The Catholic Parish of
St. John Henry Newman
"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

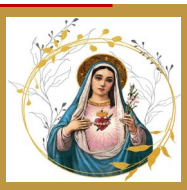
6th Sunday of Easter - 10th May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

As the exam season begins (please hold in your prayers all the younger parishioners beginning GCSE and A Level examinations), I must admit that I have found myself looking back over the decades and remembering my own exam experience. Although I try very hard there is one subject that I can't forget ... Maths ,,, and the phrase drummed into my brain "show your work". I still wonder why, after all I wasn't taking part in the numbers round of Countdown.

Sometimes we forget that Christianity is all about showing our work. Our faith is not just a matter of believing but also doing. As St James reminds us in his letter (2:18) "... *Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works*".

In the Gospel today, Jesus reminds us that our love for Him is not shown through words (no matter how sincere) but by our deliberate action. We reveal our faith, we show our love by living and keeping the commandments.



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 2

Tue 9.30am	12 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am	13 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am Noon	14 EM SM	**The Ascension of the Lord** **Holy Day of Obligation** Mass Mass
Fri 9.30am	15 SM	Mass
Sat 12.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	16 SM SM SM	 First Holy Communion Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	17 EM SM	**7th Sunday of Easter** Mass Mass

Now we know that Jesus summarises the commandment to the following; we must love the Lord with ALL our heart, mind and strength and secondly we must love our neighbour as we are loved.

Let our actions of faith speak louder than our words, and let us "show our work".

Fr Kieren

Proposed work at St. Monica's

Recently, with the support of the Parish Finance and Building Committee I submitted to the Diocese a building proposal regarding St. Monica's.

The Proposal puts forward significant external (windows, roof, drainage) and internal (redecoration, PA system, reordering - moving the tabernacle to the main sanctuary and partitioning the Blessed Sacrament Chapel and creating a "weekday" chapel) work.

In general the proposal was positively received, whilst acknowledging the need to phase the work.

I would like to say that the work will begin immediately, but we must now await surveys and costings - I will keep you all informed. Fr. K

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

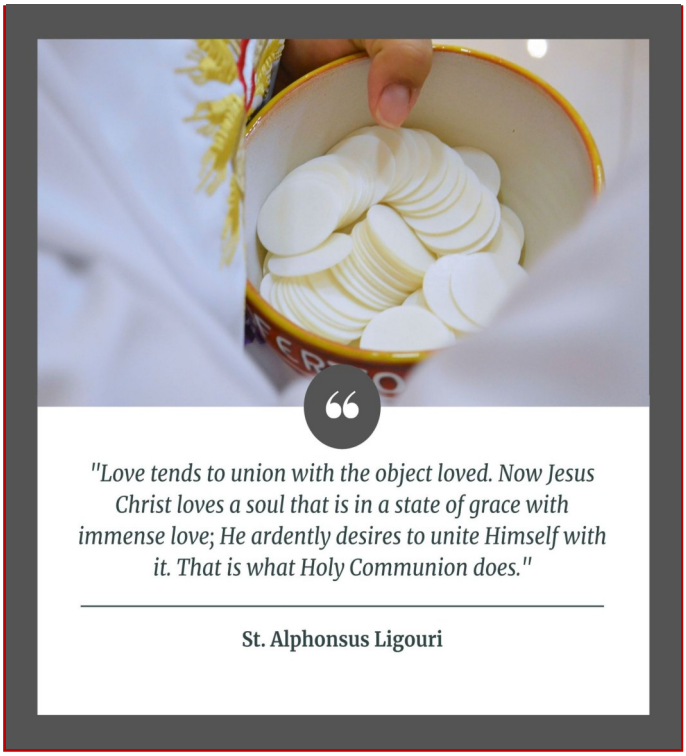
After Easter the Parish will begin preparation for next years Sacramental Programme.

The Parish Programme is open to all baptised Catholics young people living within the Parish who will be entering Yr 3 (or above) in September 2026. You do not have to be attending the Parish schools.

PARENT INTRODUCTION MEETING Thursday 21st May (6.15pm) in the Parish Centre.

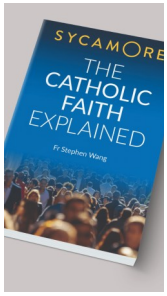
Information regarding registration will be published in the Newsletter, if possible please locate your child's Baptism certificate and candle.

If you are not attending Mass regularly, please do so, as you children will learn more through your example!



SYCAMORE MEETINGS with Deacon John

will continue from 18th May, Monday 1st June, Monday 15th June, and Monday 29th June.



Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

John Piercy, Angela McLoughlin, Teresa Potts, Anthony Slade

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon,

ANNIVERSARY

Mary Boylan, Brian Maddox, Mary Doherty, Dougie Tooby

Please note that to avoid disappointment that all Mass Intentions are published in the newsletter as they are received and not when they are said.

Please write names clearly

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Margaret Barker, Paul Hales, Josie Fitton, Leo Turnbull, Anne Turnbull, Tom Parry, John Gibbons, Emma Coulson, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Bron Bzdega, Kath & Peter Hughes, Emma Coulson, Richard Barry, Peter Kilfoyle, Michelle Clegg, Michael Rice

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

Lord, I believe that you have the power to heal. Increase my faith, and if it is for your greater glory and my salvation, grant me the grace of healing. I entrust my life, my illness, and my recovery entirely to your hands. Amen.

ECCLESIASTICAL EDUCATION FUND thank you for the donations received thus far. I will leave the "collection" open for one more week for anybody who would like to make a further donation. You can also donate via: https://donate.mydona.com/diocese-of-salford and select 'Clergy Fund'

The Impact! Group would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who came to the fashion show and who donated online - we have raised more than we hoped for. A special thank you to the anonymous donor (you know who you are!) for your very kind gift, you have all made a difference in young peoples lives. Thank you.

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE some of you may be aware that Microsoft will be removing its support for "Publisher" in October. I was wondering if any parishioners have any knowledge of any alternative programmes. Currently the newsletter is produced via Publisher and Word/Power Point is not ideal. If you know an alternative please contact Fr. K

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

CATHOLIC FAMILY HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT Castlerigg Manor in Keswick (heart of the Lake District) is offering budget-friendly holidays for Catholic families during May, August, and early September. Breakfast and evening meal are included and there will be Mass on site. Guests have full use of the site including the grounds, games room, chapel, and lounges, and Castlerigg is just a short walk from Keswick and Lake Derwentwater. Ideal for individuals, couples, families, or groups of friends.www.castleriggmanor.com >> stay with us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

Loreto College Vacancy: Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page.
https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/

CELIAC HOSTS are available for parishioners who may be gluten intolerant. Please approach Fr Kieren or Deacon John before Mass to arrange.

ALTAR SERVER RECRUITMENT have you made you 1st Holy Communion? Are you reliable and eager to learn? Why not consider joining the serving team. If you are interested ask you parents to email Fr. Kieren (put "Altar Serving" as subject) and I will pass on your information to the Parish serving coordinator.

The SVP invites you to tea, toast and a chat in the Jubilee Room after Wednesday morning mass at St Monica's. This will run from approximately 10am to midday starting on the 13th May. Everyone is welcome. The aim will be to run it every 2 weeks.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION if you have not returned your sponsor card, please return to the Presbytery Office as quickly as possible.

A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHT'S! As you are aware, its becoming more difficult to provide "supply" priests to cover if I'm away. It isn't that retired priests don't want to help, it is often because of travel and the fact that there are too many Masses to cover over more than one church. This summer I plan to be in Lourdes with the Diocese (the IMPACT Group and many Parishioners will be joining me). I have arranged provisional cover, but would like to propose an idea with you.
It is my suggestion that while I'm in Lourdes - **for only one Sunday (1st/2nd August)** - the Parish reduces it 3 Sunday Masses to 2. The Masses would be for that weekend only: 5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St. Monica's) and 9.30am (English Martyrs'). Please let me know what you think. At present there has been 7 formal responses 5 in favour and 2 against.

LAST OPPORTUNITY - 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. Booking forms are now available, please collect one from Fr. Kieren and return to Northern Star (address on the form) by the end of April.

Free energy bill advice from Caritas If you are worried about rising energy costs, our diocesan charity Caritas Salford runs a range of free drop-in advice sessions to help with everything from energy debt to making your home more energy efficient. You can find out more about these and other ways the team can help people across Greater Manchester and Lancashire on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

HOLY COMMUNION FOR HOUSEBOUND if you would like to receive Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament at home. Please contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit.

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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TRUTH WORLD ORPHANS
UNDERSTAND SHOW MYSELF

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 A Reeh
(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 who is an inpatient and would like a Chaplain to visit them for pastoral care 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.