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.

28th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 12th October 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, whilst studying Canon Law in Leuven (it's a wonderful and ancient University), I discovered the shrine of Saint Damien of Molokai, a Belgium Priest who had ministered to a leper colony in Moloka'i, Kingdom of Hawaii, from 1873 until his death in 1889.

I was already familiar with his life, after reading a book that I think belonged to my gran when I was quite young, but I had never considered ever visiting his shrine. It struck me as a sat and reflected in silence that Damien through his priestly ministry showed those who suffered with leprosy the "pity of Divine love". He chose to remain with them, and being with them; loved them.

As Ghandi wrote: *The political and journalistic world can boast of very few heroes who compare with Father Damien of Molokai. The Catholic Church, on the contrary, counts by the thousands those who, after the example of Fr. Damien, have devoted themselves to the victims of leprosy. It is worthwhile to look for the sources of such heroism.* Now, you and I know that the source of such heroism is Jesus Christ, Himself.

May you and I be inspired to become as heroic in our faith.

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals

Tue 9.30am	14 EM	Mass
Wed 10.00am	15 EM	St Teresa of Avila Requiem Mass - Tom Caunce
Thu 9.30am 6.00pm	16 SM SM	Mass Confirmation Meeting** **Please note the change of venue**
Fri 9.30am	17 SM	St Ignatius of Antioch Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	18 EM EM SM SM SM	St Luke Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	19 EM SM EM	**29th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass PRESENTATION MASS Baptism

May St. Damien pray for us, so that we, like him, may always reach out with love to those in need.

God Bless you

Fr. Kieren

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

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

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 Feb 6.30pm 1st CONFESSION SM
25th Feb 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

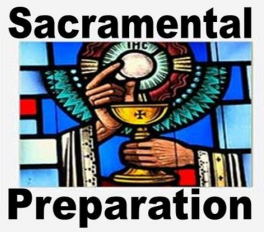
18th April 9.30am Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am Jubilee Room

OLOR 1st HC Mass 25th April 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 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 St Monica's Church. PLEASE NOTE THE CHANGE OF VENUE!

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
Tom Caunce, Gianni Perruccio, Alice Noone, Seamus Davies

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, Anthony O'Connor, Anne Smyth, Danny McGrory, Anthony McGrory

Anniversaries Masses
Kathleen Griffin, Anne Herbert, Nora O'Connor, John Farnworth

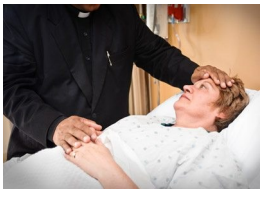
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Angela Considine, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Little Rhia Brooke, Gerry Smyth, Bridie McLaughlin, Sian McManamon, Bernard Walker, Mark Daly, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford, 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.

The sound of gentle stillness has to be within, and in that context think of yourself coming to the Lord like the blind man in St Luke "Lord come to me, be merciful to me a sinner, help me". He stands before you, asking, "What would you have me to do?" And you answer, "Lord, that I may see, that I may see with the eyes of faith something of the realities of which you came to speak, something about your presence in the world in which I find myself. Touch my eyes that I may see." I find in that blind man and in the deaf mute good friends because they reflect what we are like. Those words are addressed to you and me because those characters in the Gospel are us.

Cardinal Basil Hume

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.

BETTER LATE THAN NEVER finally the light bulbs are being changed in English Martyrs' Church, This means that the church will be closed on Thursday and Friday, and Mass on Thursday and the Confirmation meeting will be transferred to St. Monica's Church.

PRESENTATION MASS - NEXT SUNDAY 11.00am can I remind parents to dig out their child's baptism candle for this Mass as we the Parish welcome liturgically your children to the Sacramental programme.

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!

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).

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.

The Catholic Experience of Pilgrimage Medieval to Modern Dr Kathyrn Hurlock from M'cr Met University will give a talk on 'The Catholic Experience of Pilgrimage Medieval to Modern' at St Ann's Parish Centre (M32 8LF). The talk, which had been postponed, will now take place on Saturday 18th October starting at 10.30am. More details from: Gerald.Murphy@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Young Adult Service Day - St Vincent de Paul Youth Society will be holding a service day on 1 November, and would like to invite those aged 18-35 to join. Beginning at 11am, following 10am Mass, the day will offer a chance to give back to the community with kindness.The service day will be taking place at St Vincent's Centre in Leeds and a travel bursary is available to support those who wish to get involved. To register, please email KeziaH@svp.org.uk or call on 07917 923605.

THE MAMMY WATCH thank you for all the prayers for my Mum. I know that many of you have been asking how she is ... well, to put it simply she is still in hospital and we still have no definite discharge date. Please keep my family in your prayers, as you can imagine the last 8 weeks have been extremely stressful!

Diocese seeks volunteers for new survivor-led safeguarding panel The Diocese of Salford is looking for volunteers to join a new safeguarding panel, which seeks to ensure the voice of survivors plays an integral role in how we safeguard against all forms of Church-based abuse, and how we continue to provide meaningful support and healing to those affected. Details of all panelists will be confidential and volunteers can choose to engage anonymously. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panelist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2206.

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.

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

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

BORDER
VILLAGES
TEN
LEPERS
MASTER
PRIESTS
CLEANSED
CURED
NINE
PRAISE
FOREIGNER
FAITH

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