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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1st Sunday of Lent

Dear Parishioners,

Last weekend you may remember that I focused on the phrase "But, I say to you".

I was trying to show (I hope I had some success) that we often allow our lives to be shaped by the voices of the world, voices that are often loud but generally empty and with nothing important to say, and whilst listening to those voices we fail to hear the **ONE** voice we need to listen to.

During the Season of Lent, we are invited to accompany Jesus into the wilderness, not to endure 40 days of temptation, but rather to enjoy 40 days of listening to the Divine Voice who shares His Word with us.

Lent is a season of appreciation as that voice leads us towards Easter, and takes us deeper into the story, the true story of God's love for you and me.

It - **HIS** - is the **ONLY** voice that we should be attentive to.

The Season of Lent may seem long and arduous, but I actually see it as an essential and beneficial annual period of Grace, where you and I can grow ever closer to God Himself. There will be many voices calling you away from this Holy Season but choose not listen to them, choose rather to listen to the only voice that counts. As He Himself says:

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 1

FEBRUARY - Month of the Holy Family

Tue	**24**	
9.30am	**EM**	Mass
6.00pm	**SM**	1st Reconciliation (SP)
Wed	**25**	
9.30am	**SM**	Mass (with SM School)
6.00pm	**SM**	1st Reconciliation (SP)
Thu	**26**	
9.30am	**EM**	Mass
Fri	**27**	**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY**
7.30am	**EM**	Mass
9.30am	**SM**	Mass
3.00pm	**EM**	Stations of the Cross
Sat	**28**	
10.00am	**EM**	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	**EM**	Mass
1.00pm	**EM**	Baptism
5.00pm	**SM**	Confession
5.30pm	**SM**	Vigil Mass
Sun	**01**	**2nd Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	**EM**	Mass
11.30am	**SM**	Mass (with Nursery & Yr 5 OLOR)

"My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me, and I give them eternal life ..." John 10:27-28

Happy Lent!

Fr. K

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Catechesis/Celebrations

Parent meetings are marked in **GREEN**

24th Feb 6.30pm 1st CONFESSION SM
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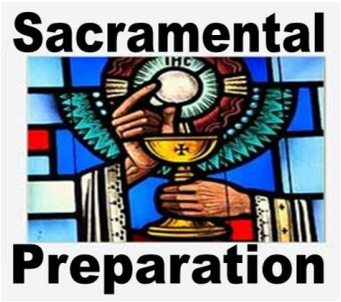
7th/8th March	**Lenten Mass**
19th March 6.30pm	**Parish Centre**
21st March 9.30am	Parish Centre
22nd March 9.45am	Jubilee Room
16th April 6.30pm	**Parish Centre**
18th April 9.30am	Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am	Jubilee Room

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026

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

OLOR	**First HC Mass 25th April**
SM	**First HC Mass 9th May**
EM	**First 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.



LENTEN DEANERY MASS TIMES

All Masses at 7.00pm

THURSDAY 26th February

St Josephs, Portland Crescent, Longsight, M13 OBU

Preacher: Fr Ged Murphy.

THURSDAY 5th March

St Ann, 1043 Chester Road, Stretford, Manchester M32.8L

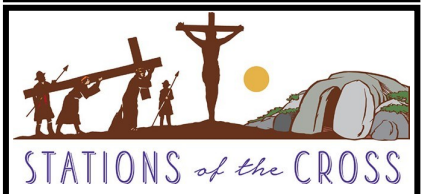
Preacher: Fr Moses Agada.

THURSDAY 12th March

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Alphonsus.

Raby Street, Moss Side, Manchester M16 7JQ.

Preacher: Fr Ekpunobi.



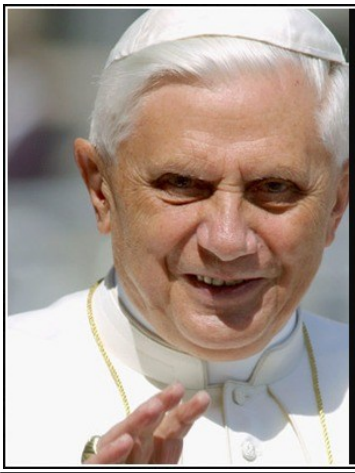
Basic Prayers to know:

At the beginning of each station:

We adore you O Christ and we praise you (genuflect), because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

At the conclusion of each station:

I love you Jesus, my love above all things; I repent with my whole heart of having offended you. Never permit me to separate myself from you again. Grant that I may love you always, and then do with me what you will.



Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life.

— Pope Benedict XVI —

AZ QUOTES

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Anthony O'Connor, Anne Smyth, Larry Smith, Patrick McManamon, Denis McKeogh, Kathleen Reilly, Barbara Faulkner, Esther Regan, Edwina Graham

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, John & Eileen McNee, safe travels, Michael & Pat Brady

ANNIVERSARY

Kevin Flanagan, Celia Sabelino, Eddie Hanlon, Stan Reid

Mass Intentions are published in the newsletter as they are received and not when they are said.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Margaret Barker, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, John Piercy, Tom Parry, John Gibbons, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega

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

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dates for Catechesis 2026 - in the Parish Centre

3. Thurs. 26th March (6.30pm)

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

COULD YOU BECOME THE PARISH CARITAS VOLENTEER (REP)? Learn more about Caritas Salford and how to become a Parish Volunteer by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or by emailing volunteer@caritas.org.uk or call 016181172250

Caritas Salford - Pray, Fast, Give This Lent, visit Caritas Salford's website for a range of free resources and information for your parish community as you pray, fast and give this Lent: www.caritassalford.org.uk/Lent

SVP APPEAL The SVP are appealing for adult woollen hats and gloves for the homeless in central Manchester. If anyone has any spare around please leave them in the boxes at the back of church.

UKRAINE APPEAL We are asking for donations of new and used sleeping bags ,and exercise mats to help during the cold weather. Please bring to the Jubilee Room between 3and345pm on Tuesday 24th,and Friday 27th Feb. or to EM ,or SM ,weekend Masses. Put in box at the back of the church's. Thanks so much for your support.

EASTER SUNDAY - EASTER EGG HUNT we have a wonderful Easter Egg Tradition on Easter Sunday following the 11.30am Mass at St Monica's (Eggs are available after all Masses at Easter). If you would like to make a donation of small eggs (crème Egg size). Please could you leave that at the back of both churches.

SYCAMORE COURSE will continue with Deacon John in the Jubilee Room on the following dates: 23/02, 9/03 and 23/03.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION TIES have now arrived. They will be available after each Sunday Mass and Parent Catechesis. They cost £5 each.

THE CHEEKY CUPBOARD We (Cheeky Cherubs) are setting up a food/toy bank in Urmston called The Cheeky Cupboard. We are urgently asking for donations of: Non-perishable food items, New or gently used toys for children. Any donation, big or small, will help us support local families during a difficult time. Donation to Cheeky cherubs community learning centre , Unit 1 Victoria Parade Urmston , M41 9AQ. Between 9 and 3 Monday to Saturday. Thank you for helping us care for our community — your support means everything. For more information contact Susan Wilkinson 0161 971 6692.

Online Gospel Readings During Lent During the Lenten period, there will be a series of gospel readings taking place every Tuesday and delivered online by various speakers. For more information, please visit the diocesan website: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/online-readings-for-lent/

World Day of Prayer 6th March 5:00pm St John Henry Newman Parish are hosting this year's WDP at St Monica's Church. Prepared by the Christian Women of Nigeria, the theme is 'Come unto me...I will give you rest.' If you've not been to a service before, in the words of one of the hymns, 'All are welcome'.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE : 5 day (4 nights) Half Board (£775 sharing/£915 single) with visits to Czestochowa, Auschwitz and Lagiewniki, price includes English speaking guide. Dates 12th October - 16th October. If you are interested (it will depend on numbers - min 20), I now need to finalise numbers to see if the pilgrimage is feasible. If you would like to go please email me your full name.

Caritas Salford Call for Volunteers Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for parish volunteers to help with a range of activities. These are flexible roles that can be tailored in line with your availability, skills or interests. You can find out more at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/service/in-your-parish/

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.

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 17th February to 24 March, and light refreshments will be served. For more information https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenten-talks-school-of-prayer/

Permanent Diaconate 'Come and See' Event Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon? If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to our 'Come and See' event. This is a chance to discuss and learn more about the ministry. This event takes place from 10:00am to 2:00pm on Saturday 7th March at St Mary's Church, Hall Burnley, BB10 4AU. For more information: diaconate@dioceseofsalford.org.uk or visit www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/faith/vocations/permanent-diaconate/

Annual Reunion Mass for St Joseph's RC Technical High School A reunion Mass is being offered for Alumni, Staff and their families. If you went to St Joseph's, this Mass is for you to come and celebrate your part In Manchester's history from 1871-1985. Mass will be held at St Bernard's RC Church, Burnage Lane M19 1DR, followed by refreshments in the parish hall. Saturday, 21st March 2026 11 am Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 Noon Mass for Feast of St Joseph

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 & Lore-

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/

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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

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.