The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"Heart Speaks to Heart!"

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22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - 30th August 2026

Dear Parishioners,

Proverbs 16:18 states that "pride comes before a fall".

Now I don't want to accuse St Peter of being prideful, but last weekend he was on top of the world and today - only a few short sentences later - he is nearly at "rock" bottom (did you see what I did there?). In the Gospel today Jesus isn't calling Peter the rock, a foundation to build upon, but Satan, an obstacle to Him and the Good News.

That is a steep and rapid fall!

But it is also what I love about St Peter, as he turns from saint to sinner within a heartbeat.

I often find my life and relationship with Christ similar to that of the great fisherman. One minute everything is peachy and going great and the next moment I find myself at rock bottom again! And I usually find myself far from Christ when I forget the cross. Perhaps St Theresa Benedicta of the Cross is right when she wrote perhaps a little tongue in cheek: *usually one gets a heavier cross when one attempts to get rid of an old one.*

WEEKLY MASS TIMES

Times may change

Psalter 2

September - 7 sorrows of Mary

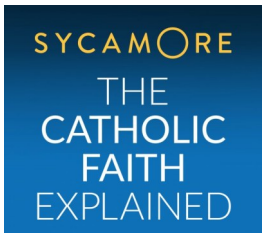
Tue 9.30am	**1** **EM**	Fr. Kieren away
Wed 9.30am	**2** **SM**	Fr. Kieren away
Thu 9.30am	3 EM	St Gregory the Great Fr. Kieren away
Fri 9.30am	**4** **EM**	Fr. Kieren away
Sat 10.00am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	**5** **EM** **EM** **SM** **SM** **SM**	 Adoration and Reconciliation Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sun 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	**6** **EM** **SM** **EM**	**23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time** Mass Mass Baptism

It seems to me that when we attempt to remove the cross from our lives - we literally remove God too. The cross, we should not forget, is essential for our growth and all our relationships because if we remove the cross then we also remove sacrifice and love too (that is the cross - to give of ourselves freely out of love)! Peter had to learn to pick up his cross, and so to do we!

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

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

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



Over One Hundred Years of Gregs! *Over One Hundred Years of Gregs!*

St. Gregory's Annual Mass

1923 -2026

The Annual Mass
For Deceased Former Pupils, Teachers and Families of
St. Gregory's RC High School,
Ardwick Green, Manchester
will be celebrated at
St. Catherine's R.C. Church,
School Lane, Didsbury, M20 6HS
on
Saturday 5th September 2026 at 12.00 noon.
Celebrant: Fr. Eamonn Mulcahy CSSP.

Further information available from:
Peter Ryan on 07980498431 or Dominic Mulcahy on 07545283334

1923 2026

Outdoor Mass at Laudato Si Centre Mass will be held at 10am in the gardens of the Laudato Si' Centre on Tuesday 1 September to mark the start of the Season of Creation, and all are welcome to attend.

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

Mary Fitzgerald, Julie Rennick, Kay Keegan, Chris Carlin, Marie Reynolds, John Hill, Brian Payne, Christine Massey, Mary Hickey

GENERAL INTENTION

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

ANNIVERSARY

Suzie Hartnett, Patrick Flannagan, Billy & Angela Grace, Eileen & Lawrence Egan

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.

ANNUAL LEAVE Please note that Amanda will be on annual leave for the next 2 weeks. I will also be away from 31st August - 4th September and the Parish Office will be closed during that week. There will be no newsletter next weekend. If there is an emergency please contact Fr. Ged Murphy 0161 865 2079

CHILDREN'S LITURGY after a well deserved Summer break the team will recommence Children's Liturgy from 5th/6th September. A big thank you to our wonderful team!

Downham Sponsored Walk - Natalie, Lucy, Louise and Jane are taking on the 10km sponsored hike in Downham, Lancashire on 5th September, raising money for Caritas Salford. They'd most appreciate any donations you can give. https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-jhn-caritas-hike or please pass on any cash sponsorship donations.

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

Could you be called to serve the church as a Permanent Deacon? If you are a Catholic man interested in learning more about the Permanent Diaconate in the Diocese of Salford, please come along to the next 'Come and See' event. There will be opportunities to talk to some of our deacons and find out more about their journey and the ministry without committing to anything further. For more information please email diaconate@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).

Caritas Conference: Tackling poverty and injustice in the Diocese of Salford Caritas Salford invites you to join them for a free day of learning and reflection on the social teaching of Pope Leo XIV. This conference will be held on Saturday 10 October from 11AM to 3.30PM. Guest speakers will be present with a free lunch provided. For more information and to book your place please visit www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference

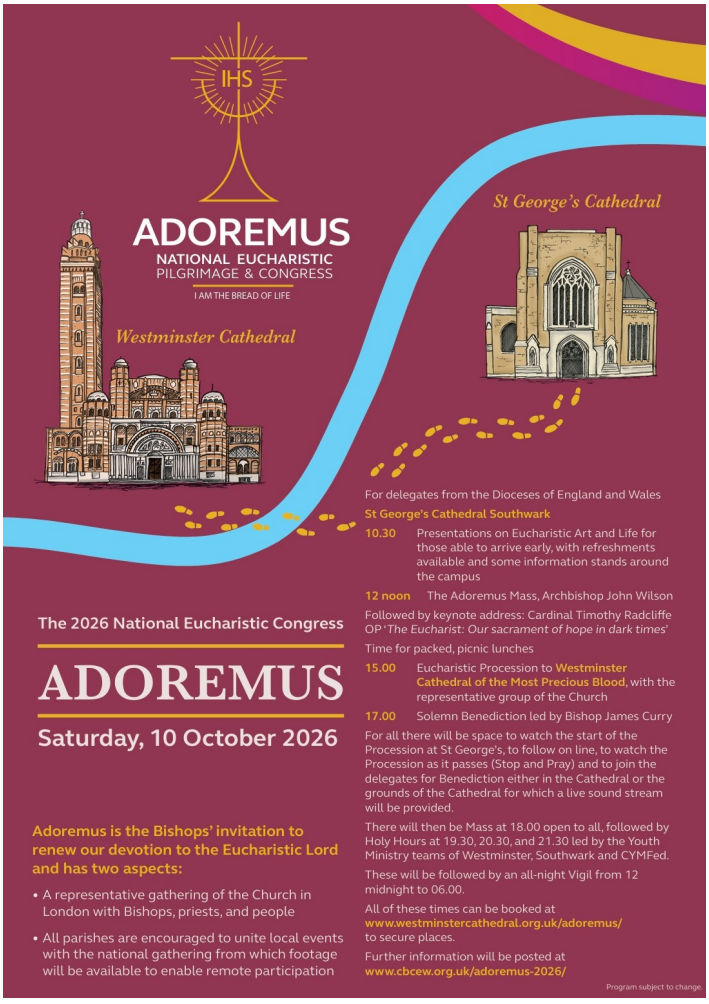
A Talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer Sr Joan Kerley FMSJ will be giving an online talk on the Characteristics of Franciscan Prayer on Thursday 17 September from 7pm. Please visit the diocesan website to register your place: https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/talk-on-franciscan-prayer/

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)

PARISH TODDLER GROUP the parish toddler play and stay group (0-4 yrs) will re-open after the summer break in the jubilee room on TUESDAY 8th September at 9:30am.Everyone welcome !Any questions please contact Tracy 07849539410

UPCOMING FUNERALS please hold in your prayers Julie Rennick (11/9/26 - 11.30am - English Martyrs')., Chris Carlin (11/9/26 - 11.30am - Altrincham Crem)., Kay Keegan (18/9/26 - 10.00am - English Martyrs'). Requiescat in pace

2026 National Eucharistic Congress, Adoremus at St George's Cathedral, Southwark on Saturday, 10th October. The Diocese would like to book a coach. If we have sufficient interest, we would, most likely, depart early morning from St Patrick's Church, Collyhurst, arriving in time for Mass at St George's Cathedral at 12 noon and would return after Solemn Benediction at 6 pm in Westminster Abbey. formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk



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.

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DESTINED JERUSALEM ELDERS
SCRIBES SATAN OBSTACLE
RENOUNCE CROSS LIFE
WORLD GLORY ANGELS

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.