowe, Tommy Whittle, Ted Carr, Michael Carr

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

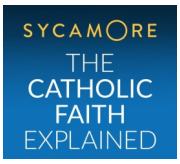
John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Angela Considine, Sheila Clegg, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Little Rhia Brooke, Michelle Clegg, Gerry Smyth, Bridie McLaughlin, Sian McManamon, Bernard Walker, Mark Daly, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford, Tom Parry, Mary Doolan, Michael Rice, Margaret Barker, Mike Boswell, Paul Hales

Names cannot be published without consent of the individual.

Masses are published as they are received.

MARIAN HYMN The Church sings the following after Vespers/Compline until the beginning of Advent, many of us know it as the "Hail Holy Queen", give it a go and perhaps you too can sing with the Pope! **Salve Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra salve. Ad te clamamus, exules filii Evae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes, in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia ergo, advocate nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos, ad nos converte. Et Jesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O Clemens, o pia, o dulcis virgo Maria.**

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025-2026 enrolment forms for the programme are now available after all Sunday (including Saturday Vigil) Masses. **Please note that there are now NO places available on the Sunday catechesis cohort and that all children will now be enrolled onto the Saturday catechesis.**



Many people are seeking to explore the Christian faith or deepen the faith they already have. Sycamore looks at the central beliefs and practices of Catholic Christianity. Topics include the search for happiness, the existence of God, the death and Resurrection of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, the Church, the Bible, the gift of faith, and the power of prayer. Should you feel this is something you wish to pursue we are beginning the above course from September 2025 (Exact date and time TBC soon) – please register your interest by speaking to Deacon John

CEMETERY MASS will be celebrated at 12 noon on Monday 25th August, outside the Roman Catholic Chapel in Southern cemetery. In the event of poor weather, Mass will be celebrated in St. Ambrose Church. All are warmly invited to join us for this meaningful occasion of remembrance and prayer.

FANCY A WALK? Our diocesan charity Caritas Diocese of Salford invites you to take part in a leisurely 7-mile walk for adults (18+) to raise money for people experiencing poverty, homelessness, and disadvantage in our diocese. The walk takes place on Saturday 13th September and takes in the beautiful sights of the Tolkien Trail in the Ribble Valley. Find out more at www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk

PETITIONS FOR LOURDES members of the Parish IMPACT! Group will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this year. If you have any petitions could you pass them to Fr. K.

Leadership Are you involved in any form of ministry in the Church? Are you interested in doing more or would like to expand your skills in pastoral leadership? Liverpool Hope University has partnered with several Catholic dioceses, including the Diocese of Salford, to help people gain fresh perspectives on Scripture and Church teaching. You can follow the two-year course online and also opt to take this course as a postgraduate certificate. To find out more, please email m.mui@rcaol.org.uk.

Becoming Confident Catechists - An Introduction to the Ministry of Catechist A new course for catechists is set to take place at St Patrick's in Collyhurst. It is suitable for catechists or prospective catechists working with baptism parents, First Communion parents and children, confirmation candidates, RCIA catechists, and more. The course consists of six sessions, taking place between 7pm and 9pm every Wednesday, from 3rd September. If you are a catechist or prospective catechist who might be interested in joining these sessions email paul.daly@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for more detailed information and to register.

CAFOD In this jubilee year CAFOD is working with our sister Caritas organisations around the world to call for urgent action on the global debt crisis. Many of the world's poorest countries are suffering huge debt burdens with devastating impact on ordinary people. Pope Francis spoke about the need many times saying, ''More than a question of generosity, this is a matter of justice.'' Please sign the worldwide Church petition after Mass, which will be available in the first two weekends of August..

Thursday Club. The next meeting will be on Thursday 24th July at 1pm in the Parish Centre. This will be the last meeting before the summer holidays. The meetings will recommence on Thursday September 11th at 1pm in the Parish Centre. We hope you all have a happy holiday.

Hope for our Common Home Pilgrimage The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is teaming up with the Columban Missionaries in Britain. Thursday 25th September, this prayerful experience offers opportunities for everyone, whether taking on our nine-mile pilgrimage walk, joining us for our liturgies throughout the day, or receiving our virtual pilgrimage pack to explore in your own time. To find out more and to register, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/hope-for-our-common-home/

Family Forest Fun Mornings Gather the family together to celebrate God's creation with Family Forest Fun Mornings at the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre. Taking place between 10am-12.30pm over the first three Tuesdays of August, these sessions are packed with a range of activities that teach us more about the wonder of creation. Find out more and register at https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/family-forest-fun-mornings/

Silent Retreat Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre between 9.30am - 3.30pm on Friday 1 August for a prayerful silent retreat. Begin the day with a tour of Wardley Hall and the Laudato Si' Centre before spending time in silent prayer, reflection, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The day ends with Outdoor Mass and a final opportunity for reflection. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and register.

FAMILY AND GROUP STAYS AT CASTLERIGG MANOR THIS AUGUST Castlerigg Manor is a Retreat Centre in the Lake District, owned by the Diocese of Lancaster, and this summer they are opening their doors to family groups, individuals and other small groups. A good option for anyone looking for a budget get-away in a beautiful part of the country. Book at https://castleriggmanor.com/open/ or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.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 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

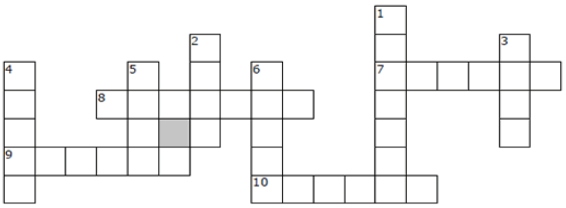
The Code of Canon Law states:
"Parents are obliged to see to it that infants are baptised within the first weeks after birth"
(867)

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



ACROSS
7. To pay attention to what someone says
8. To be concerned about something; to be troubled
9. A spoken or written reply to a question
10. A female having the same parents as another person

DOWN
1. A very small town
2. Activity, such as a job, which a person performs; labor
3. To give assistance to someone
4. An adult female human
5. The place where a family lives
6. The son of God

work	worried	Jesus	sister	village
answer	help	listen	woman	home

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, Natalie & Joseph, 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