# 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.**

## The Assumption - 16th August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

The Dogma of the Assumption has always made sense to me. If you aren't aware of the specifics, it literally means that Mary, at the end of her earthly life, was taken body and soul into heaven, and was defined by Pope Pius XII on 1 November 1950.

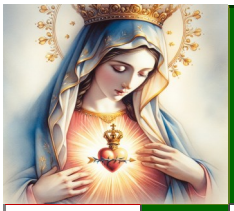
To show that it is universally believed the equivalent belief can be found in Eastern Christianity and is called the Dormition of the Mother of God or the "Falling Asleep of the Mother of God". There are also two "rival" sites - Jerusalem and Ephesus - that make claim of the event! Although only defined relatively recently the doctrine itself goes back to the beginning of the Church.

Why does it make sense to me?

Well, I approach the matter in two ways, firstly, I believe that God is faithful to the commandments that He asks us to keep. If we are commanded to honour our parents, then surely God Himself would honour His mother.

Secondly, the early Church has always believed that Our Lady is in heaven - you can't get there yourself so she was literally *assumptio (taken up)* - an early prayer called the *sub tuum praesidium* refers to making petition to Our Lady, therefore asking for her intercession.

Our Lady cannot intercedes for us or join her prayers with our own unless she dwells besides her Son. The Assumption of Our Lady simply makes perfect sense!



**WEEKLY MASS TIMES**

Times may change

**Psalter 4**

August - Immaculate Heart of Mary

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| Tue 9.30am | 18 EM | Mass |
| Wed 10.00am | 19 EM | Requiem Mass Mary Davies |
| Thu 9.30am | 20 EM | St Bernard Mass |
| Fri 9.30am | 21 SM | St Pius X Mass |
| Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm | 22 EM EM EM SM SM | The Queenship of Mary Adoration and Reconciliation Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass |
| Sun 9.30am 11.30am | 23 EM SM | **21st Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass |

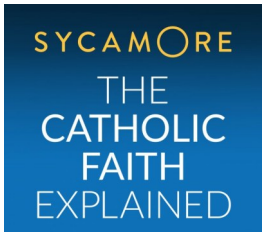
Maybe knowing that Our Lady dwells with her Son we too can join the prayer of the ancient Church as we say:

*Beneath thy compassion,*
*We take refuge, O Theotokos [God-bearer]:*
*do not despise our petitions in time of trouble:*
*but rescue us from dangers,*
*only pure one, only blessed one.*

## SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

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

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




## 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.

## SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME REGISTRATION

**DEADLINE TODAY!**

**If you have not registered your child please do so ASAP.**

**If you have registered, but have not forwarded £10 to Fr. Kieren the registration is not confirmed.**

## 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:

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| 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, Sean Delohery, Lena Conneally, Mary Fitzgerald

### GENERAL INTENTION

A special intention, in thanksgiving, a successful operation, speedy recovery, for prayers answered, Tony Dixon, Brian Cumpstay, Noel & Monica Monaghan (60th Wedding Anniversary), Patricia Kelly, Nell McGrath (birthday memory), Monica Byrne (100th birthday), Mary Norton, Rita, Paul & Marish Rice

### ANNIVERSARY

Ted Carr, Michael Carr Vincent Sheedy, Carly McGuirty, Kieran Halliwell, Roy Wilson

*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, Audrey Crier

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.*

**Opposing Assisted Suicide** Ahead of the Second Reading and vote in the House of Commons for the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill on Friday 11 September, the Communications Directorate of the Bishops' Conference has produced a poster to encourage Catholics to write to their MPs. Please visit the Bishops' Conference website: https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide/ The email address for our local MP Andrew Western is: andrew.western.mp@parliament.uk

**IMPACT! News** We would like to thank everyone that came to our fundraisers/donated money so that ten children could go to Lourdes this year from our parish, they absolutely loved it and are already talking about going back. Without your very kind donations it wouldn't be possible for everyone so a huge heartfelt thank you. We will be doing a 'thank you' event in the autumn and we will put details in the newsletter nearer the time. After 5.30pm., 9.30am and 11.30am Masses on Sunday the Impact! kids will be helping Shelagh Popplewell collect signatures to lobby the government regarding the global debt crisis, you can read more here https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/the-global-debt-crisis. If you can, please stop by and talk to the children about what we are doing and why it is so important to stop private lenders from profiting from low income countries.

**Become a CAFOD School Volunteer** Do you have a passion for faith, justice, and inspiring young people? CAFOD is seeking volunteers to visit local Catholic schools to lead assemblies and workshops about our work and mission. Help children and young people learn how they can make a positive difference in the world. Full training and support provided.
For further information, please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk.

**A Talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer** Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17 September from 7pm. Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/

**Caritas Parish Volunteers** Caritas Salford is always looking for new parish volunteers to help put love into action. If your parish doesn't have a Caritas parish representative or an accessibility advocate, then the Caritas parish volunteer team would be more than happy to come and speak to your parishioners about the scheme during or after Mass. If you would like to arrange a visit or find out more, please email: volunteering@caritassalford.org.uk

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION - DATE FOR DIARY** there will be a meeting held in English Martyrs' Church for young people (new Yr 8 or above) and their parents who would like to registered to take part in the Confirmation Programme. Information will also be sent to local Secondary Schools in September. The meeting will be held on Thursday 22nd October (6.30pm)

**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.

**St Antonys' Open Evening Save the Date** Thursday 10th September 2026, 4pm-7pm. A 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).

**Parish Administrator Role** The parish of Our Lady & St Alphonsus Moss Side are looking for a Parish Administrator to provide a broad range of support to the parish including communications, coordinating the liturgical calendar and parish events, parish administrative tasks and liaising with volunteer and community groups. To find out more about the role and how to apply, please visit the diocesan website: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/

**Open Afternoon at the Lalley Centre** There will be a special open afternoon at the Lalley Community Allotment run by our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, on Tuesday 18 August from 12:00-3:30PM. For more information please contact the team at lalleycentre@caritassalford.org.uk or simply pop along on the day to Caritas Lalley Community Allotment, St Malachy's RC Primary School, Eggington Street, Collyhurst, Manchester, M40 7RG

## 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.***

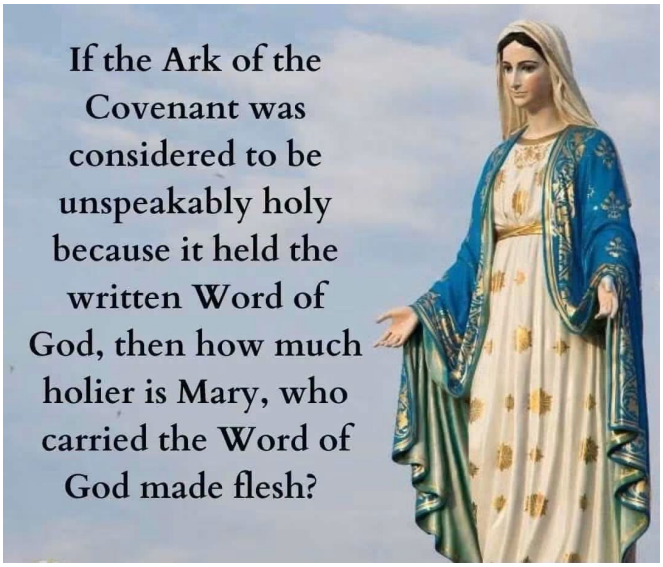
All parent's of children who will be entering Yr 3 (in September 2026) will be invited to enrol their child on the Sacramental Programme - letters and newsletter invitations will be sent out before Easter 2026. The programme is open to all baptised children resident in the Parish including those outside 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.




## 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.

## 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/

## 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.