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.

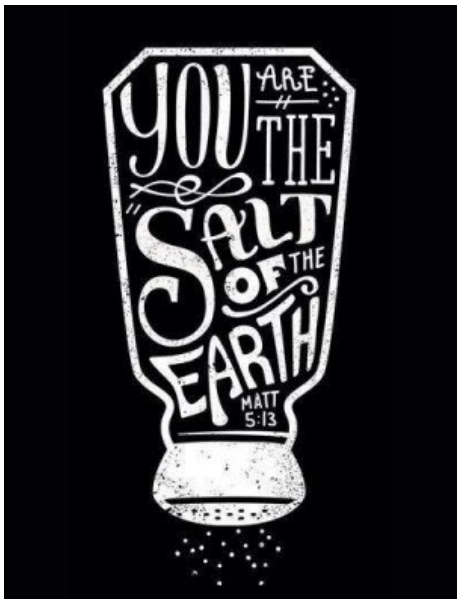
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time

Dear Parishioners,

On Monday St Monica's Primary School joined the other two Parish Primary Schools and St Antony's in becoming part of the Emmaus Trust, I would like to thank the Staff and Governors in all our schools who work so hard for the children in the Parish (and beyond).

With that in mind, and very conscious that we have recently celebrated the feasts of St Francis De Sales and St John Bosco both great hero's within Catholic Education, I found myself reflecting not on how many Governor Body Meetings I have to attend (they are legion), but rather on the purpose of Catholic Education itself. I suppose in a nut shell the purpose for Catholic Education can be discovered in today's Gospel.

The purpose of Catholic Education is to nurture the young people of today to become tomorrow the "*Salt of the Earth and Lights of the World*". It is so easy at this time to get caught up in data, league tables, attainment and the new OFSTED framework that we begin to forget what we are really about; forming people who know God and His love for them. Do we form young people who know (as Raymond Friel asked in a recent article in the Tablet: [That] *God has a parent's care for every individual and has willed that all should constitute a single family treating each other as brothers and sisters*"? (Gaudium et Spes #24)



If not are we failing as Catholic Educators? As we fail to transmit the true story of humanity?

The Emmaus Trust speaks about forming the disciples of today and tomorrow and through the education we offer we do not shield young people from the world, but prepare them to meet it with clarity, compassion and faith. To literally become the *Salt of the Earth and the Lights of the World*.

Fr. Kieren

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 1

FEBRUARY – Month of the Holy Family

Tue	10	St Scholastica Fr K celebrating friend's funeral
Wed 9.30am	11 SM	Our Lady of Lourdes Mass
Thu 6.30pm	**12** **PC**	St Agatha Fr K & Deacon John on inset training Confirmation Catechesis
Fri 9.30am	**13** **SM**	 Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	14 EM EM SM SM SM	Ss. Cyril & Methodius Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	**15** **EM** **SM** **EM**	**6th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

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

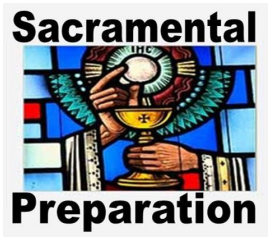
7th/8th March	**Lenten Mass**
19th March 6.30pm	**Parish Centre**
21st March 9.30am	Parish Centre
22nd March 9.45am	Jubilee Room
16th April 6.30pm	**Parish Centre**
18th April 9.30am	Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am	Jubilee Room

HOLY COMMUNION MASSES 2026

All 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 19th February
Our Lady & St John, High Lane, Chorlton Cum Hardy, M21 9EE
Preacher: Fr Croos SJ.

THURSDAY 26th February
St Josephs, Portland Crescent, Longsight, M13 0BU
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.

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD
Requiescat in pace
Anthony O'Connor, Cathy Dunleavy, Jerome Hurley, Ann Rooney, Mgr Francis Frost, David Clarke, Aelred McLean, Paul McClean, Malachy McGloin, Barbara Faunkner, Ann Stead

GENERAL INTENTION
A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, safe delivery

ANNIVERSARY
Michael Beckett, Cath Windle, Austin Fergus, Charles Doherty

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, Anne Smyth, John Gibbons, Emma Coulson, Maureen Whalley

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

ASH WEDNESDAY
18th February

Remember you are dust and unto dust you will return

9.30am: Mass (SM)

Noon: Service with Ashes (EM)

6.30pm: Mass (EM)

How can we keep our hope alive today?

Cardinal Timothy Radcliffe OP

Timothy Radcliffe is an English Dominican priest, theologian, and preacher, who served as Master of the Dominican Order from 1992-2001, and advised Pope Francis on social justice and synodality. He was made a cardinal in December 2024.

Tuesday 17th February 6pm
Holy Name Church · 339 Oxford Road · Manchester M13 9PG

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

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

WALK WITH ME BOOKLETS for the season of Lent are now available, please make £1.50 donation if you can .

Bee Good Friends (family parish group) the next meeting will be on Sunday 15th February 2-4pm in the Jubilee room. Everyone is welcome to join the group and meet other parishioners as we plan our spring and summer activities. Refreshments provided any questions phone Tracy Fagan 07849539410

Mass for Engaged Couples to be celebrated by Bishop John Arnold On Saturday 14th February, Bishop John will be celebrating a special Mass for engaged couples across the diocese. 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: 9/02, 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.

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. 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

THE CHEEKY CUPBOARD URGENT APPEAL – FOOD & TOY DONATIONS NEEDED 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 including Fr Michael Deas, with the final reading to be given by Bishop John Arnold ahead of Palm Sunday. The first reading will be given by Fr Michael Deas on Tuesday 17 February:
First Sunday of Lent (Feb 22): Matthew 4:1-11 (The temptation of Jesus) 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), let me know and I will begin looking into it. Fr K

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/

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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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.