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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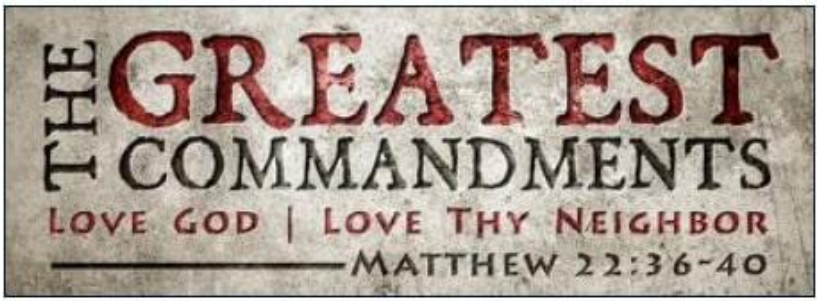
25th October 2026 – 30th Sunday (A)



Dear Parishioners,

"The whole law and prophets depend on these two commandments".

No wonder the Charlatans in 2021 reminded us that Love is the Key. Sadly, that key is often in our modern world ignored!

In the Gospel today Jesus is challenged, so I believe, to summarise His message (the Gospel) into one digestible sentence. He gets immediately to the point, and there is no waffle in what He says.

If you want to know what Christianity is in a nutshell then listen to Jesus as He accepts the challenge that is thrown down and combining what is found in Deuteronomy (6:4-9) and Leviticus 19:18 (what is known as the Holiness Code), summarises everything that He is about by stating:

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself."

The word "shall" in this context should not be interpreted as a mere formal suggestion but rather in a more literal sense as a legal and binding obligation.

It is not a request but rather and expectation.

As Jesus reminds us, both are related if we truly love God then we love those that He too loves; we do not harm them, belittle them, dehumanise them and nor do we turn them away. It is not two commandments but one with two faces of love!

Jesus reminds us that we must love the other even when it is difficult and we must continue to love them even when it hurts!

God Bless you all, and I hope all the younger families and teachers have a wonderful half term!

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

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 27 9.30am	EM	Mass
Wednesday 28 9.30am	SM	Ss Simon & Jude Mass
Thursday 29 9.30am	EM	Mass
Friday 30 9.30am	SM	Mass
Saturday 31 10.00am 11.00am 5.00pm 5.30pm	 EM EM SM SM	 Adoration & Confession Mass Confession Vigil Mass
Sunday 01 9.30am 11.30am 1.30pm	 EM SM EM	ALL SAINTS Mass Mass Baptism
OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY	**Sunday Cycle: A Weekday Cycle:2 Psalter: WK 2**	

MASSES RECEIVED:
Lately Dead: Peter Kilfoyle, Tommy Johnson, Vera Maher
Anniversary: Anne Herbert, Diana King, John Farnworth, Patrick Lawlor, Kathleen Royle, John Hartey, Monica Nolan
Intention: a speedy recovery, Tony Dixon, Phil Chisnall (birthday memories), Kath & Tony Cutting

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, John Gibbon, Josephine Francis

LAST CALL!! 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.**

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.

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. **15th January 2027 - Closing date for applications.**
www.trafford.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/starting-school-and-admission/starting-primary-school/submitting-application

SVP There will be a meeting of the SVP on MONDAY 26th at 6-30pm in the Jubilee Room St Monica's. New members would be welcome.

SVP tea & biscuits after 9-30 mass on a Tuesday 3rd November in the Kershaw Room.

The SVP and the charity Two Brews are setting up a clothes bank in Central Manchester for the homeless. We are appealing for donations of warm winter clothes for men. The items you would donate to a charity shop. We will place boxes at the back of both churches.

CATHEDRAL VISIT a reminder that the trip is starting off from St. Monica's Church on Thursday 29th October at 11.15a.m. There is one seat available if anyone would like to go, please contact Eileen McNee 0161-747-8872.

KNITWEAR SALE – CHANGE OF DATE Eden Square on Saturday 24t 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.

Free resource: World Day of the Poor The Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) has produced a resource for parishes, schools and individuals to mark this year's World Day of the Poor, which takes place on 15 November. You can find it by visiting www.caritassalford.org.uk/CSANWorldDayofthePoor and you can find more information about other ways to support people experiencing poverty locally on the Caritas Salford website at: www.caritassalford.org.uk

Mass for Carers A Mass is being celebrated for all Carers within our Communities at St Cuthbert's RC Church, Palatine Road, Withington, Manchester. M20 3LH. Mass will start at 12 Noon on Saturday 28 November 2026. Following the service sandwiches and refreshments will be served in the parish hall. Mass will be live-streamed through the parish website - stcuthbertswithington.com - so please attend online if you are unable to attend in person.

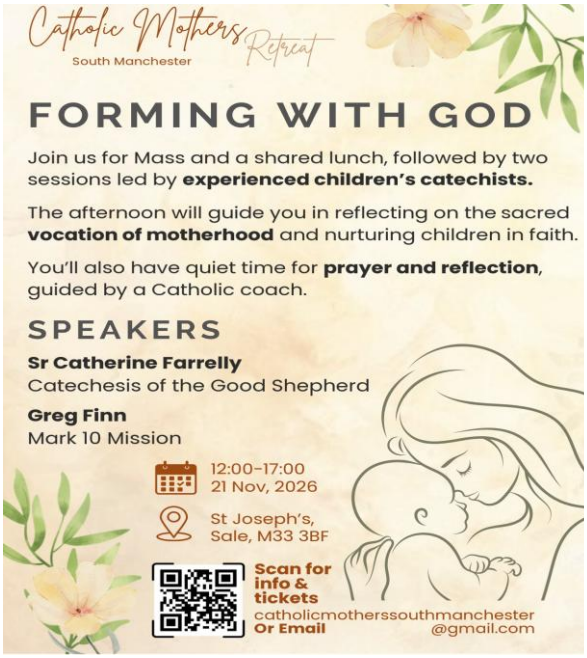
Caritas Downham Hike The group from our parish (Natalie, Lucy, Lou and Jane) raised a total of £1,285 for Caritas Salford after completing a 10km hike in Downham, Lancashire last month. Thanks for all your donations and support!

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!

ST MONICA PRIMARY SCHOOL an additional open day date has been added: 23rd November (9.30am). Please email the school office to book your place: office@stmonicasrc.co.uk

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

FUTURE PILGRIMAGES it is always a wonderful experience as a Parish to visit places that are connected to and affirm our wonderful Catholic faith. Over the years we have been privileged to walk as parishioners of all ages and backgrounds in the footsteps of some remarkable saints, strangers becoming friends. But!! Where to now? Any ideas please share with Fr. Kieren



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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