The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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12th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 21st June 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I think you all know me by now. You know that I'm not a big fan of "commercially invented" celebrations that originate from across the Atlantic Ocean. It should come as no surprise when I admit that until last week Father's Day was not on my radar.

That was until I received a couple of emails from sporting companies stating: "Father's Day is approaching, and we understand that not everyone wants to receive Father's Day -related emails". Suddenly was being given an opportunity to opt out of a celebration I have never opted into, and I wondered why?

I wonder if it has something to with the increase of fatherless families, as Kent Nerburn the American author reminds us:

"It is much easier to become a father than to be one".

Perhaps this is true, and perhaps there is a crisis in fatherhood, but as Pope Francis stated very clearly:

"Every family needs a father — a father who shares in his family's joy and pain, hands down wisdom to his children, and offers them firm guidance and love."

Fatherhood, it seems to me, is not optional, and you shouldn't be encouraged to "opt-out" in fact we should promote fatherhood so that it should be the norm to opt in!

We should emphasise that fatherhood is to be embraced and encouraged, and we should recognise that many fathers are just doing it, certainly not perfectly, but lovingly and wholeheartedly.

I didn't opt out of the emails, in fact I discovered so many bargains! Today we should celebrate those who choose to opt in, (it shouldn't be an option) and like our mothers, share their love and lives with us.

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 4 Week 12

June - Sacred Heart

Tue 9.30am	**23 EM**	Mass
Wed 9.30am	24 SM	The Nativity of John the Baptist Mass
Thu 9.30am	**25 EM**	Mass
Fri 9.30am	**26 SM**	St John Southworth Mass
Sat	**27**	St Cyril of Alexandria
10.00am	**EM**	Confession & Adoration
11.00am	**EM**	Mass
1.00pm	**EM**	Baptism
5.00pm	**SM**	Confession
5.30pm	**SM**	Vigil Mass - Ss. Peter & Paul
Sun	**28**	**Ss. Peter & Paul Solemnity**
9.30am	**EM**	Mass
11.30am	**SM**	Mass
2.00pm	**SM**	Sacrament of Confirmation with Bishop John Arnold

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

SUNDAY COHORT IS NOW FULL

Please remember to 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 of St John Henry Newman a copy of their baptism certificate must be provided.

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.

Although the dates for the sacrament of Reconciliation and catechesis have not been confirmed. The dates for the 1st Holy Communion Masses have been confirmed as follows:

24th April 2027 - EM Cohort
8th May 2027 - OLOR Cohort
15th May 2027 - SM Cohort

Children outside the Parish Schools may join any of the Masses.

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Danny Mulligan, Michelle Clegg, Sheila Dunleavy, Mary Outhwaite, Kevin Blinkhorn, Leighton Sumner

GENERAL INTENTION

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

ANNIVERSARY

Julie Burgess< Patrick Mulvihill

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, Josephine Francis, Peter Carlon, Bernard Walker, Kathleen Rafferty

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 You will be happy to know that I have managed to arrange cover for all 3 Masses whilst I am away.

RETIRING COLLECTION AFTER ALL MASSES 27th/28th JUNE - SOLEMNITY OF Ss. PETER & PAUL The Peter's Pence Collection is your opportunity to join Catholics from around the world in assisting the Holy Father's emergency relief efforts to aid victims of war and natural disasters. This collection is scheduled to be taken up after all the Masses during the weekend of June 28th

THE SVP INVITE YOU TO JOIN THEM on Wednesday 24th June for tea and toast served after 9-30 mass.

A BIG THANK YOU TO ANNIE GREENING who after 26 years is stepping from the Piety Stall at English Martyrs'. It would be wonderful if somebody would like to fill her shoes. Mass cards will continue to be available at the back of Church or from the Presbytery during the week.

ALL SAINTS BARTON as many of you are aware All Saints is a supressed parish, and whilst under the care of the Franciscans who promoted the 1st Saturday devotion (you can learn more here: https://firstsaturdaydevotion.com). It has now been announced that this devotion will no longer be held at All Saints. Please note that unless advertised in the newsletter Mass is celebrated in the Parish every Saturday at 11.00am. The devotion will continue at the Hidden Gem.

SYCAMORE MEETINGS continue with Deacon John, Monday 29th June.

Fancy a walk? Caritas Salford is organising a 6-mile scenic, circular sponsored hike in Lancashire, along the delightful Downham Trail. Taking place on 5 September, the walk is an undulating route with the potential for expansive views from the summit of Beacon Fell. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/LancsWalk for more information or to register for your free place.

APF Red Mission Boxes If you have a mission box that needs to be emptied, leave them in the boxes provided. St Monica's box will be in the entrance porch of the church. English Martyrs box will be in the porch of the Presbytery (this is due to boxes going missing when left in the church). Once your box has been emptied, they will be left in either church, ready for you to collect.

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

MASS WITH THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK SVP Annual Mass on Saturday 18th July at 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Refreshments will be provided after mass and anyone who requires a lift please contact the SVP on 07495251598.

CANDLES & PETITIONS as you know I will be travelling (with many parishioners) with the Diocese to Lourdes this year. If you would like candles lit or petitions brough to Lourdes please leave them for me in the sacristy by 26th July. Please do not include money in petitions for the Grotto. For candle donations please write name clearly on envelope and place your donation within it.

St MONICA'S BIG CLEAN - CAN YOU HELP? "Help required for cleaning after Mass on Friday 26th June around 10 am. Thank you "

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.

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

Marian Procession 2026 Madonna Del Rosario Procession The annual Madonna Del Rosario procession, organised by the Manchester Italian Association, will take place on Sunday 5 July. The procession will begin at 1:15pm but we ask that if you are taking part to please meet by the Parish banner at The Halle, St Michael's, George Leigh Street, Ancoats. It will continue through Manchester City Centre to St Peter's Square. All are welcome.

St Mary's RC Cemetery Bank Holiday Mass This annual Mass will take place on Monday 31 August at 11AM at St Mary's Cemetery, Wardley. It will be held outside the Chapel and there will be limited seating. If you would like a poster for your parish display board please contact Fr Luke Bradbury on luke.bradbury@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Vacancies - Teaching and Learning Delivery Support This is a rewarding opportunity to help pupils, school groups, parishes and community visitors connect with nature, explore creation and take part in meaningful outdoor activities. For more information please see https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

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.

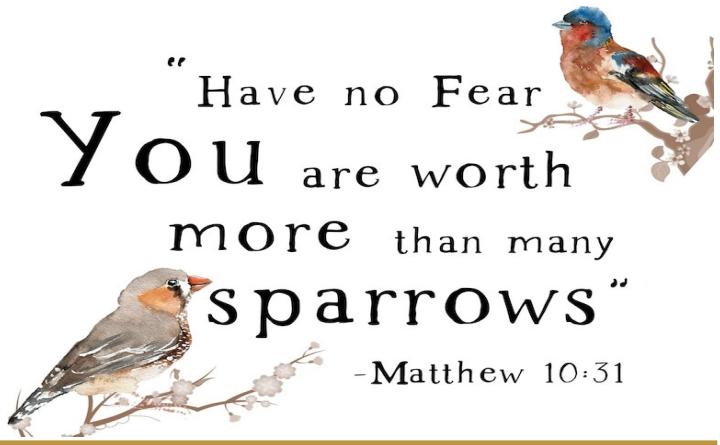
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

"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/



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.