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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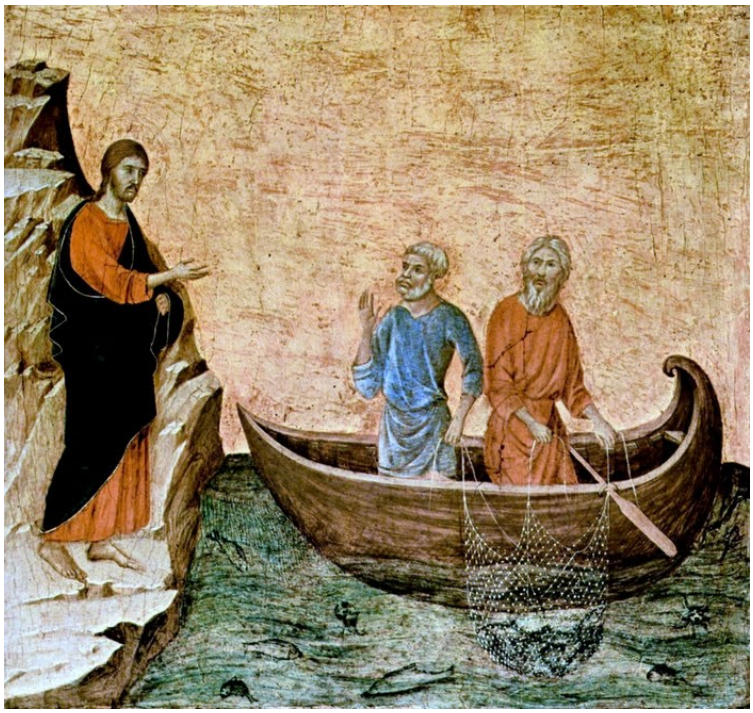
3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

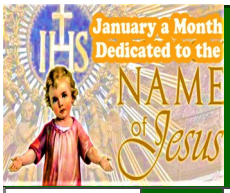
Dear Parishioners,

Last Sunday we marked the beginning of the Lord's public ministry, where He came out of the silence of His desert retreat and found Himself before John who declares "Behold, the Lamb of God".

Up until this point, Jesus has been on His own, but now as He truly comes and moves amongst us, and as He moves amongst us He begins to invite and to call others to accompany and to walk with Him, becoming as they respond to that invitation His disciples and for a few chosen ones become Apostles too.

This invitation to accompany Jesus is not restricted to a particular moment or a special group of people. This invitation is offered to all and throughout time. This invitation is offered continuously and it is offered to both you and me.





WEEKLY MASS TIMES Times may change due to Weddings & Funerals Psalter 3		
Tue 9.30am	**27** **EM**	Mass
Wed 9.30am	28 SM	St Thomas Aquinas No Public Mass– Fr. K away
Thu 9.30am	**29** **EM**	Mass
Fri 11.00am	**30** **SM**	Requiem Mass. Jay Bzdega
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.30pm	31 EM EM SM SM	St John Bosco Adoration and Confession Mass Baptism Confession & Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	**01** **EM** **SM** **SM**	**4th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

To walk with Jesus (to accompany Him) is to be a Christian, we cant remain hidden away isolated and alone, we cannot say that we follow Him and yet not be changed by knowing Him - we literally have to choose to be with Him; and being with Him come to know all about God who is always with us.

Today in the Gospel, like Andrew and Simon, we are invited to follow Him, let us today choose to do exactly that.

God Bless

Fr. Kieren

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Dates for Catechesis & Celebrations

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

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**

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026

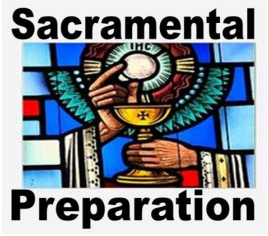
All 1st Holy Communion Masses will be celebrated at St Monica's Church at 12 Noon.

OLOR 1st HC Mass 25th April

SM 1st HC Mass 9th May

EM 1st HC Mass 16th May

For children in non-Parochial Schools please choose any of the above dates for the celebration of Holy Communion and let Fr. K know.



The Angelus Prayer

I thought we might continue to pray the Angelus until the Feast of the Presentation

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary.
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.
Hail Mary ...
V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done to me according to thy word.
Hail Mary. . .
V. And the Word was made flesh.
R. And dwelt among us.
Hail Mary. . .
V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us Pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts, that we to whom the Incarnation of Christ Thy Son was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.

Through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD
Requiescat in pace

Tina Welch, Alan Walsh, Keith McHale, Laura Grosvenor, Tom McCormack, Tony Leonard, John Goggins, Fr Frank Austin, Eileen Crook, Alan Walsh, Malachy McGloin

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, Veronica Smyth

ANNIVERSARY

Gerry Kielty, Bill Kielty, Nora Coulson, Thomas Louglan, Tim Coffey, Katie Coffey, Tom Kennedy, Vincent Fowler, Bob Tupling, Andy Walsh, Denis Walsh

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Margaret Barker, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, John Piercy, Tom Parry, Anne Smyth, John Gibbons

Names can only be added to the sick list with permission of the individual

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES as you know I have raised the possibility of reintroducing Holy Communion under both species a number of times. Unfortunately there have been no collective enthusiasm for the return of this practise.

But I want to try again!

I am hoping to arrange a refresher course for Extra - Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion before Easter, but in order to move forward we need new ministers. I therefore invite all who are interested to attend the upcoming course, the following criteria must be met: you must be over 16, fully initiated into the Church and a practising Catholic. Please speak to me if you have any questions.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dates for Catechesis 2026 - in the Parish Centre

2. Thurs. 12th Feb (6.30pm)
3. Thurs. 26th March (6.30pm)
Please return completed forms to Fr Kieren before the end of the Christmas Season.

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

Please return completed registration Forms before Christmas
** note change of date.

THANK YOU to Fr Chris for covering for me last weekend. It was wonderful to get a full week off, I almost feel fully rested.

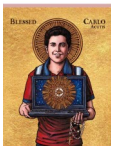
LENTEN DEANERY MASSES 2026 whilst I was away the Deanery met and decided the following dates for Deanery Station Masses during Lent. Please do try and attend:

THURSDAY 19th February at 7.00pm
Venue : Our Lady & St John, High Lane, Chorlton Cum Hardy, M21 9EE Preacher: Fr Dushan Croos SJ.

THURSDAY 26th February at 7.00pm
Venue: St Josephs, Portland Crescent, Longsight, M13 OBU Preacher: Fr Ged Murphy.

THURSDAY 5th March at 7.00pm
Venue: St Ann, 1043 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32.8LF Preacher: Fr Moses Agada.

THURSDAY 12th March at 7.00pm
Venue: Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Alphonsus. Raby Street, Moss Side, Manchester M16 7JQ.
Preacher: Fr Anthony Ekpunobi.



Relics of St Carlo Acutis to Visit Diocese of Salford In January, the relics of St Carlo Acutis will be hosted at two of our churches over five days, during which time the Diocese will welcome schools, parishioners and people from all over for veneration. The relics will be presented at St Mary's Church, Burnley from 28-29th January 2026 before they travel to St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst from 30th January to 1st at February 2026. More information will be shared soon with parishes and on the Diocesan website and social media channels.

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold On Saturday 14 February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. The Mass provides couples with an opportunity to seek God's blessing to guide and strengthen them during this time of preparation. Newly -married couples are also invited to receive a blessing in their first year of marriage. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Church in Collyhurst on Saturday 14 February 2026 at 1:30pm.

SYCAMORE COURSE will continue with Deacon John in the Jubilee Room on the following dates: 26/01, 9/02, 23/02, 9/03 and 23/03. For more information please speak to Deac's.

VACANCY Vice Principal (Student Support) Xaverian College, Manchester. Full time (1.00 FTE) Permanent Salary Scale: £85,000 to £95,000. This role is reserved for a practising Catholic, in accordance with the College's Instrument of Government and its commitment to Catholic education. Further details, including the full job description and person specification, are available in the application pack on the Xaverian College website www.xaverian.ac.uk/careers-with-us/ Please return your application form to Karen Stanhope, Clerk to the Governors, Xaverian College, Lower Park Road, Manchester, M14 5RB or k.stanhope@xaverian.ac.uk

RETIRING COLLECTION: Caritas Sunday: The second collection this weekend will be for Caritas Salford and is vital for ensuring that work can continue.

CONTEMPLATING A PARISH PILGRIMAGE There are two options that we can consider:

1. 5 day (4 nights) Half Board (£775 sharing/ £915 single) with visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz and Lagiewniki, price includes English speaking guide.
2. 7 day (6 nights) Half Board £995 sharing/ £1200 single). Further excursions to Wawel Cathedral, Wadowice and the Salt mines.

If you are interested (it will depend on numbers - min 20), let me know and I will begin looking into it. Fr K

Early Career Teachers - Primary Pool Applications
The Diocese of Salford Education Team are inviting applications from ECTs to be added to their Primary Pool for 2026. The Primary Pool will identify and recommend high quality candidates who will gain Qualified Teacher Status in summer 2026 for interview to Catholic schools with vacancies for September 2026. The Application Form, Person Specification and Job Description can be found in Vacancies on the Diocesan website by following this link: https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/education/vacancies/. If you require further information, please contact the Education Team by emailing education@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY if you would like to support this event there are envelopes at the back of both churches. You can either send your donation directly to CAFOD or you can return to me via offertory baskets and I will forward it.

Exploring God's Creation within Catholic Theology
Dr Finlay Malcolm from the University of Manchester will be delivering an interactive teaching session exploring how creation and the environment are integral to Catholic faith and theology. The session will involve theological and environmental teaching, spiritual reflection, and discussion of how we can be part of God's work, through the Church, in redeeming God's creation. The event will take place on 25 February 2026, 7-9pm, at Guardian Angels Roman Catholic Church in Bury. Refreshments will be provided. For more information and to sign up for the event, please use the following link: www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/exploring-gods-creation-within-catholic-theology/

Lenten Talks: School of Prayer During Lent, a series of talks and prayerful reflections will be taking place every Tuesday from 10:30AM to 12:30PM, led by Mgr Paul Smith, Sr Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd. These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton, from 17 February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served. For more information on how to book your place please visit the diocesan website by clicking the following link: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenten-talks-school-of-prayer/

RECEIVING & PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION

EUCHARIST (1st 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 2026) will be invited to enrol their child 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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Parishioners from Year 8 (upwards) are invited to join this programme. 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).

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)

In order for your baby/child 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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NAPHTALI JORDAN ISAIAH
SIMON PETER ANDREW
JAMES ZEBEDEE JOHN

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

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.

If you are a Catholic and have attempted marriage outside the Church and would like to consider a convalidation please speak to Fr. Kieren or Deacon John.

*"**And that is what marriage is! Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives**".* Pope Francis

Please keep in your prayers those who will soon begin preparation to celebrate the sacrament in 2026.

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.