The Catholic Parish of St. John Henry Newman

"cor loquitur ad cor"

Heart Speaks to Heart!

COR AD COR LOQUITUR

Parish Information

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4th October 2026 – 27th Sunday (A)

Dear Parishioners,

Bob Dylan (later covered by Jimi Hendrix and even later U2) once wrote and sang:

"All along the watchtower
Princes kept the view
While all the women came and went
Barefoot servants too
Outside, in the distance
A wildcat did growl
Two riders were approaching
The wind began to howl"

The Prophet Isaiah and Jesus in His parable mention a watchtower and a vineyard in the liturgy of the Word today, knowing the faith of Bob Dylan I am sure he was aware.

A watchtower is building from which you watch as people – friends and strangers - approach, but most importantly it is a place from which you can wait in anticipation for the one that you expecting, you can get yourself ready and you can decide your response – Is He here yet?

In the Gospel, those who watch reject the One that they seek. But not only Him but those sent to prepare for His coming, and no reason is given!

In this action of ingratitude, selfishness and self-righteousness they have crossed the line, they have forgotten and abused the generosity of the landowner, warning after warning has been sent, chance after chance has been given; and now after the rejection of the heir, their actions can lead only to one and just reaction.

Let us not forget, God has entrusted His vineyard to you and I.

It is His and not ours, and He will return to that which is His.

We are expected to watch and prepare, awaiting His return, a return that we in gratitude should welcome rather than reject.

That is the heart of the Gospel. God reaches out to us, He comes to us, He enters our lives and offers an invitation. An invitation to accept or reject.

How do you respond?

Please note that this weeks Newsletter is a work in progress. Things are not quite where I want them to be, but hopefully by next week everything will come together!

God Bless you all.

Fr. Kieren

Please use QR code if you would like to donate electronically.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMME 2026 - 2027

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

10/10/26	Saturday Cohort
11/10/26	Sunday Cohort
08/10/26	Parent Catechesis
18/10/26	Presentation Mass 11.30am (St. Monica's)
19/11/26	Parent Catechesis
22/11/26	Christ the King (Please attend any Mass)
3/12/26	Parents Catechesis
5/12/26	Saturday Catechesis
6/12/26	Sunday Catechesis
12/12/26	Bambino Sunday (Please attend any Mass)
25/12/26	Christmas (Please attend any Mass)
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	5th Sunday of Lent (Please attend any Mass)
21/3/27	Palm Sunday (Please attend any Mass)
28/3/27	Easter Sunday (Please attend any Mass)
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

TIME	VENUE	MASS/LITURGY
Tuesday 06 9.30am	English Martyrs'	Mass
Wednesday 07 9.30am	St Monica's	Our Lady of the Rosary Mass
Thursday 08 9.30am 6.30pm	English Martyrs' Parish Centre	Mass Parent Catechesis
Friday 09 9.30am	St Monica's	St John Henry Newman (Parish Solemnity) Mass
Saturday 10 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 5.00pm 5.30pm	Parish Centre English Martyrs' English Martyrs' St Monica's St Monica's	Catechesis -Saturday Cohort Mass Baptism Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 11 9.30am 9.45am 11.30am	English Martyrs' Jubilee Room St Monica's	**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Mass Catechesis – Sunday Cohort Mass
OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY	**Sunday Cycle: A Weekday Cycle:2 Psalter: Week 3**	

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WINEPRESS
TOWER
VINTAGE
PRODUCE
RESPECT
HEIR
WRETCHES
SEASON
STONE
FRUIT

SYCAMORE PROGRAMME

To find out more about the Sycamore Programme please speak to Deacon John.

The Programme continues on the following dates:

5th October
19th October
2nd November
16th November
30th November
14th December

CAN YOU HELP? After the recent Parish committee meeting (please read the minutes when published) we are hoping to establish 2 new committees. The first is a small Management Group that will be tasked to assess the Parish Centre for future use. The second is a Parish Fundraising Group that will gather initially to focus on Gift Aid, standing orders and general giving within the Parish but also looking towards possible financial questions in the future and how we can respond. If you can help in any way, please contact the Parish Office.

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

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR RETIRED CLERGY there will be a retiring collection to support the retired clergy of the Diocese On the weekend of 17th/18th October after all Masses.

SVP would like to thank you for the generous support to our appeal in this week's newsletter. Could we also invite you to tea & coffee after 9-30 Mass on Wednesday 7th October in the Jubilee Room St Monica's.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS - Starting school September 2027 If you live in Trafford and your child was born between 1 September 2022 and 31 August 2023, they are eligible to start school from 1 September 2027. You must apply to Trafford for all your preferred schools, including schools in other local authority areas. We work with other areas to make sure each child is only offered a place at one school. If you only apply directly to a school, your application will not be considered. If you want to apply for a nursery place, contact the school directly. Some schools may ask you to complete a supplementary form and return it to the school. This is often for faith schools. Check the school website to see if one is required. You must still also include that school in your application to us. 15 January 2027 - Closing date for applications. www.trafford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-school-and-admission/starting-primary-school/submitting-application

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 10th October from 11AM to 3.30PM. www.caritassalford.org.uk/CaritasConference

VISIT SALFORD CATHEDRAL THURSDAY 29th OCTOBER 2026 there is still some availability on the coach for those wishing to attend. The coach will leave at 11.15a.m. so that we can attend Mass at 12.10p.m. After Mass at 1.00p.m. we will be given a tour of the Cathedral, and we will return to the Parish Centre at 2/2.30p.m. The cost will be £12.00 per person -ALL MONIES TO BE RECEIVED BY SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER. There are only 35 places available on a first come first served basis. If you wish to take part, please 'phone Eileen McNee 0161-747-8872. After registering your place with Eileen please hand your money in an envelope with your name, telephone number and marked "Cathedral Visit" Those collecting the money are Filippa Martin at the Saturday Vigil Mass, John/Eileen McNee at 9.30a.m. Mass, Margaret Murray at 11.30a.m. Mass.

KNITWEAR SALE Eden Square on Saturday 24th of October. I will be selling children's knitwear, which will be good timing for the coming cold weather. All proceeds will be split between The Lourdes Group and The Children of Gaza.

STANDING ORDERS can I thank all Parishioners who donate to the Parish via standing orders. Could I kindly remind you to regularly check them. If you would like to donate to the Parish via standing order, please contact Amanda.

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 register 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)

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Pantasaph Monastry for the Year of St Francis of Assisi, which takes place on Saturday 17 October 2026. The day coach will leave the 1st pick up point at 9am and will be returning at around 6pm. Cost of the trip is £35pp. For more information and to book, contact the pilgrimage office by telephone on 0161 817 2209

Big Sleep Out Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in 'The Big Sleep Out' to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So, dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register please click the following link: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO

Open Day - Nursery and Reception 2027 We are pleased to invite families to our Open Day for children who are eligible to start Nursery or Reception in September 2027. You will have the chance to look around our classrooms and learning environment, including our brand-new Early Years department, and ask any questions about your child starting school/nursery. Open Day Dates: Tuesday 13th October at 10.00am and Thursday 15th October at 2.00pm Places at our Open Days are limited so booking is essential. To reserve your place, email the school office at office@stmonicasrc.co.uk When booking please provide your name, telephone number, how many people will be attending, the year group they are applying for and your preferred date. We look forward to welcoming you to St Monica's.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY Open Day – Thursday 12th November Our Lady of the Rosary School will be holding our annual Open Day on Thursday 12th November, from 9.00–11.00am. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit our school, meet our staff and see our children in action. There will be a Headteacher's talk at 9.45am, followed by an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. We look forward to welcoming you and hope to see you there!

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 church, ready for you to collect.

Greater Manchester Churches Together invites you to their Annual Assembly on Wednesday 14 October 2026. Entitled "The Quiet Revival' there will be a presentation by the Bible Society and Q&A sessions on Engaging with Young People and Engaging with Children. The event will be held at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP from 6.30PM to 9PM. Parking will be available on site.

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) 546 9050

GETTING MARRIED IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In order to get married in the Catholic Church a minimum of 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

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 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).

To read the full diocesan policy, in full:
https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Forming-young-people-for-life-Policy-Nov-2016.pdf

PREPARING FOR THE FULLNESS OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

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 parents of children who will be entering Yr 3 (in September 2027) will be invited to enrol their child on the Sacramental Programme - letters and newsletter invitations will be sent out around May 2027. 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).

MASSES RECEIVED: Lately Dead: Tom Parry, Peter Kilfoyle **Anniversary:** Mary McLoughlin **Intention:** Mary Fitzgerald, a speedy recovery

If you have names to be added to the Parish Sick List, please forward them to Fr. Kieren via email. Permission must be given by the sick person for their name to be on the list.

Sick: Audrey Crier, Gerry Smyth, Kystyna Bzdega, Kath & Peter Hughes, Peter Carlon

Our diocesan Sick & Retired Clergy Fund
Every gift to the fund helps to provide the care, dignity and practical support our priests deserve after years of dedicated service. Please remember our retired clergy in your prayers and if you can, make a gift to the appeal today.

Retired Priests Fund