The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

Parish Priest: Fr. Kieren Mullarkey
kieren.mullarkey@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
The Presbytery, 5 Roseneath Road, Urmston, M41 5AX
Phone: (0161) 7482328
Deacon: Rev. John Walsh

Parish Admin: Amanda.Craven@dioceseofsalford.org.uk
Safeguarding Rep: Mrs. Amanda Craven
Parish Centre: (0161) 747 9173 (bookings - bar - via SDC)
sjhnpc@sdc-trading.co.uk
SVP : 07495251598

St John Henry Newman, Urmston

If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

27th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 5th October 2025

Dear Parishioners,

To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have changed often.

This quote came from St John Henry Newman came to mind as I listened to the Pastoral letter from Bishop John last weekend. A letter inviting us to engage in synodal process begun in the Diocese. I wholeheartedly recommend this process to you and encourage you to engage in any and all initiatives that will be set out in Advent. However, I believe that in order for synodal process to be successful then it needs to start here at home, in the Parish.

Last week, I invited you to attend a meeting to "continue the conversation", to begin in a synodal way to look creatively and honestly at the Parish and reflect upon what we might see in 5, 10 and 20 years.

Sadly less than 10 parishioners attended. Granted it will always be difficult to arrange these kinds of meetings, but it is impossible to have a conversation when nobody is engaging.

Our faith should never stand still, it should always find itself engaged with and challenged by the world (and even the Bishop) through which we meet God. It is through that engagement, through that conversation that our faith grows - we grow. And, what is true of our faith is true of the Church, as the Church is the faithful.

Don't be afraid to join the conversation, let your faith grow!

Fr. Kieren

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals

Tue 9.30am	07 EM	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass
Wed 9.30am	08 SM	 Mass
Thu 9.30am 6.30pm	09 EM PC	St John Henry Newman - Parish Solemnity Mass Parent Catechesis
Fri 9.30am	10 SM	 Mass
Sat 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	11 PC EM EM SM SM	 Catechesis - Saturday Cohort Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 9.45am 11.30am 1.30pm	12 EM JR SM EM	**28th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Catechesis - Sunday Cohort Mass Baptism

"With Christians, a poetical view of things is a duty. We are bid to colour all things with hues of faith, to see a divine meaning in every event."

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

Catechesis/Celebrations
Parent meetings are marked in **GREEN**

Thurs 9th Oct 6.30pm **Parish Centre**

Sat 11th October 9.30am — Parish Centre
Sun 12th October 9.45am — Jubilee Room

Sun 19th October 11.30am **St. Monica's**
PRESENTATION MASS

Thurs 4th Dec 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**

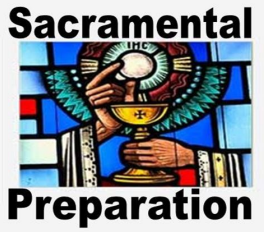
18th April 9.30am — Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am — Jubilee Room

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.



SYCAMORE (7:00pm -9:00pm) in the Jubilee Room @ St Monica's.

Please see below the dates to continue the Sycamore journey:

Monday 6th October
Monday 20th October
Monday 3rd November
Monday 17th November
Monday 1st December
Monday 15th December

NB: Dates for 2026 will be published in the newsletter before Christmas 2025.

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.

A LITTLE REMINDER the Parish Office is closed on Monday. Amanada works in the Parish Wednesday - Friday only. If you have enquires regarding baptisms or weddings please "phone" the Parish Office for information, If you email or contact via the Parish social media you will be advised to contact the Office. Please do not attempt to contact the Parish via the website as for some reason (diocesan internet security) enquiries are forwarded o JUNK.

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace
Jerzy Kowalski, Tom Caunce, Mary Bohan

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, deceased members of the SVP, Ciaran Connolly, Mike Boswell, Mark Boswell, Laura Boswell, Winnie & Tom McDermott, Kaye & Bill Boswell

Anniversaries Masses
Stewart Kidd, Julia Kenny, Joan O'Connor, Michael Mulcahy, Betty Keilty, Patrick Piercy, Josh McCormac, Mary McLoughlin

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Angela Considine, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Little Rhia Brooke, 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, Alan Walsh, Krystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega

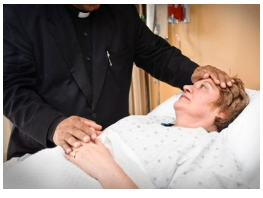
Names cannot be published without consent of the individual.
Masses are published as they are received.

God knows what is my greatest happiness, but I do not. There is no rule about what is happy and good; what suits one would not suit another. And the ways by which perfection is reached vary very much; the medicines necessary for our souls are very different from each other.

Thus God leads us by strange ways; we know He wills our happiness, but we neither know what our happiness is, nor the way. We are blind; left to ourselves we should take the wrong way; we must leave it to Him.

St John Henry Newman

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.*



ALTAR SERVERS we are recruiting for new Altar Servers to join the wonderful Parish team, assisting Fr. Kieren at either English Martyrs' or St. Monica's during Mass. If you have made your 1st Holy Communion and are interested get your parents to email Fr. Kieren and he will forward your details to the Altar Server coordinator.

THE PARISH SVP would like to thank the Parish for the generosity and support showed last weekend.

WINDOW EXPERTS can you help. We are struggling to find companies that will quote to replace/repair the windows at St. Monica's (we have been looking for a couple of years). Any Parishioners with advise would be useful!

PARISH TODDLER GROUP (stay + play) every Tuesday 9:30-11:30 in the Jubilee room (St. Monica's) everyone welcome.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY The team is looking for new recruits especially for the 11.30am Mass. If anyone attends this mass regularly and would be interested in volunteering can they please contact Marie Middleton (07870478382) or Claire Shaunessey (07701051195).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2026 We are delighted to announce the date for our pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine at Walsingham. Next year's pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 2nd May, with the option to extend your pilgrimage with an overnight stay on Friday 1st May. You can now register your interest by calling our pilgrimage office on 0161 817 2209 or walsingham.pilgrimage@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

World Day of Migrants and Refugees (4-5 October) As we mark the World Day of Migrants and Refugees (4–5 October), Bishop John has written to remind us that migrants and refugees are messengers of hope, bringing resilience, faith, and cultural richness to our communities. In the face of rising hostility, we are called to respond with compassion, truth, and practical support, affirming the dignity of every person. You can read Bishop John's full statement at: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/migrants-and-refugees-25/

Laudato Si' Centre Gardening Club As we head into autumn, the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre invites you to join its regular Friday gardening club to learn more about how to care for our common home over the coming months. For top tips on seasonal gardening, sustainable techniques, and how to care for the land and biodiversity during the winter months, sign up to our friendly sessions by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

XAVERIAN 6th FORM COLLEGE will be hosting 2 open days for potential students and their families on: Saturday 11th October and Saturday 19th October (10.30am-2.00pm). This is an opportunity to visit the campus, discuss courses and meet members of the faculty. Feel free to come along, or for further details contact the Admissions Team by emailing admissions@xaverian.ac.uk

Job Vacancies Are you looking for a new career? there are a number of new vacancies in the Diocese of Salford which may interest you including the two below. To find out more, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

- Parish Administrator - St Joseph's, Reddish
- Building Surveyor - Diocese of Salford

Note on CHRISTMAS FAYRE as many of you are aware many schools are struggling financially. This is especially true for many schools in Trafford as due to size and perhaps demographics they are unable to access additional funds. It has been decided that Parish will not host a Christmas Fayre this year but allow the 3 Parish Schools to host Fayres to raise essential funds - please support them! Thus far (but tbc) confirmed, English Martyrs' will be hosting a Winter Fayre on 22nd November and St Monica's a Christmas Fayre on 6th December. Further information will follow.

Volunteer Van Driver needed for Caritas Salford Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford is in urgent need of a volunteer van driver. Could you please spare a few hours to help them to transport donations in their electric van? Van drivers are vital to Caritas services supporting people experiencing poverty and homelessness, and are essential to their day-to-day running. To find out more, please contact volunteer coordinator Matt on m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk or visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer

IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS - Starting primary school September 2026 If you live in the Parish of St John Henry Newman (and beyond) and your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2026. Please check the website of each school and read the Admissions Policy and note the supplementary documentation that must be produced (Baptism Certificate). The closing date for primary school applications is 15 January 2026. For more information and to apply for a place visit: www.trafford.gov.uk/residents/schools/school-admissions/Primary/primary-school-admissions.aspx

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

E	D	R	A	S	T	U	M	O	S
D	E	T	O	O	R	P	U	Y	S
S	H	E	E	T	F	D	R	S	H
O	D	T	N	A	V	R	E	S	E
P	I	L	I	E	E	A	E	A	P
E	E	T	E	B	A	T	R	E	E
H	H	E	L	I	M	S	T	A	E
S	O	U	H	E	F	U	E	S	P
A	M	B	A	S	A	M	S	E	A
M	U	L	B	R	E	R	R	Y	D

FAITH MUSTARD SEED
MULBERRY TREE UPROOTED
EAT SEA SERVANT
SHEEP FIELDS MEAL

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, Rebekah & Peter 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