The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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If you would like to make a donation to the Parish please scan the above QR code.

16th Sunday of Ordinary Time - 19th July 2026

Dear Parishioners,

I have felt a little uncomfortable with the media circus and the comments via social media surrounding the murder of the late Ann Widdecombe. I was never a fan off her political views, but I am not generally a fan of any politician.

As a Catholic neither the right or the left hold the moral high ground and both, it is obviously clear, hold morally repugnant views that are incompatible with Catholicism, whilst at the same time holding some views that can be celebrated and encouraged within our faith.

There is wheat and tares in all of us.

The Gospel today reminds us that what we perceive as good or bad, right or wrong, true or false can and should grow together.

To destroy one is to almost certainly uproot the other.

Is this not true of society too?

Can we not allow opposing views, that we might and rightly, fundamentally disagree with to grow beside and perhaps challenge our own.

Are we so insecure in what we believe?

I see the world through Catholic lenses, but I do not fear those who do not share my beliefs. Even though, to do so, only proves that they are obviously logically wrong! I am only joking a little! 😂

A healthy society, and a healthy intellectual life gives room for opposing views to be heard and even respected - the wheat and the tares grow together.

Tares - Darnell

Wheat

God Bless you all.

Fr. Kieren

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 4

July - Precious Blood

Tue 9.30am	21 EM	Mass
Wed 10.00am	22 SM	St Mary Magdalene Requiem Mass Aidan Withers
Thu 9.30am	23 EM	St Bridget of Sweeden Mass
Fri 9.30am	24 SM	Mass
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	25 EM EM EM SM SM	St James the Apostle Adoration & Reconciliation Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	26 EM SM EM	**17th Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

To register on the Sacramental Programme please use the QR code below.
The deadline for registration is 15th August.

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

To find out more about the Sycamore Programme please speak to Deacon John. The Programme continues on the following dates:

27th July
10th August
24th August
7th September
21st September
5th October
19th October
2nd November
16th November
30th November
14th December

SYCAMORE THE CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED

PARISH CENTRE

It has come to my attention that there have been issues making bookings via SDC. I have chased this matter up with the Diocese and SDC and have been sent a new booking line number. If you are attempting to make a booking and are not having success with the normal numbers please contact:

0161 527 0950 and ask for Krissy.

Catholic Social Teaching has been referred to as 'the Catholic Church's best kept secret' (Mark Shea).

Many people are unaware of the depth of the Church's teaching on social justice, which applies the Gospel to current social issues impacting our communities.

Caritas Salford, our diocesan charity, is running a free webinar to introduce you to the basic principles in an accessible way.

Book your free place now: www.caritassalford.org.uk/event/cst-webinar

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

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

Parent(6.30pm) and Saturday Catechesis (9.30am) will take place in the Parish Centre.

Sunday Catechesis will take place in the Jubilee Room (9.45am).

Dates for Catechesis:

3/10/26 (St Monica's Church)	Parents and children (9.30am) Passports distributed.
10/10/26	Saturday Cohort
11/10/26	Sunday Cohort
15/10/26	Parent Catechesis
18/10/26 (St. Monica's)	Presentation Mass 11.30am
19/11/26	Parent Catechesis
22/11/26 (Please attend any Mass)	Christ the King
3/12/26	Parents Catechesis
5/12/26	Saturday Catechesis
6/12/26	Sunday Catechesis
12/12/26 (Please attend any Mass)	Bambino Sunday
25/12/26 (Please attend any Mass)	Christmas
28/1/27	Parent Catechesis
30/1/27	Saturday catechesis
31/1/27	Sunday Catechesis
4/2/27	Parent Catechesis
6/2/27	Saturday Catechesis
7/2/27	Sunday Catechesis
23/2/27	Celebration of Reconciliation
24/2/27	Celebration of Reconciliation
14/3/27 (Please attend any Mass)	5th Sunday of Lent
21/3/27 (Please attend any Mass)	Palm Sunday
28/3/27 (Please attend any Mass)	Easter Sunday
8/4/27	Parent Catechesis
10/4/27	Saturday Catechesis
11/4/27	Sunday Catechesis
17/4/27	Saturday Catechesis
18/4/27	Sunday Catechesis

Dates for First Holy Communion Masses (Noon)

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

Mass Intentions

LATELY DEAD

Requiescat in pace

Aidan Withers, Kathleen Murtagh, Isa Gray

GENERAL INTENTION

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

ANNIVERSARY

Jennie Quinn, James Gorey, Tommy Whittle

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.

THANK YOU to all members of the Parish SVP (and beyond) for organising the annual Mass with anointing of the sick. You do a lot of work behind the scenes and I want you to know how appreciated you all are!

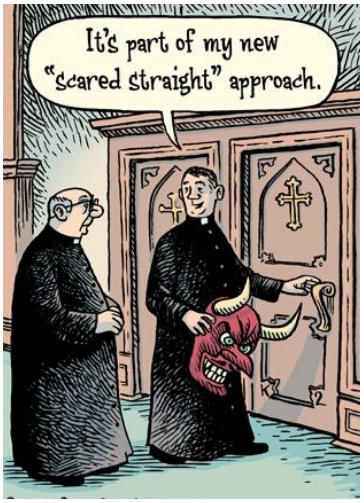
Fancy a walk? Caritas Salford is organising a 6-mile scenic, circular sponsored hike in Lancashire, along the delightful Downham Trail. Taking place on 5th September, the walk is an undulating route with the potential for expansive views from the summit of Beacon Fell. Visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/LancsWalk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

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.

Join the Catholic Medical Association Whether you are a doctor, nurse, student, or allied professional — if you are a Catholic in healthcare, join us to grow in fellowship, prayer and formation together. https://catholicmedicalassociation.org.uk



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.

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/

Love knitting, crocheting, sewing or making? Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is looking for creative parishioners who might be able to help them raise funds to help support people in our parish communities who are experiencing poverty and homelessness. They're looking for people who can either make items to sell in aid of the charity, or groups of people from our parishes who can be paired with local schools to help knit hats and scarves for pupils to wear in their Big Sleep Out fundraisers. If you can help, please get in touch: fundraising@caritassalford.org.uk or call 0161 817 2250.

St Antonys' Open Evening Save the Date Thursday 10th September 2026, 4pm-7pmA school that is "warm and welcoming, where pupils are well cared for by staff", which has "increased the level of ambition" for all pupils (Ofsted, June 2024).

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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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.