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

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St John Henry Newman, Urmston

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

29th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 19th October 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Although the image of the Divine Judge, and the fact of divine judgement doesn't really bother me, I must admit that I often don't think of God as a judge - but rather as the Divine One who reaches out to me whilst waiting with infinite patience for me to reach out to Him.

And when it comes to prayer as we discover in the Gospel today, Our Lord sometimes leaves me scratching my head. In the Gospel Jesus tells the story of the unjust judge who refuses to make a judgement and therefore offer justice. Yes, the words of Pope Francis "who am I to judge" (often taken out of context) may come to mind, but Jesus is clear (as is the judge in the story) to without judgement is to deny justice. But, what is unique in the story is that it is only through the persistence of the "bothering" widow that the judge relents and provides justice

Is this how we choose to pray? Do we think that we have to mither God into doing what we want? Is He that distant to us that we have to jump up and down and shout to attract His attention?

I wonder if the irony of the Gospel is lost on us?

The One to whom we reach out to in prayer, is there present amongst His people. He has already answered are prayer as He dwells amongst us, and the irony is that we not recognise God who is with us.

We shout and we jump and yet we refuse to acknowledge His presence here and with us.

Turn to Him in prayer. He is not distant from you, He is very near and just waiting for you to turn to Him.

Fr. Kieren

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals

Tue 8.45am	21 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am	22 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am	23 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	24 SM	Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	25 EM EM EM SM SM	Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
		Clocks go back at 2.00am
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	26 EM SM EM	**30th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

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
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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

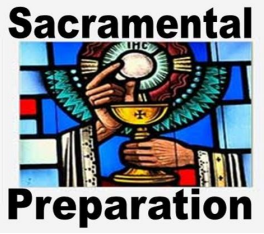
18th April 9.30am Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am Jubilee Room

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

Dates for Catechesis 2026

1. Thurs.15th January (6.30pm)
2. Thurs. 12th Feb (6.30pm)
3. Thurs. 26th March (6.30pm)

The date for the celebration of Confirmation is yet to be confirmed. We are awaiting the Bishops diary!

Jesus set before me the book of nature; I understood how all the flowers he has created are beautiful, how the splendour of the rose and the whiteness of the lily do not take away the perfume of the little violet or the delightful simplicity of the daisy. … He willed to create great souls comparable to the lilies and roses, but He has created smaller ones and these must be content to be daisies or violets destined to give joy to God's glances when He looks down at His feet. Perfection consists in doing His will, in being what He wills us to be.

St. Therese of Lisieux

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace
Tom Caunce, Pauline King

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery,

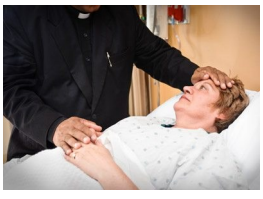
Anniversaries Masses
John Hartey, Kathleen Royle, Ethel Theresa McCarthy

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 HOLY SOULS &
THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS & OUR DEPARTED LOVED ONES Please note that there are envelope (brown and plain white ones) at the back of both churches. If you would like a departed loved one remembered throughout the month of November place their name in the envelope - and if you are able an offering - and they will remembered in every Friday Mass in November and named in the Newsletter (Please mark the white envelopes "Faithful Departed")

PIETY STALL - CHRISTMAS STOCK we are slowly (or rather very quickly) approaching that magical time. You may have noticed that the stock in the parish piety stalls are getting a little festive. Why not support the Parish by purchasing your Christmas Cards from us?

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).

Volunteers needed to join the Tea and Coffee rota at STM We are looking for people to volunteer to provide Tea and Coffee after the 11.30am Mass at St. Monica's in the jubilee room. It would mean making a brew every 6 - 7 weeks. All donations are sent to CAFOD. Please contact Helen Lalley on 07949 391365 if you can help.

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.

Be Still and Know that I am God, 14 - 17 November 2025 A three-day retreat led by Fr Roger Dawson, SJ, aiming to help participants find a greater attentiveness and disposition to God's presence in their lives through a disciplining of the mind and awareness of the present moment. https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/be-still-and-know-that-i-am-god

Ignatian Spiritual Exercises: Mens' retreat, 4 & 11 February 2026 A fantastic opportunity to experience St Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises in a 5-day, shortened form. The retreat will be guided by the monastic community of St Joseph's Abbey, Flavigny (France). The retreat is open to men in all states of life, who wish to seek God's will through a deepened detachment from the world. https://christianheritagecentre.com/events/mens-retreat-spiritual-exercises-of-st-ignatius

Thursday Club 60+ Our next meeting is on Thursday October 23rd at 1 pm in the Parish Centre. Come along for an afternoon of fun with friends.

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 panellists will be confidential and volunteers can choose to engage anonymously. To find out more or to enquire about becoming a volunteer panellist, please contact the diocesan Department for Safeguarding by emailing safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2206.

Remembering our loved ones - A Moment of Prayer The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones who have died in a special way this November with the return of its Memorial Service. Taking place on Friday 7th November, between 9.30-10.30am, the memorial service provides a peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones in the beauty of God's creation. Please register your interest and find out more by emailing laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

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.

World Mission Sunday This weekend, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples'. We ask you to please remember the work of missionaries in your prayers this week. Find out more about the work of Missio and how to support the charity at missio.org.uk.

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

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PRAY
JUDGE
FEAR
RESPECT
WIDOW
JUSTICE
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RIGHTS
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DEATH
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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