The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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PENTECOST—24th May 2026

Dear Parishioners,
I hope you don't mind, but on this feast of Pentecost, I thought I would simply quote Lumen Gentium (document on the Church from Vatican II): "*When the Son completed the work with which the Father had entrusted him on earth, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost to sanctify the Church unceasingly, and thus enable believers to have access to the Father through Christ in the one Spirit. He is the Spirit of life, the fountain of water welling up to give eternal life. Through him the Father gives life to men, dead because of sin, until he raises up their mortal bodies in Christ. The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful as in a temple. He prays in them and bears witness in them to their adoption as sons. He leads the Church into all truth and gives it unity in communion* and in service … *By the power of the Gospel he enables the Church to grow young, perpetually renews it, and leads it to complete union with its Bridegroom. … In this way the Church reveals itself as a people whose unity has its source in the unity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The whole company of the faithful, who have an anointing by the Holy Spirit, cannot err in faith*".

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 4

May - Month of Mary

Tue 9.30am	**26** **EM**	St Philip Neri Mass
Wed 9.30am	**27** **SM**	St Augustine of Canterbury Mass
Thu 9.30am	**28** **EM**	Jesus Christ Eternal Priest No Mass - Safeguarding training
Fri 10.30am	**29** **EM**	 Requiem Mass Kathleen Cornes
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	**30** **EM** **EM** **SM** **SM**	 Adoration & Confession Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am	**31** **EM** **SM**	**TRINITY SUNDAY** Mass Mass

The Holy Spirit is not some kind of magically "Force". He is rather the activity of God, that gathers us as one and draws us together as the Church, so that you and I, may come to know God in Jesus and knowing Him, proclaim the truth of the Gospel to the world, becoming through the Holy Spirit dwelling within us through our baptism and confirmation, true witnesses to Him. As we conclude the Easter Season, let us be like the early Apostles and filled with the Spirit proclaim Jesus Christ throughout the world … starting in Urmston!

Cause for Beatification of Pedro Ballester

We are pleased to announce the opening of the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation of Pedro Ballester, a young Manchester man whose life of faith and witness continues to inspire many. Pedro died on 13 January 2018 at the age of 21. Born in Manchester in 1996, he grew up in a Catholic family and was widely known for his warmth, generosity and dedication. In his late teens, he committed his life fully to God as a member of Opus Dei, dedicating himself to its apostolic work. Shortly after beginning university, Pedro was diagnosed with advanced pelvic cancer. He accepted his illness with remarkable faith, offering his suffering for the Pope, the Church and all souls, and bearing his condition with deep serenity and trust in God. Over the years since his death, his reputation for holiness has grown significantly. In response, the Postulator, Fr Paul Hayward, has formally requested the opening of the Cause. Bishop John is now inviting members of the faithful to assist the process by submitting any information that may help to build a full picture of Pedro's life, virtues and reputation for holiness. This includes personal testimonies, memories and any writings attributed to him, such as letters or diaries. The opening of this Cause marks an important step in recognising the life and witness of a young man whose example of faith, especially in the face of suffering, continues to resonate with many people today. The Diocese invites all the faithful to assist in the Cause for the Beatification and Canonisation.

You can contribute by:

Sharing information: Submit accounts, memories, or any knowledge that may help establish Pedro's reputation for holiness whether positive or otherwise.

Providing documents: Send any writings attributed to Pedro, including diaries, letters, or other personal materials.

Offering additional material: If you have already submitted information, further details are welcome.

How to submit:

Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Post: Fr Nicholas Paxton Episcopal Delegate, Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street SalfordM3 6DP

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.

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!

Excerpt from Little Gidding by T.S. Eliot – in Four Quartets

". . . The dove descending breaks the air
With flame of incandescent terror
Of which the tongues declare
The one discharge from sin and error.

The only hope, or else despair
Lies in the choice of pyre of pyre-
To be redeemed from fire by fire.
Who then devised the torment? Love.

Love is the unfamiliar Name
Behind the hands that wove
The intolerable shirt of flame
Which human power cannot remove.

We only live, only suspire
Consumed by either fire or fire . . ."

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

John Piercy, Danny Mulligan, Brenda Roberts, Kathleen Cornes, Lynda Paton, Neville Durham

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Patrick "Harry" Boylan - Birthday, Giorgio Sikking, Mary Bramfitt (birthday)

ANNIVERSARY

Joseph Daniels, Vera Maher, Paul Howard, John Murphy

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**

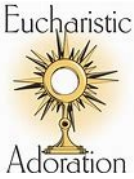
Lord, I believe that you have the power to heal. Increase my faith, and if it is for your greater glory and my salvation, grant me the grace of healing. I entrust my life, my illness, and my recovery entirely to your hands. Amen.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY will be having a little break during the Whit Holidays and will return 13th/14th June.

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/



QUARANT'ORE - The Manchester Oratory (St Chad's), Cheetham Hill Road. 5th—7th June. Opening Mass 5th June 5,30pm. The church will remain open throughout the night for adoration of Our Lord.

SYCAMORE MEETINGS continue with Deacon John, Monday 1st June, Monday 15th June, and Monday 29th June.

Diocesan Red Box Mission Mass – all are welcome! Saturday 30 May 2026 at 2pm, Salford (temporary) Cathedral, Great George Street, Salford M3 6EH Mass with Bishop John Arnold, Mill Hill Missionaries, and Deacon Davie Nalikata (Missio Diocesan Director). Mass will be followed by refreshments. For further information contact Megan at Missio on 07593 544625 or e-mail redbox@missio.org.uk.

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.

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 now 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

PLEASE NOTE that due to mandatory safeguarding training there will be no Mass on Thursday at English Martyrs'and that the Office will be closed all day

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/

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EVENING FIRST DAY
DOORS CLOSED DISCIPLES
PEACE SIDE FATHER
BREATHED FORGIVE RETAIN

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.