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

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7th Sunday of Easter - 17th May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I must admit that since the local elections (congratulations to two of our Parishioners on their election success) I've been fascinated with the machination of politics.

Will the Prime Minister resign?
Will he hold onto power?
Will he become a sitting duck?

And if he is replaced or toppled who will replace him?

Will any of this manoeuvring - no matter how interesting - make our lives better?

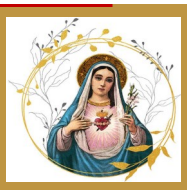
I'm not too sure it will.

But let us pray that it will!
I suppose the scriptures warns us quite clearly, not to put our trust in princes. (Psalm 146). Instead of becoming fascinated by political intrigue we should be more focused on what I know will make our lives better - Jesus Christ.

His Gospel should be the only manifesto that we are invested in. Perhaps we need to raise our eyes to heaven and realise that we belong to the Father and as we belong to Him we are invited to share eternal life.

How?

By uniting ourselves to Jesus, and being one with Him we give glory to God!



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 3

Tue 9.30am	19 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am	20 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am	21 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	22 SM	Mass
Sat	23	
10.00am	EM	Adoration & Confession
11.00am	EM	Mass
5.00pm	SM	Confession
5.30pm	SM	Vigil Mass
Sun	24	**PENTECOST**
9.30am	EM	Mass
11.30am	SM	Mass

Over the last week many resignation letters have stated that the people have lost faith in the Prime Minister. Let's be honest because that faith has been misplaced, we should only put our faith in Jesus - because He never lets us down.

We belong to Him and He is aways faithful!

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

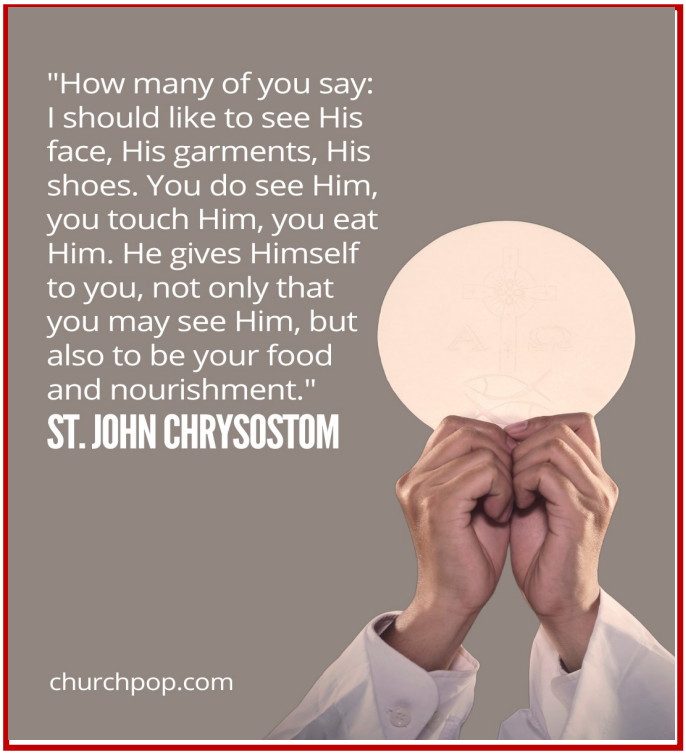
After Easter the Parish will begin preparation for next years Sacramental Programme.

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.

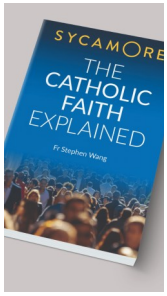
Information regarding registration will be published in the Newsletter, if possible please locate your child's Baptism certificate and candle.

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, Danny Mulligan, Brenda Roberts, Kathleen Cornes

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, Pat Sheehy, Maurice and Tess Mulcahy

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, Agnes Webster

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.

A BIG THANK YOU as we conclude the Holy Communion season, can I say a big thank you to the Parish Catechists who give up so much of their time to work with ang guide our younger parishioners. THANK YOU

COMPUTER KNOWLEDGE thank you for all the feedback and suggestions. I am looking into a number of them. Fr. K

Thursday Club. The next meeting is on Thursday 21st May at 1pm in the Parish Centre. There will be a talk entitled "Suffragettes in the Modern Age". All welcome.

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 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. https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/

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.

MANY THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSES TO "A PENNY FOR YOUR THOUGHTS" reducing Masses to 5.30pm and 9.30am for the weekend of 1st/2nd August ONLY. Your feedback has been overwhelmingly supportive. I want to know take a little time to reflect and speak to the priest who has agreed to cover, before I make a decision

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 on the Caritas website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/energysupport

Caritas Volunteer Week From 1 to 7 June it is national Volunteer Week, with various celebrations and activities taking place across the UK. Caritas Salford, has a wide range of volunteering opportunities available to help support their work with people in Greater Manchester and Lancashire who are experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. If you have a passion or skillset you'd like to share with others, you can find out more about the volunteering opportunities available on their website at www.caritassalford.org.uk/volunteer or contact Matt Yates at m.yates@caritassalford.org.uk

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

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

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/

As we approach Pentecost, let us pray:

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth you r Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall ren ew the face of the earth.

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.