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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11th October 2026 – 28th Sunday (A)

Dear Parishioners,

Remind me nearer the time!

Sometimes I think those words will become by epithet, as I often find myself uttering them, especially after Mass, as I am asked about and whether I can attend future events. To often I find myself forgetting conversations before I get back to the sacristy!

Sadly, many forget to remind me, and unless I have remembered to put the event in the diary I forget too. Now, please don't worry I always immediately book in weddings – well Amanda does.

Sometimes I find myself too busy and need regularly reminding.

The Gospel leaves no room for excuses. We are told to accept the invitation, and to be always ready even for an invitation that is unexpected. What this means, is that we have no excuse to reject Jesus, in fact we should always be at the ready to welcome Him – even when He surprises us with His presence. We cannot say to Jesus, "remind me later" or "I have something more important to do". God commands and expects our attention.

If we reject that living changing invitation, don't be surprised by the weeping and grinding of teeth!

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

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 13 9.30am	EM	No Mass
Wednesday 14 9.30am	SM	No Mass
Thursday 15 9.30am	EM	St Teresa of Avila No Mass
Friday 16 9.30am	SM	No Mass
Saturday 17 5.00pm 5.30pm	 SM SM	 Confession Vigil Mass *Retiring Collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy*
Sunday 18 9.30am 11.30am	 EM SM	**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time** Mass Mass – Presentation Mass *Retiring Collection for the Sick & Retired Clergy after both Masses*
OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY	**Sunday Cycle: A Weekday Cycle:2 Psalter: WK 4**	

MASSES RECEIVED: **Lately Dead**: Padraig McKeon, Peter Kilfoyle **Anniversary:** Betty Kielty, Esther O'Hara, Anne Herbert **Intention**: Mick Delaney, Mary Fitzgerald, a speedy recovery, Tony Dixon, Margaret Martin, prayers answered, Tommy Johnson

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, Tony Dixon, Tommy Johnson

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.

NO NEWSLETTER due to the Parish Pilgrimage to Poland there will be no newsletter next weekend, you can follow the Parish Pilgrimage via the Parish Social Media accounts.

URMSTON CEMETERY MASS Friday 6th November (Noon). If you would like to purchase "grave candles" to place on the grave of your loved ones some are available at the back of both churches.

SVP meeting on Monday 12th October at 6-30 in the Parish Centre. Anyone interested in joining would be most welcome.

PLEASE BE VIGILANT! Can I ask parishioners – especially those who regularly attend Parish funerals – to be alert during the distribution of the Blessed Sacrament**.** Although the teaching of the Church is explained during every Requiem Mass, on occasion somebody who shouldn't will receive the Eucharist. This leads to a panic, and Our Lord is left in the pews. Please do not be afraid to challenge somebody, if they look like they don't know what they are doing!

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. You must still also include that school in your application to us. **15th January 2027 - Closing date for applications.** www.trafford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-school-and-admission/starting-primary-school/submitting-application

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.

Ecological Rosary at the Laudato Si' Centre on Friday 16 October from 1:30-2:30pm as we gather together to pray the Rosary with ecological reflections. This event is a wonderful opportunity to connect with others in prayer and to enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk to find out more and to register.

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)

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. 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!

Homelessness - Write to your MP As part of their latest campaign to support people in our diocese who are homeless, Caritas Salford - our diocesan charity - has put together information on how you can write to your MP to call for change. They are asking for help from people in our parishes and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents. The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness

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).

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