The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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14th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 5th July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

"... you have revealed them to the little ones."

Last Sunday was a little hectic and warm - a packed Church witnessed our "little ones" receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. It didn't all go to plan, but nothing ever does, and it was wonderful to see so many younger parishioners coming forward.

That evening I was reading an article on the internet that focused on evangelisation and passing on the beauty and truth of our Catholic faith to the next generation.

The article suggested that our "little ones" are more like to grow up and keep the faith if their father is part of their faith development, especially taking them to Mass. Although the article spoke of data I cant find any empirical evidence to validate the claim, and yet I'm pretty certain that it is our duty especially as adults and parents to share and pass on our faith to the "little ones" in our care.

Why is this so important? It is important, because if we don't share our faith with them, how will they come to know the One who waits for them to turn to Him?

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How will they know to come to Him with their burdens?

How will they know to share with Him their fears and hopes, their pains and triumphs?

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 3 Week 14

July - Precious Blood

Tue 9.30am	07 EM	Mass
Wed 9.30am	08 SM	Mass
Thu	09	Fr. Kieren is at St Patricks Collyhurst concelebrating Mass with the Emmaus Trust. There will be no Parish Mass today.
Fri 10.30am	10 SM	Requiem Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	11 EM EM SM SM SM	Confession & Adoration Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	12 EM SM EM	**15th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

How will they know Him, if we don't introduce them to Him?

In the Gospel we are all invited to come to Jesus, let us ensure that those we love and all the "little ones" know where to find Him!

I found the following on Social Media and felt it deserved a share:

The Church exists to bring us into communion with Jesus Christ. Everything the Church teaches, every Sacrament she celebrates, every doctrine she defends, and every moral truth she proclaims has one purpose: the salvation of souls and union with God.

The Church teaches us that Christianity is not primarily a philosophy, an ideology, or a moral system. Christianity is an encounter with a living Person. That Person is Jesus Christ. He is not merely a teacher from history. He is the eternal Son of God who entered human history, died for our sins, rose from the dead, and remains present with His people until the end of time.

The Church teaches us that salvation is entirely a work of God's grace. We do not climb to Heaven by our own efforts. God comes down to us first. Every prayer we make, every act of faith, every movement toward holiness begins with the grace of God working within us. As Saint Augustine wisely taught, God created us without us, but He does not save us without our cooperation.

The Church teaches us that Baptism is not merely an outward sign of an inward change. It is the moment when we are reborn in Christ, cleansed from sin, adopted as children of God, and incorporated into His Mystical Body.

The Church teaches us that the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. The Eucharist is not simply a reminder of Jesus. **It is Jesus.** The same Christ who was born in Bethlehem, preached in Galilee, died on Calvary, and rose from the tomb gives Himself to us under the appearances of bread and wine. This is why the saints spent hours before the Blessed Sacrament. They understood that they were not sitting before a symbol. They were sitting before a Person.

The Church teaches us that prayer is not about changing God's mind. Prayer changes us. The more we pray, the more our hearts become aligned with the will of God. Prayer is not an escape from reality. It is an encounter with the deepest reality there is: the living God.

The Church teaches us that suffering is not meaningless. The world sees suffering and asks, "Where is God?" The Cross answers, "He is right there." In Jesus Christ, God did not remain distant from human suffering. He entered it. He transformed it. And He gave it redemptive value when united to His Passion.

The Church teaches us to love the Blessed Virgin Mary because God Himself chose her to be the Mother of His Son. Every authentic Marian devotion leads to Jesus. Mary never says, "Look at me." She says what she said at Cana nearly two thousand years ago: "Do whatever He tells you."

The Church teaches us that holiness is not reserved for a few extraordinary souls. It is the universal vocation of every baptized Christian. God did not create us merely to be successful, comfortable, or admired. He created us to become saints. Perhaps the most beautiful truth the Church teaches is this: God does not merely want something from us. **He wants us.** Before He asks for our service, He desires our hearts. Before He commands, He loves. Before we ever searched for Him, He was searching for us.

The Church has preserved this truth through centuries of persecution, division, wars, empires, and cultural revolutions. Kings have risen and fallen. Nations have appeared and disappeared. Ideologies have come and gone. Yet the Church continues to proclaim the same Gospel, celebrate the same Sacraments, and worship the same Lord.

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, Lillian Tunnah, Robin Hardie

GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Marian Moran, Colin Povey

ANNIVERSARY

Donal Hurley, Marilyn Dugdale, Philip Ronan

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.

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!).

CATHOLIC HOLIDAYS IN THE LAKE DISTRICT THIS SUMMER During August and September, Castlerigg Manor in Keswick is opening its doors to families, groups of friends, or private individuals who are looking for an affordable stay in the Lake District. Breakfast and evening meal are provided, and Mass is celebrated on site. For more information check out castleriggmanor.com/stay-with-us or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk / 017687 72711

QUIET RETREATS FOR ADULTS THIS OCTOBER During October half term, Castlerigg Manor is running a quiet retreat for individual adults who want to spend a few days of peace, relaxation and prayer in the Lake District. Each day there will be a talk, Mass, and evening prayer, and then a lot of time to explore the area, pray, or just simply relax. Book at castleriggmanor.com/events or contact director@castleriggmanor.co.uk

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

Southern Cemetery Mass - 31 August 2026
A Mass will take place at Southern Cemetery on Monday 31 August at 12 noon. If you would like a poster for your parish please email Luke.bradbury@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

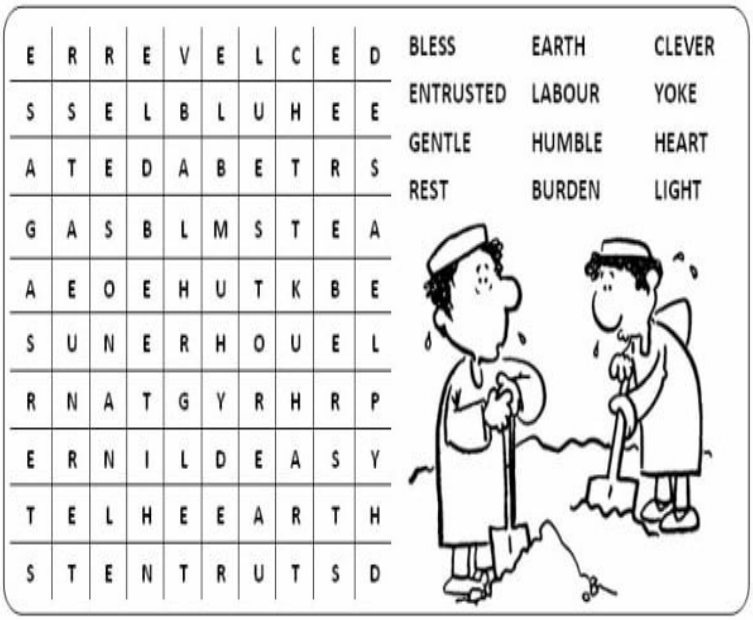
THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

"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/



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.