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.

2nd Sunday of Lent

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 2

MARCH - Month of St Joseph

Tue	03	
11.00am	EM	Requiem Mass Anne Smyth
Wed	04	
10.00am	SM	Requiem Mass Edwina Graham
10.30am	AC	Funeral Service Hilary Blythe
Thu	05	
9.30am	SM	Requiem Mass Larry Smith
Fri	06	
7.30am	EM	Mass
9.30am	SM	Mass
2.15pm	OL	Soup & Stations
Sat	07	
10.00am	EM	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	08	**3rd Sunday of Lent**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

Dear Parishioners,
How is your Lent going? I have to admit that sometimes I have a tendency of overcomplicating my Lenten Pilgrimage. Instead of creating space to restore my relationship with Jesus, I find myself rushing around and trying to do too much, and before I know it Lent is over before if has properly begun!
Let us therefore keep this weekend simple, in fact the Gospel simplifies Lent for us. We are invited to do one thing and one thing only, and so let us do it right!

"This my Beloved Son ... LISTEN to Him!"

In this season of Lent let our ears and hearts grow more attentive to His voice!

Fr. Kieren

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SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Catechesis/Celebrations

Parent meetings are marked in **GREEN**

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

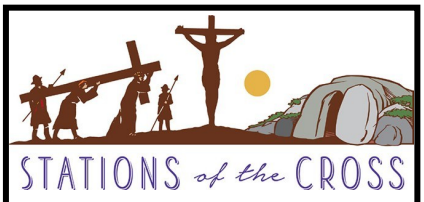
All Masses at 7.00pm

THURSDAY 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 is a time in which the Church, guided by a sense of maternal care, invites us to place the mystery of God back in the centre of our lives, in order to find renewal in our faith and keep our hearts from being consumed by the anxieties and distractions of daily life. Every path towards conversion begins by allowing the word of God to touch our hearts and welcoming it with a docile spirit. There is a relationship between the word, our acceptance of it and the transformation it brings about. For this reason, the Lenten journey is a welcome opportunity to heed the voice of the Lord and renew our commitment to following Christ, accompanying him on the road to Jerusalem, where the mystery of his passion, death and resurrection will be fulfilled.

Pope Leo XIV, Message For Lent 2026

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Patrick McManamon, , Esther Regan, Edwina Graham, Toni Walsh, Anthony O'Connor

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Peter & Kath Hughes, Mary Monks

ANNIVERSARY

Phil Chisnall, May Mulvihill, Michael Carr

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, Kath & Peter Hughes, Emma Coulson

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

READERS FOR HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM can all readers of the rota please check in with Lizz and Ann - Marie to confirm their availability during this holy time. Many thanks.

THE MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER at the beginning of the Triduum we gather to celebrate the origin of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. If you would like to have your feet washed during this Mass please speak to Fr. K or Deacon John.

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 3pm - 3.45pm on Tuesday 3rd March ,and Friday 5th March. 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.

EASTER FLOWERS as you all know there are no flowers in Church during Lent (to reflect the penitential nature of the Season). Can I take this opportunity to thank all those who arrange the flowers throughout the year and add to the beauty of the churches. If you would like to make a donation towards the flowers at Easter please place it in an envelope (marked flowers) and place it in the collection basket or hand to Fr. K.

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

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/

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/

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. These will be held at Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church, Little Hulton. For more information https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lenten-talks-school-of-prayer/

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, Saturday, 21st March 2026 11 am Confessions & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 12 Noon Mass for Feast of St Joseph

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.

FOR THOSE NOT IN IMPACT - Lourdes - Diocesan Youth Group Are you a young person looking to take part in a pilgrimage this year? Do you want to make new friends, build community and grow in your faith? Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. It's simple to sign up and you can join a new "group" led by the Diocesan Youth Department. The pilgrimage and travel dates are 29th July to 6th August. The cost is £695 and this includes coach travel and full board hotel accommodation (Astoria Hotel). Young people can join in 3 age groups 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17 and 18+. If you are interested, email youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk for details of how to register.

RECEIVING & PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION EUCHARIST & CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 - letters and newsletter invitations will be sent out before Easter 2026. The programme is open to all baptised children resident in the Parish including those outside the Parochial schools.

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/

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JESUS PETER JAMES
JOHN MOUNTAIN FACE
SUN MOSES ELIJAH
TENTS CLOUD SHADOW

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.