The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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Ss Peter & Paul 28th June 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I would make a poor missionary!

A hate the heat, insects seems to adore the taste of my flesh and I'm pretty useless when it comes to learning languages. In seminary whenever I had the opportunity to visit Latin America or parts of the African continent I chose the relative safety of Northern Ireland instead. I have never felt comfortable is carrying my own plasma on my travels.

I wouldn't make a good missionary.

I'm not Peter or Paul. They (like so many of Jesus' closest friends) left everything behind. They choose to let go off their families, friends and jobs - their earthly wealth and security - in order to embrace the Gospel and share it throughout the world; after all there is nothing of more value in the world than the Gospel they proclaimed.

But is this the only way to be a missionary?

Did Peter and Paul only become missionaries when they left their homes, or were they missionaries as they proclaimed the Gospel to all that they loved - their family and friends?

To be a missionary is not to leave ones homes, but to embrace the Gospel in our everyday lives. It means becoming

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 2 Week 13

July - Precious Blood

Tue 9.30am	30 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am	01 SM	Mass
Thu 9.30am	02 EM	Mass
Fri 9.30am	03 SM	St Thomas Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	04 EM EM SM SM SM	 Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	05 EM SM SM	14th Sunday of Ordinary Time Mass Mass Baptism

a disciple modelling our faith through our words and our actions and allowing others to encounter and know Jesus Christ through us.

I may not be a great missionary, but many of you are!

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

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, Florence Connell, Anthony Massey

GENERAL INTENTION

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

ANNIVERSARY

Patrick Mulvihill, Margaret and Denis Deeney, Patrick (Harry) Boylan), Donal Hurley

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 THIS WEEKEND - 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.

A POLITE REMINDER please do not contact Amanda regarding Parish matters on her mobile phone. All enquiries must be made via the Parish Office. Amanda only works in the Parish Office Wednesday - Friday as advertised in the newsletter. **All items to be included in the newsletter must be sent to Fr. Kieren ONLY**. Many thanks Fr. K

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.

A Night of Music and Fun The African Priests and Religious of the Diocese of Salford are inviting you to a concert in celebration of African Liturgical and folk music. This is to be held at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Failsworth, M35 0NN on 31 July 2026 at 7PM. This promises to be a night of good music (by the invited choir) and laughter (by the priests and religious who also try to sing!). Any priest(s) interested in also giving a solo (or band) performance on the night should email Michael.job@dioceseofsalford.org.uk before 30 June 2026. Above all else, let us come with our parishioners to have a fun evening.

Help end Child Poverty in our Parishes Child poverty is increasing in our area, with latest statistics from the government showing almost one in three children are growing up in poverty. Our diocesan charity Caritas Salford supports local families facing crisis and is asking us to join them in taking action to help. There are lots of different ways you and your parish can get involved. Please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/endchildpoverty to find out more.

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.

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/

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

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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Peter	Simon	Fisherman	Keys
First	Cephas	Fish	Rome

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.