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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18th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 3rd August 2025

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you don't mind, but I would like to speak this week about one of my favourite saints. I discovered Edith Stein (St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross), whilst I was in seminary when I friend sent my a prayer card from the Carmelite Monastery in Darlington, and on that card was a simple sentence written by Edith: *The essence of love, is the gift of self.* This sentence caught my imagination and I began to seek out her writings.

Edith was an atheistic Jew and a prominent philosopher in the early 20th Century, she specialised in phenomenology and taught at the University of Freiburg.

She had a radical conversion to Christ and eventually became a Catholic and Carmelite. During Nazi persecution, Jewish Catholics were arrested and both Edith and her sister Rosa were executed in Auschwitz. She was canonised on 11th October 1998.

The context of that little sentence is found in this quote:

"God is love, and Love is goodness giving itself away. It is a fullness of being that does not want to remain enclosed in itself, but rather to share itself with others, to give itself to them, and to make them happy."

God gives Himself to us.

For Edith this is the beating heart of our Catholic faith. God gives Himself to us, in Jesus and through His Church (the sacraments) not for Himself and His needs; but for our good.

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals		
Tue **9.30am**	**5** **EM**	Mass
Wed **9.30am**	**6** **SM**	The Transfiguration Mass
Thu **9.30am**	**7** **EM**	Mass
Fri **9.30am**	**8** **SM**	St Dominic Mass
Sat **10.00am** **11.00am** **1.00pm** **5.00pm** **5.30pm**	**9** **EM** **EM** **SM** **SM** **SM**	St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Adoration & Confession Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun **9.30am** **11.30am** **1.00pm**	**10** **EM** **SM** **SM**	19th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Mass Baptism

That is why she can later write, with all the certainty of a Philosopher, but also with the faith of true disciple:

"*This heart, it beats for us in a small tabernacle where it remains mysteriously hidden in that still, white host.*"

God's gives Himself to us, because we are loved, we are loved more than we can ever know!

God Bless

Fr. K

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

Catechesis/Celebrations

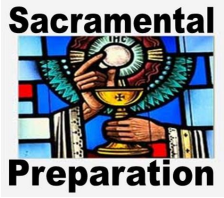
Sat 27th September 11.00am	St. Monica's
Thurs 9th October 6.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 11th October 9.30am	Parish Centre
Sun 12th October 9.45am	Jubilee Room
Sun 19th October 11.30am PRESENTATION MASS	**St. Monica's**
Thurs 4th December 6.30pm	Parish Centre
Sat 6th December 9.30am	Parish Centre
Sun 7th December 9,45am	Jubilee Room
13/14th December	**Bambino Mass**
22nd January 6.30pm	Parish Centre
24th January 9.30am	Parish Centre
25th January 9.45am	Jubilee Room
5th February 6.30pm	Parish Centre
7th February 9.30am	Parish Centre
8th February 9.45am	Jubilee Room
24th February 6.30pm 1st CONFESSION SM	
25th February 6.30pm 1st CONFESSION SM	
7th/8th March	**Lenten Mass**
19th March 6.30pm	Parish Centre
21st March 9.30am	Parish Centre
22nd March 9.45am	Jubilee Room
16th April 6.30pm	Parish Centre
18th April 9.30am	Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am	Jubilee Room

OLOR 1st HC Mass 25th Apil NOON (SM)

SM 1st HC Mass 9th May NOON (SM)

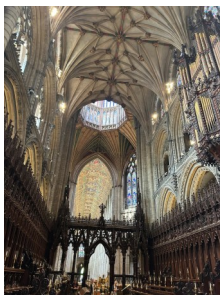
EM 1st HC Mass 16th May NOON (SM)

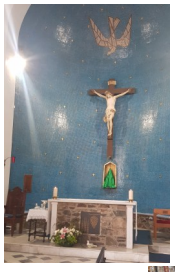
For children in non-Parochial Schools please choose either 9th or 16th May for 1st Holy Communion Mass.

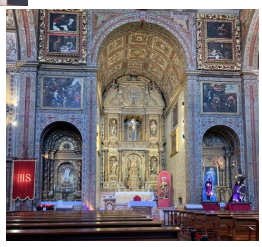


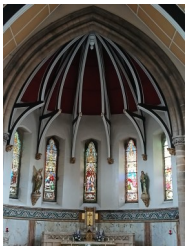
A LITTLE BIT OF HOLIDAY FUN

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.









Mass Intentions

Lately Dead

Requiescat in pace

Sheila Simpson, Ita Conway, Tony McPartland

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, in thanksgiving of a speedy recovery, a successful operation, Kathleen O'Neill, in thanksgiving for Bradley Roberts, Safe travels

Anniversaries Masses

Michael Carr, Bernadette Gallagher, Carol O'Dowd, Vincent Sheedy

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, Josie Fitton, Kathleen O'Neill

Names cannot be published without consent of the individual.

Masses are published as they are received.

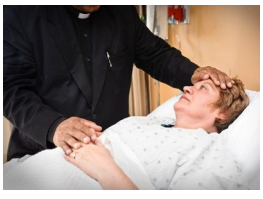
God is there in these moments of rest and can give us, in a single instant, exactly what we need. Then the rest of the day can take its course, under the same effort and strain, perhaps, but in peace.

And when night comes and you look back over the day and see how fragmentary everything has been and how much you planned that has gone undone and all the reasons you have to be embarrassed and ashamed, just take everything, exactly as it is, put it in God's hands and leave it with Him.

Then you will be able to rest in Him - really rest - and start the next day as a new life.

Edith Stein
St. Benedicta of the Cross

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.*



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. The deadline for the return of registration forms is 15th August.**

CONTINUING THE CONVERSATION I hope that many of you have now read the minutes from the Finance/ Building and Parish Steering Group meeting. Inspired by the Diocesan Synod there will be a Parish meeting on 25th September (6.30pm) in the Parish centre. This meeting is not intended to make decisions but to help us as a Parish begin to ask important questions as we grow into the future. Please consider attending!

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

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.

ENGLISH MARTYRS' as We are now looking for a new Head teacher and the advert is up on the Emmaus website: https://emamauscat.com/vacancy/headteacher-2/

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. Please sign the worldwide Church petition after Mass, which will be available in the first two weekends of August..

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/

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION if you are beginning Yr 8 (or older) in September and would like to join the Confirmation, you are invited to attend an information meeting on Thursday 16th October (6.00pm) in English Martyrs' Church. I will be writing to all the local Secondary Schools in September and ask that a reminder may be placed in the newsletters.

Outdoor Mass for Season of Creation This September welcomes back the Season of Creation - a month-long campaign that invites us to reflect on our call to be loving stewards of God's creation. We invite you to join us in beginning this time of reflection with an outdoor Mass in the Laudato Si' Centre. Mass takes place on Monday 1st September at 9.30am. laudato-si@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 2025) will be invited 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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SHARE FRIEND JUDGE
ARBITRATOR AVARICE PARABLE
RICH HARVEST TREASURE

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.

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, Rose & Martin, Natalie & Joseph, Lorna & Jonathan as they prepare to celebrate the sacrament together in 2025!

OUR CATHOLIC PARISH AND DIOCESAN SCHOOLS

DIOCESE OF SALFORD

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

English Martyrs
Wycliffe Road, Urmston.
Head teacher: Mrs J Dunn (acting)
(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