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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CHRIST THE KING

Dear Parishioners,

I hope you don't mind, but I thought I would continue to reflect upon Narnia, as I found myself watching the BBC adaption of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe while tucked up in bed on Sunday evening. It isn't as good as the book (I think a re-read is due), but I was struck by a variety of things.

The children aren't called "humans" but sons of Adam or daughters of Eve - they are unique in and to Narnia even when compared to the talking animals (after all aren't we simply talking animals?). The tent of Aslan is pitched amongst the tents of the Narnians - He is dwelling literally with them - I wonder where I have heard that before? Finally, Peter is named as the HIGH KING (Pope), and we are reminded that once a king or queen of Narnia, always a king or queen of Narnia. The children in the book, move from being heirs of Adam and Eve to sharing the royal dignity of Aslan, a dignity that cannot be lost - outside of Narnia and in the Church we call that baptism!

Jesus our King, the King of all, the Divine Word (or Roar) that brings all into being out of nothing, comes to us - let's get ready for Advent - not to make us His subjects, but rather to share with us His divine dignity by inviting us into communion with Him. Through baptism we are configured to Him, and through the grace He shares with us through the other sacraments, especially the Eucharist, we are drawn closer into communion with Him. We are reminded in the books that Aslan is not a tame Lion; but that He is good. We should not treat Jesus as a tame God, but we should always remember that God is good.

On this Youth Sunday, I would like to share the words of St Pope John Paull II: ... *the Church needs you, and I would like to add: you need the Church, because the Church desires only that you meet Jesus, the One who makes man free to love and serve.*

Fr. Kieren

PARISH WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals

Tue 9.30am	25 EM	Mass
Wed 10.30am	26 EM	Requiem Mass Patrick Lawlor
Thu 9.30am	27 EM	Mass
Fri 10.00am	28 SM	Requiem Mass Mary Carrol
Sat 10.00am	29 EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
Noon	EM	Wedding Rehearsal
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am	30 EM	1st Sunday of Advent Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

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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

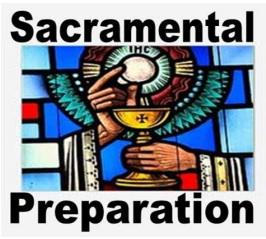
18th April 9.30am Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am Jubilee Room

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.



Lately Dead
Requiescat in pace

Patricia O'Hara, Mary Carroll, Patrick Lawlor, Ged Watkin, Paddy Brady, Joan Walsh

Intention

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, Margaret Martin

Anniversaries Masses

Wilma Farnworth, Kieran Halliwell, Bob Riah, Sheila O'Dowd, Stuart Mooney

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, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Alan Walsh, Krystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega

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

Monday 1st December
Monday 15th December

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

Christian love breaks down every barrier, brings close those who were distant, unites strangers, and reconciles enemies. It spans chasms that are humanly impossible to bridge and it penetrates to the most hidden crevices of society. By its very nature, Christian love is prophetic: it works miracles and knows no limits. It makes what was apparently impossible happen. Love is above all a way of looking at life and a way of living it. A Church that sets no limits to love, that knows no enemies to fight but only men and women to love, is the Church that the world needs today.

Pope Leo XIV

THE HOLY SOULS & THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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, Alexander & Ruth McNee, Bernard & Eileen Mallon, McNee & Mallon families, Fr. Timothy Gunn, Gordon & Theresa Tomlinson, John & Florence Farnworth, Wilma Farnworth, Monks family, Jack & Chris Teece, Lily & Emmie Conroy, Lynda Meadows, Catherine Burke, Michael Beckett, George & Lillian Heathcote, Fr Charnock, Fr Naylor, Dympna Mullins, the Halvey family, the Carroll family, the Adamson family, Dr Perera, Deborah Cawley, Eileen McDonagh, David Devine, Catherine O'Sullivan, Tommy Keegan, Bernadette Murray, Stewart Kidd, the Scott family, Wolleron family, Leather family, Carney family, Brendan Carrick, Brendan Costello, Martin Tarpey, Hasting family, the Walsh family, Nora Brogan, Nora Fahey, Rita & Jimmy Reddington, Flynn family, Collins family, Peter & Maureen Johnson, Janice Keeley, Patrick & May Mulvihill, Florence Rogan, Johnson family, Sullivan family, Furey family, Harry & Mary Bolan, Mr & Mrs Timmons, Wozniak family, Dzudzewice family, Rozwadwski family, Hawadewicz family, Growney family, Gordon Schofield, John Growney, Aloysius Kelly, Fr. Frank Kelly, the Kelly family, Antony O'Keefe, Pamela O'Keefe, Charles Grierson-Seddon, Sybil Grierson-Seddon, Winifred Watkin, Ann Judge, Angela Flemming, Ron & Jordan West, R Zapanta, Francis Leonidas, Zachary Zapanta, Teofilo Zapanta, Remedios Zapanta, Philomena Lester, Neci Slater, Ernesto Pideli, Roberto Luz, Dean Cuenca, Jo & Malcolm Kenworthy, Kevin Reynolds, Shannon Lyttle, Suart Mooney, Lance & Iris Mooney, Ken Mooney, George & Margaret Proctor, Scott family, Wolleron family, Leather family, Carney family, Miriam Taylor, Jack Taylor, Ron Taylor, Jean Taylor, Bob Middleton, Chris Fortune, Joan Hardacker, Brenda Taylor, Mrs Ward, Elizabeth Hodkinson, Robert Hodkinson, John Hodkinson, Mary Murray, Richard Murray, Pauline Hannet, Matthew & Simon Murray, Bev Rigby, Norah & Harry Howard, Joyce Dobson, Paul Dobson, George Webster, the Webster family, Albert & Caroline Delamere & family, Mary Connolly, Costello family, Beryl McKenna, James McKenna, Susan McKenna, Walter Greenall, Olga Zahra, Francis Zahra, Vincent Fowler, Michael & Anne Hanlon, Patricia & John Kennedy, Austin & Eddie Hanlon, Michael Niland, Kathleen & James Fowler, Pearse & Jean Fowler, Jim & Rita Fowler, Gerald & Anthony Fowler, Fr. Jon Scully, Kath Reddin, Molly Regan, Geoff Lea, Owen McKeaver, Hanlon, Scully, Fowler families, Fr. Mullholland, Bernard & Veronica McGholt, Wittig & Brocklebank families, Anne Coyle, Bob Tupling, McLoughlin & Tupling families, Martin Kershaw, Ellen & Jim Grady, Edna & George Swift, Paddy Jim & Terry Grady, Margaret Burke, Bernard Swift, Sheila Clegg, Mather, Woodcock & Lomax families, Catherine Ferguson, Martyn Robinson, Les Murphy, Samantha Maybury, Jane Hynes, Alan Stafford, David Collins, Margaret O'Sullivan, David & Andrew Duckworth, Susan Cassidy, Kath Brierly, Cartwright family, Anthony Donovan, Michael Heard, Chloe Wardell, Joan Rennicks, Arthur Rennicks, the Sheehy family, Kennedy family, Julie Burgess, Pat Doherty, Marian Lynch, John O'Brien, Michael O'Malley, Elizabeth Mulcahy, Kevin Mulcahy, Michael Mulcahy, John&Joyce Mulcahy, Maurice&Tess Mulcahy, Tom&Patricia Kennedy, Pat Sheehy, Durham family, Balfour family, Fred Pais, Kath&Bill Lowe, Carla Bolland, Sarah&Sam Mather, Betty&Tom Lowe, William Roberts, Brenda Roberts, Mark Roberts, Mercy Kariuki, Joseph Daniels, Mary McGrory, Peter McGrory, Eileen McGrory, Michael McGrory, Kathleen McGrory, Dan McGrory, Patsy Breslin, Agnes Breslin, Peter Carlon, Andy Holmes, George Moriaty, Sheila Monroe, Harry Downie, Adrian Parker, Brendan Behan, Josie Behan, Nick Behan, Charles Doherty, Cathleen McDermott, Brian McDermott, John Doherty, Keith McHale, Tom&Honor Haugh, the Carmody family, Sr Malachy&Sr Bridget, Pattie&Mary Haugh, members of the Haugh family, Keane family, Martie Haugh, Martin&Mary Lynch, John Toner, Christopher Lodge, Pauline Cockcroft, Sr Angela, Susan&Danny Lynch, Peter Lynch, the Lynch family, John Bonfil, Mary Bonfil, Dela&Gerald Crotly, Jenny&Pattie JKeating, Esther Frogget, Roche family, Anna Keating, Denis Frankel, Mary Frankel, Linda Pertuccio, Gianni Pertuccio, Geoffrey Lea, Ethel Lea, Ernest Lea, Joan Dickenson, Les Dickenson, Maried Mahoney, Patrick Mahoney, Cathy Mahoney, Gemma Fowler,, Cliff Hepworth, Marie Hepworth, Paul Hepworth, Ronnie Green, Francis Green, Thomas Green, Fr Lyons, Canon Lynch, Mgr Egan, Lyons Family, Parry family, Brian Hughed, Mary Daly, Richard Daly, Frank McGreal, Andrew Hazzleton, Betty Kielty, Bill Kielty, Rob Linsley, Agnes Daly, Angela Holland, Mary Lore, Alice Hughes, Tom Hughes, Peter Hughes, Thomas Hughes, John Bellamy, Martin Breen, Manny Breen, Peter Carlon Jr, Ida&Tom Hodcroft, Emma&James Keaton, Edith&Tom Bower, Margo Martin, Sr Mary Raphael, Thomas&Winniw McDermott, William&Kaye Boswell, Martin Boswell, Bridie&Walter Strudwick, Evans family, Carr family, Millington family, Cas Page, Margo Martin, Maire McGurdy, Roland&Eva Clarke, Ernest7Margaret Clarke, John&Agnes Clarke, Joseph&Helen McDermott, Robert&Violet McDerrmott, Frank&Helen McDermott, Agnes McDrmott, Honorah&Jim Hand, Dolly Fitzpatrick, Gretta&CharlesO'Sullivan, the O'Sullivan family, O'Callaghan family, O'Connor family, McGetterick family, Mulligan family, Sean Headd, Rose&Chris Headd, Eleanor Flannagan, Marie Marchie, Norah O'Connor, Sheila Mundy, Winnie Quinn, Gerard Harty, Mary Hartey, John Hartey, the Hartey&Gibbons family, Vincent Sheedy, Cleary family, Smyth family, Philomena&Jack Trodden, Holmes&Moorecraft families, Janice Donnelly, Donald Donnelly, Patrick Boylan, Mary Boylan, Nigel Boylan, Mary&Patrick O'Shea.

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)
Please return completed forms to Fr K before Christmas.

The date for the celebration of Confirmation has now been confirmed as Sunday 28th June 2026 (2pm) at St Monica's Church

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE HOLY SOULS can I remind parishioners that I am unable to publish ALL individual and family names received. I don't want to upset families but publishing all the names isn't possible, and was **never my intention and nor was it mentioned** in the Newsletter. The names that have been received have all been placed before the Altar at St Monica's. Every Friday morning in November, as was stated in the newsletter, Mass is offered for all those named before the Altar. I'm sorry for any confusion caused and next year I won't be publishing any names in the Newsletter.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS & TREES Every year our teams of Flower arrangers (aren't they wonderful) strive to make the churches beautiful during the season the Incarnation. If you would like to make a donation to help with the cost of trees etc please enclose it in an envelope marked FLOWERS and place it in the offertory baskets or pass on to Fr. Kieren via the Presbytery.

"The kids from Impact! will be running a stall at the 2nd Christmas Fair at St Monica's Primary School on 5th December. If you would like to donate any new or pre-loved toys please leave them at the back of either church. **This Sunday (11.30am Mass) the kids from Impact! will be 'taking over Mass' please join us for a celebration of Christ the King and Youth Sunday, There will be sandwiches and cakes after mass in the Jubilee room whereby the kids would love to chat and tell you about our work.**

Advice as weather gets colder and energy bills rise If you or someone in your wider parish community is in need of support around rising energy bills, Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, has a free energy advice service that can help. You can find details on their website on how to arrange a free session with their energy advice service team, and lots of other information: www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

THE CHILDREN AND STAFF OF ST MONICA'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL Would like to invite slightly older members of our Parish family to a Christmas Party on **THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER** 9.30AM - 11.00AM at St Monica's Primary School. If you are interested **PLEASE RSVP BY 5 DECEMBER TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE 0161 748 3353**

THURSDAY CLUB 60+ There will be no meetings in the Parish Centre until 18th December. On December 4th we are going to Blackpool for a fish and chip supper and viewing the Illuminations, 2.30pm start. The meeting on December 18th will be our Christmas Party and will be the last meeting until the New Year.

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.

Newsletter from Diocesan Vocations Team are delighted to share its latest newsletter exploring updates on vocations to diocesan ministry, which includes the priesthood and permanent diaconate. For the latest on ordinations, inspiring vocation stories, and the latest update by numbers, please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/

GOOD NEWS Our Parish Prayer Group meeting is changing from Tuesday evening to Tuesday afternoon 1- 3pm.from 18th Nova. Everyone welcome.

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. To find out more: safeguarding@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or calling 0161 817 2206.

APF Red Mission Boxes If you have a mission box that needs to be emptied, leave them in the boxes provided. St Monica's box will be in the entrance porch of the church. English Martyrs box will be in the porch of the **Presbytery**. Once your box has been emptied, they will be left in either church, ready for you to collect.

'Neurodiversity and Our Faith' Research The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England & Wales and Birmingham Newman University are conducting research into Neurodiversity and our Faith. Your experiences will help them to become more inclusive and responsive to your needs. To find out more and to complete the short surveys, please visit: www.godwhospeaks.uk/neurodivergent-catholic-surveys/

Caritas Salford Advent Appeal Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, has released its 2025 Advent appeal to shine the spotlight on the true meaning of Christmas. To watch their latest animation and to find out more about how to help local people who are facing acute crisis this Christmas, please visit: https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/campaign/bee-there-2025/

Sustainable Wreath Making Workshops at Laudato Si' Centre If you are interested in learning how to make your own Advent decorations using sustainable materials, The workshops are taking place on the below dates:
Friday 28th November from 1:00pm - 3:00pm
Friday 5th December from 10:00am - 12:00pm
Please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for pricing, further information, and to book your place!

A Talk on Pedro Ballester In November, the Catholic Chaplaincies of Manchester University (MUCC) and the Holy Name Church have invited Pedro Ballester's father to deliver a talk about his son's life, legacy, and love of God. Pedro Ballester Arenas was born in Manchester in 1996 and was devoted to his lifelong faith as instilled in him first by his parents, and later through classes of Christian formation at Greygarth Hall. The talk will take place at Holy Name Church on Tuesday 25 November at 6pm – for more information please visit https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/a-talk-on-pedro-ballester/

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 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, they are eligible to start school from 1st 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 15th January 2026. 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

"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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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

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

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.