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 Lent

Dear Parishioners,

In 1995 the late and great Bob Hoskins made an advert for BT entitled "Its good to talk". This advert came to mind as I reflected on the meeting we told of between Jesus and the unnamed woman from Samaria.

This life changing encounter begins with a simple and yet unexpected conversation. At the conclusion of last week-ends we were told to listen to Jesus, and this weekend we are shown how to listen through conversation, and not just through quiet adoration (but that's good too).

We like the woman are invited to share our story, although the Gospel reminds us Jesus already knows the tales we will tell; and yet He desire to still listen as we speak. As we speak to Him, we in turn begin to listen as He shares with us the true story of our very selves.

It is through this conversation, that is sometimes forced and difficult that we are truly transformed.

As we continue through Lent, let us enter into conversation with Him and discover that it is truly good to talk. Fr. K

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 3

MARCH - Month of St Joseph

Tue 9.30am	10 EM	Mass
Wed 10.30am	11 SM	Requiem Mass Anthony O'Connor
Thu 10.00am	12 EM	Requiem Mass Lisa Wilson
Fri 7.30am 9.30am 2.15pm	13 EM SM OL	 Mass Mass Soup & Stations
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	14 EM EM SM SM SM	 Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	15 EM SM SM	**4th Sunday of Lent** **Laetare Sunday** **Mothering Sunday** Mass Mass Baptism

EASTER CARDS & GIFTS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION are available from the Parish Piety stalls ... come and have a look.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2025 - 2026

Catechesis/Celebrations

Parent meetings are marked in **GREEN**

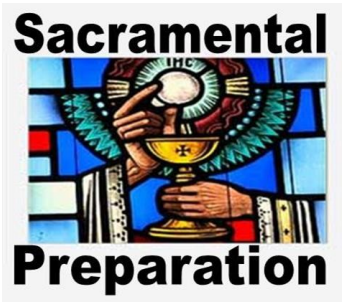
7th/8th March	**Lenten Mass**
19th March 6.30pm	**Parish Centre**
21st March 9.30am	Parish Centre
22nd March 9.45am	Jubilee Room
16th April 6.30pm	**Parish Centre**
18th April 9.30am	Parish Centre
19th April 9.45am	Jubilee Room

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 12th March

Our Lady of Perpetual Succour & St Alphonsus.
Raby Street, Moss Side,
Manchester M16 7JQ.
Preacher: Fr Ekpunobi.

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.

HOLY WEEK & THE TRIDUUM

Holy Week begins on Palm Sunday (29th March) and so begins the important time of the year for every Catholic. Of this week the Triduum - the 3 days - is the most important, a singular liturgy incorporating 3 days through which we are drawn into the Paschal mystery.

The first part of this celebration is the Mass of the Lord's Supper where we celebrate the beginning of the sacraments of Eucharist and Holy Orders. The second part is the Passion of Good Friday where we reflect in silence on the reality of divine love. Finally we come to the Easter Vigil where we rejoice in the Resurrection and welcome new members into the Church, celebrating that through our Baptism we have been made co-heirs to eternal life.

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Ann Smyth, Esther Regan, Toni Walsh, Anthony O'Connor, Pauline McNassor, Una McDermott, Michael Adams, Richard Booker, Maureen Whalley, Pamela Rhodes, Stella Reid

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, John & Eileen McNeewedding anniversary, Tommy Fitzgerald, Mike Boswell, Marian Moran

ANNIVERSARY

May Mulvihill, Michael and Anne Hanlon, Bill Lee

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, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega, Kath & Peter Hughes, Emma Coulson, Kathleen and Peter Hughes

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

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 .

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.

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 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: 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/

Youth pilgrimage to Lindisfarne the Diocese are offering young people in Years 7, 8 and 9 another opportunity to go to Lindisfarne from Friday 22 May – Sunday 24 May 2026. The cost is £120 which includes travel by coach and full board accommodation. We will be staying on the island at the SVP Camp. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Young Adults Hub The diocesan Youth Team are delighted to share news of the Young Adults Hub, created especially for those aged 18–35 across the Diocese of Salford. The Hub offers a welcoming space for young adults to deepen their faith, build authentic friendships, and grow together through prayer, formation, and social gatherings.
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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

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.

Called to Love A retreat for singles, dating and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage. A relaxed weekend with input, prayer, discussion and social, as well as the opportunity to meet like-minded others! This year's retreat will have as its theme masculinity and femininity. Runs from Saturday 2nd to Sunday 3rd May, with the option of staying Friday night. www.christianheritagecentre.com/events/called-to-love/

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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SAMARITAN SYCHAR JACOB
JOSEPH WELL WOMAN
WATER DRINK JEW
BUCKET CATTLE HUSBAND

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.