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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30th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 26th October 2025

Dear Parishioners,

Whilst serving in a Little Hulton, I met a young man (lets call him Steve) who was an ex Para and a big Celtic fan. Once a month he would travel back to Glasgow to visit his mother, and on his return he would bring me back Scottish delicacies; I recall especially square sausage!

Steve was a big hard man, you wouldn't cross him, but he also strived to live out his Catholic faith, under the radar he would could an eye on the elderly members of the Parish and he always knew when I had been called out to the Hospice during the early hours, as he would pop in for a brew and a reassuring chat. Steve never missed Mass, although he always stood at the back, and he would never receive Holy Communion. I remember asking him about this fact, and hearing the story of a broken marriage, a number of failed relationships and a child, a daughter, loved but sadly rarely seen (thankfully that was eventually resolved). He had been told by a member of his family that he was now unable to receive the Eucharist. After hearing his story, I quickly assured him that it was possible for him to approach the altar. I still remember to this day, that he looked at me, agreed, but then said: "Father, I'm sorry but I'm just not worthy!"

The secret of the Eucharist, is that none of us are worthy to receive the Eucharist. We might all declare during Mass: "Lord, I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof …" but in reality we are perhaps more like the Pharisee in the Gospel and never really consider our "unworthiness" whilst being quick to mark out the unworthiness of others. It is in and through our unworthiness that God comes to us. God's family is not sinless and perfect, but rather broken and sinful - we need His Presence and Grace, and that is why He comes to us.

It is when we become less like the Pharisee and more like the Tax collector, then we recognise the One who is with us, especially in the Eucharist!

Fr. Kieren

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals

Tue 9.30am	28 EM	**Ss. Simon & Jude** Mass
Wed 9.30am	29 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am	30 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	31 SM	Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	01 EM EM SM SM	Confession & Adoration Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	02 EM SM EM	**ALL SAINTS** Mass Mass Baptism

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

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

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

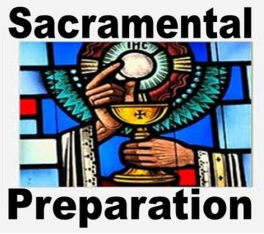
18th April 9.30am Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am Jubilee Room

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 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!

Please return completed Forms before Christmas

Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, "The poor you will always have with you" also promises the disciples "I am with you always".

We likewise think of His saying: "Just as you did it to the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me".

This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history.

Pope Leo XIV
Dilexi Te (2025)

Mass Intentions

Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace
Peter Gasper

Intention
A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, Kathleen O'Neill (birthday)

Anniversaries Masses
John Hartey, Liam O'Neil, Thomas Donohue, Benda Talbot, Neil Talbot

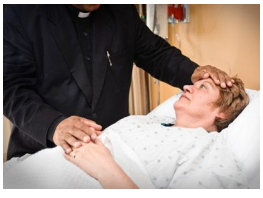
PRAYERS FOR THE SICK
John Gibbons, Maureen Boylan, Jenny Marks, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Marian Kerrigan, Mary Tunstall, Angela Considine, Andrew Roche, Anne Smyth, Little Rhia Brooke, Gerry Smyth, Bridie McLaughlin, Sian McManamon, Bernard Walker, Mark Daly, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Jo Orford,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

Deceased members of the Piercy, Sears, Killian, O'Dowd, Byrne, Connor families, Br. Francis Keefe, Roy Taylor, William Hampson, Neville Austin, Peter Niland, Mary Prichard, Mary Boland, Des Carroll, Austin Legge, John Hallam, Dorothy Shepherd, Violet Spiteri, Martin Breen, Bill & Betty Kilthy, Bob Rial, the Holy Souls in Purgatory

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.*



RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION please remember that only those in full communion with the Catholic Church should receive the Eucharist. Also ONLY those authorised to do so, may bring Holy Communion to the sick and housebound within the Parish. If you have a loved one who is sick who would like to receive the Eucharist at home, please contact the Parish Office.

URMSTON CEMETERY MASS 7th NOVEMBER (NOON) many thanks to Trafford Council who have given me permission to celebrate - weather permitted - Mass at the cemetery (with blessing of graves). If the weather works against us Mass will be celebrated at English Martyrs' Church.

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")

CHILDREN'S LITURGY There will be no children's liturgy for the next 2 weeks.

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.

Word on Fire Comes to Salford - 'Evangelising the Culture' Join us for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at 7:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the Cathedral Temporary Church, and refreshments will be served beforehand at 6:45pm in the cloisters. Please book your place by enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk or call 0161 817 2210.

Advent Talks: Reflecting on Dilexi Te we are pleased to be joined once again by Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te. Join us every Tuesday between 25th November and 16th December. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30am - 12:30pm. joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone 07934 816796 to register your interest.

Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short held at Manchester Cathedral next month, which will honour and commemorate those who have died as a result of homicide. The service will take place on Monday 24th November at 7.30pm. Any person wishing to commemorate a loved one by name as part of the service is invited to contact organiser Steve Williams on 07757 441377 or st.gab.prest@gmail.com

CLEANER WANTED - CAN YOU HELP? Fr Christopher Lough, a retired priest living in Flixton, is looking for a cleaner for a few hours each week. If you are interested, you can contact Fr Chris directly on 07905 008843 or at Christopher.lough@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

ST. BEDES COLLEGE - THE YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION Open to all Yr 5 &6 pupils across Greater Manchester, this competition invites children to write a poem celebrating Manchester - its people, places and spirit. The winner will receive an iPAD Air, with finalists invited to a recital and celebration event at St Bede's College. For further information: www.sbcm.co.uk/competions

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.
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.

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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VIRTUOUS TWO TEMPLE
TAX COLLECTOR GRASPING
MANKIND FAST TITHES
BREAST SINNER EXALTS

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