The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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TRINITY SUNDAY—31st May 2026

Dear Parishioners,

"It just is!"

I've always hated that phrase, because I feel it is a means of dodging the explanation of an important question.

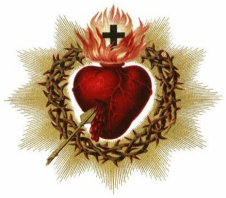
As human beings we are naturally inquisitive and our brains are wired to seek out answers, it is how we develop, grow and come to understand. But sometimes, we have to recognise that we cannot explain everything and that some things and some ideas are beyond human understanding.

"It just is!"

After readings and studying numerous books on theology, philosophy and examining subjects like the nature of God. I appreciate and understand the various ways of explaining the Trinity, but when it comes for me to explain how the One God an be Three Person my response is … He just is!

I'm not dodging the subject, I am recognising what is True, and what is True is that God is ONE and yet the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, not because of any theology, but because Jesus reveals this truth to us, And I accept and believe this truth because Jesus who is God said it was so.

It is beyond my full understanding and therefore explanation. But it doesn't make it less true!



WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 1 Wk 9

June - Sacred Heart

Tue 10.30am	02 EM	Requiem Mass Danny Mulligan
Wed 10.30am	03 SM	St Charles Lwanga & Companions Requiem Mass Brenda Roberts
Thu 9.30am	04 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	05 SM	St Boniface Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	06 EM EM SM SM	 Adoration & Confession Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	07 EM SM EM	**CORPUS CHRISTI** Mass Mass Baptism

Because, God just is the Trinity. Doesn't mean that we should stop thinking about and reflecting up the Divine. On the contrary as Trinity, God reaches out to share Himself with us - and although we may never understand Him, the more that we reach out to Him, the more we will come to know Him. God Bless you all!

Fr. Kieren

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:

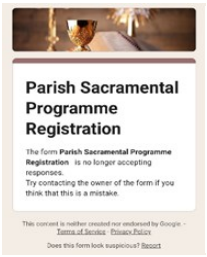
Email: tribunal@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

QR CODE FOR SATURDAY COHORT

QR CODE FOR SUNDAY COHORT the Sunday catechesis Cohort is limited to **30** children. You will see the following screen once the cohort is full:



You must then re-register on the Saturday group.

Please make a donation of **£10** to Fr. Kieren to cover the basic costs of the "I belong" book and resources.

If your child has been baptised outside the Parish a copy of their baptism certificate must be provided, and if you reside outside the boundaries of the Parish permission from your Parish Priest must be given. **The donation (and baptism certificate) must be given to Fr. Kieren after a Sunday Mass in an envelope with your child's name written clearly on it.**

The Registration period will end on 15th August.

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

John Piercy, Danny Mulligan, Val Mullins, Donie Murphy, Sheila Dunleavy, Michelle Clegg

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Patrick "Harry" Boylan - Birthday, Joseph Doherty

ANNIVERSARY

Joseph Daniels,

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, 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.

COVER WHILE I AM IN LOURDES - ADVANCE NOTICE again can I thank you all for your very constructive feedback. Unfortunately my decision has to be made quicker than I thought as the retired Priest who had agreed to cover has now withdrawn due to ill health (please pray for all our retired priest). Thankfully I have managed to find a replacement. However, I must confirm with you that for the weekend of **1st/2nd August (only)** the Parish Masses will be reduced to 5.30pm Saturday evening at St. Monica's and 9.30am Sunday morning at English Martyrs'. Can I also clarify the role of retired clergy within a Parish. A retired priest is not appointed to a Parish and has no obligation or responsibility within it. They are welcome to assist (if they wish) in the life of the Parish by concelebrating Mass or popping into various groups, but no expectations are placed (or should be placed) upon them by the Parish. They are free to offer supply throughout the Diocese. They are wonderful assets but they don't belong to individual parishes.

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

PAPAL ENCYCLICAL Pope Leo has recently published his first encyclical - *Magnifica Humanitas*. I'm sure that the secular media will be focused on his reflection on AI, but I would like to commend the first and second chapters to you which reminds us of beauty and origin of Catholic Social Teaching. Please have a look! It can be read via the website of the Holy See: www.vatican.va

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 15th June, and Monday 29th June.

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.

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

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

Day for Life – Sunday 21 June 2026 Bishops are invited to publicise and ask parishes to join in the Novena in preparation for the forthcoming Day for Life. The Novena will run from Saturday 23 May to the Feast of the Visitation (Sunday 31 May). This is the third year in which the Dioceses of England and Wales will join with those of Scotland and Ireland to pray this Novena. It will be available on the Bishops' Conference website, as well as at https://prayforlife.ie/.

Caritas Volunteer Week From 1st - 7th June it is national Volunteer Week. 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

Donate in memory this Father's Day Donating to our diocesan charity Caritas Salford in someone's name is a special way to honour their memory while supporting people experiencing poverty, homelessness or isolation in our parishes. This Father's Day, if you'd like to make an in memory donation, please visit the special space on the Caritas Salford website for remembering a loved one. This also includes setting up a funeral collection in lieu of flowers and creating a personalised tribute memory page to save photos and messages. www.caritassalford.org.uk/InMemory to access the relevant links or contact Kirstie Davidson for more information on 0161 817 2281.

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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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.