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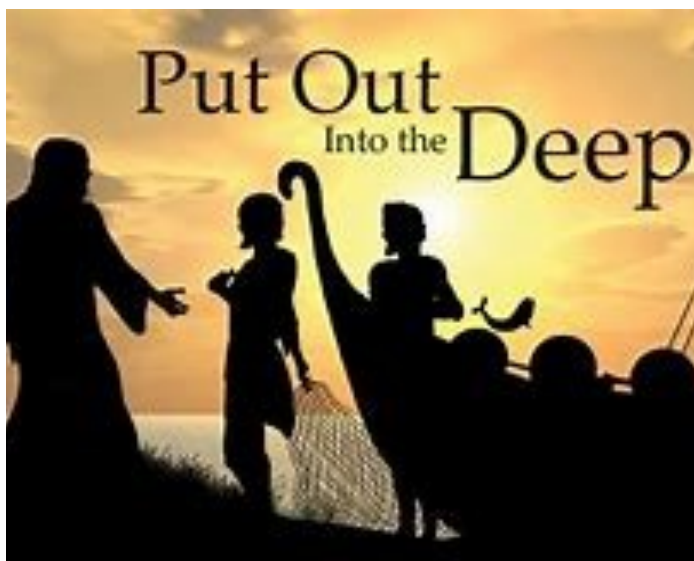
Davyhulme, Flixton & Urmston

The Parishes of Our Lady and the English Martyrs & St. Monica



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In Residence:	Fr. Bernard Charnock (<i>Pastor Emeritus</i>)

5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (C) - 10th February



"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle.

It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be ground down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

St. Pope John Paul II

Dear Parishioners,

Was the ministry of St. Peter a success?

I suppose if we apply the success criteria of today, the answer would obviously be no.

After all he betrayed his friend and found himself condemned and executed in Rome, he doesn't exactly sound like a person that we should strive to imitate.

And yet in the eyes of God St. Peter was and is an overwhelming success, because he became, even though he experienced doubt and fear the Great fisherman who would learn to live out the words of Jesus:

Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.

In Peter we see the wonderful faith of God in humanity, as God chooses the small, weak, and the sinful to reveal His glory to the world.

It is through our weakness, and yes, even our sinfulness that God can work through us, transforming our lives through the reality of His life giving love.

And it is because of that love that Peter, like so many others before and after him, could choose to leave their old (small, fragile and sinful) lives behind and simply follow Him.

And when we follow Him, then our lives - mine and yours - become truly successful!

God Bless,



5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Please note that weekday Mass Times are subject to change, and that on Tuesdays and Friday's some of our younger parishioners are likely to be joining us during Term Time.

Monday 10.15am	11th	Our Lady of Lourdes - Optional Funeral Service - James McDonnell (St. Monica's)
Tuesday 9.10am 9.30am	12th	Morning Prayer (OLEM) Mass
Wednesday 8.45am 9.15am	13th	Rosary Mass (St. M)
Thursday 6.00pm 6.35pm 7.00pm	14th	Ss. Cyril and Methodius - Feast Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament Evening Prayer (Vespers) Mass
Friday 8.45am 10.00am	15th	Rosary Requiem Mass at St. Peter's in Middleton
Saturday 10.00am 11.00am 12.30pm 5.30pm 6.00pm 6.30pm	16th	Sacrament of Confession (St. M) Mass Baptism (St. M) - Baby Jones Vigil Mass of Sunday (St. M) Sacrament of Confession (OLEM) Vigil Mass of Sunday (OLEM)
Sunday 9.30am 10.00am 11.30am 12.30pm	17th	6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass Mass Mass Baptism (OLEM) - Baby Palmer

Masses Received & Prayer Requests

Please ensure that all Masses are marked Correctly

Lately Dead (LD)

Requiescat in pace

Frank Unsworth, Anthony Rogers, Patrick Maguire, Mary Rigby, Anne Marten, Helen Ronane, Ann Marten, Michael Brown, Glen Coe, John Barker

Intention

Fr. John Rigby, Bishop Robert Byrne

Anniversaries

Mary Monks, Thomas Brooks, Thomas Coates, Mary Evans, John Evans

Sanctuary Candles (OLEM)

Tabernacle

John Farnworth

Our Lady's Altar

In special thanksgiving



The prices are now available for the 87th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. Prices are based on 6 nights full board accommodation with return flights from Manchester airport departing Thursday 25th July, returning Wednesday 31st July 2019.

Download a booking form by following this link <https://www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/travel-accommodation>

PARISH

AMALGAMATION UPDATE MEETING

Tuesday 5th March
(7.00pm)

Parish Centre

Please come and share this opportunity for Fr. Kieren to bring you all update regarding the consultation process.

GIFT AID

If you are a UK tax payer, can I invite you to consider joining the Parish Gift Aid scheme. Gift Aid costs you nothing extra but allows the Parish to make a little more on your weekly donation. If you would like to help the Parish please take a form from the back of Church

MUSIC AND LITURGY

These are two very important ministries that come together when celebrating the mass. Both our parishes has a wealth of talent and we are looking for ways to enhance and encourage anyone who is interested in joining our music groups. Our Lady and the English Martyrs parish already have a choir but are always looking for new members and St Monica's would like to work at establishing a choir/music group. So, whether you just like to sing or you play a musical instrument and would like to be part of the music ministry why not come along to one of our practices to see if it's for you. For further information please speak to either Fr Kieren, Debbie Holmes (OLEM), or Sean Ryan (St. M)

FAITH MATTERS As part of Hope in the Future, we welcome everyone to join us for a time of prayer, reading scripture and shared discussion as we seek to discover more about the person of the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. Come along on Monday 11th February 7pm in the Jubilee Room. Contact the Parish Administrator, Amanda Craven for any details.

Amalgamation News

Bishop John has now appointed me as Parish Priest to St. Monica's to go with being Parish priest of OLEM. He has also ratified the changes to the times of Sunday Mass which will begin on 1st Sunday of Lent (10th March)

5.30pm (St. M)., 9.30am (OLEM)., 11.30am (St. M)

If you have any suggested names for the NEW Parish please send them to me no later than Friday 15th February.

Parish Amalgamation Questions: Can I ask you to reflect on the following questions as part of the amalgamation process and return your answers to Fr. Kieren by 22nd February. (1) Examining the proposed new Parish boundaries (available last weekend), do you think that they are appropriate or need changing? (2). How best can the new Parish be served by one Priest?

I have sent a letter through the schools so that our Catholic families can also share their thoughts!

COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP PROGRAMME (OLEM)

Our Syrian family have arrived to a safe, warm, well-equipped house and are beginning to adapt to their new environment. We will be introducing you all to them when they have had time to settle in. Our parish has been so generous with gifts of furniture, clothes and equipment and we cannot express our thanks enough to you. We now need donations as we help them to become independent. If you are prepared to donate just a small amount each month for a maximum of two years it would make a huge difference. There are standing order forms at the back of church or you can contact Sue Shaw on 07789190018. Thank you for your continued support.

Lenten Cluster Station Mass - OLEM 7th March (7.00pm)

Ecumenical Lenten Breakfasts - The Parish Centre - beginning on Thursday 14th March (9.30am) and continuing on every Thursday in Lent.

St. Antony's Catholic High School - Irish Night - Friday 8th March (doors open at 6.30pm) Tickets cost £5 (Irish Stew included with ticket) please contact Mrs P Archer (0161 911 8001) p.archer@st-antony.com



**8 Day PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2019
FLORENCE, ASSISI & SIENA
£899.00
13th-20th October**

A pilgrimage is a wonderful way to come together as a community. If you would like to take part in the Pilgrimage please sign up at the back of Church. I will call a meeting in the new year. We will be travelling with Northern Star Travel via Manchester airport, please note that a single room supplement applies.

The pilgrimage is dependant upon numbers, if you are interested please sign up by **20th February 2019**. There are sheets at the back of both churches.

Congratulations to Bishop Robert Byrne (once of this Parish) who has been appointed by Pope Francis to be the new Bishop of the Diocese of Hexham and Newcastle.

Songs of Praise - Young Choir of the Year, you can apply for free tickets to watch Alred Jones introduce the best Junior and Senior Choirs in the UK. (9/10th March—Victoria Hall, Bolton). To apply for tickets please send your name, address, contact number and number of tickets requested to SOPcongregations@avantimedia.tv please include 'Young Choir Recording' in your subject header. Alternatively, you can call on 0161 873 7073.

Finance Committee Meeting Saturday 2nd March at 11.45am - Just a short meeting (I promise!) in the Kershaw Room.

Ring & Ride/Carshare As the parishes prepare for the change of Mass times and as we continue the process of becoming one parish, I am aware that for some transport will become an issue. Sadly I cant solve this problem but I have researched some of the options offered by Trafford Council. The Council offers a Ring & Ride Service to which you can register on 0161 200 6011 or 08456884933. There are also some service discounts available on this service via 0161 244 1000 (travel vouchers). Can I also encourage all parishioners to share transport whenever possible.

Parish Hike - Chadw Kirk Vale & Etherow County Park 24th February, the walk will be 5 miles and should be relatively easy. Please meet at English Martyrs Church after 11.30am Mass.

The Visitation of the pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Fatima and the relics of ss. Jacinta and Francisco will visit Salford Cathedral on 23/24 February. Further information can be found via the Diocesan website.

Flame 2019 – #Significance The biggest Catholic Youth Event in England and Wales is back! The CYMFed Flame Congress takes place on 2nd March 2019, at Wembley Arena. To book your place with the diocesan youth team contact Lorraine Leonard on 0161 817 2205 or lorriane.leonard@dioceseofsalford.org.uk More details at <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/>

Meeting for Children's Church/Liturgy Coordinators Tuesday 12th February (7.00pm) in the Presbytery.

Meeting for SVP/Welfare Group/50+ Clubs Coordinators Friday 15th February (6.30pm) in the Kershaw Room (Presbytery).

St Monica's School's Prayer Garden Needs Your Help! We are wanting to tidy up the Prayer Garden for the children to be able to have maximum use of it during the spring and summer months. Can you come and help on Friday 15th February between 10am and Noon? We need an army of volunteers to help us with some trimming, weeding and general tidying work. Many hands make light work! Mrs Davies would be very grateful for your help with this work. If you are able to help please contact either school or Amanda at the Presbytery or just turn up on the day!

Lectio Divina takes place every 3rd Tuesday (from 7.00pm) in the Kershaw Room - Everybody welcome.

What's going on in the Parish Centre?

Monday	Weightwatchers 10.45; 17.30(JPR) Children's Tap Dancing 16.30 (F.H.) Taekwondo 19.00 - 21.00 (FH) Bingo - 20.00 (JPR)
Tuesday	Fun and Music Classes for Babies & Toddlers - 9.30a.m. - (F.H.) Irish Dancing, Children & Adults 17.00 -21.00 (FH).
Wednesday	Taekwondo 19.00-21.00 (FH)
Thursday	Adult Tap Dancing - 18.00 (F.H.)
Friday	Keep Fit - 8.30a.m. (F.H.) Taekwondo 19.00 - 21.00 (FH)
Saturday	Irish Dancing, Children & Adults 10.00 -12.00noon (FH)
Sunday	Taekwondo 11.00 - 13.00 (FH)

JUBILEE ROOM - St. Monica's

Children's Church:	During the Sunday Masses
Mother's Prayers:	Monday 9.45am
Toddlers Group:	Tuesday 9.30am
Prayer Group :	Tuesday 7.30pm
Sewing Group:	Wednesday 9.45am-11.45am
UCM:	1st&3rd Thursday 1.00pm
Tea & Coffee:	After Sunday morning Mass

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FOOD BANK Please place any of the above items in the grey bin at the back of church. If anyone would like to donate directly then detail are as follows Stretford Food bank Co-op Bank a/c 65855834 Sort code: 089299.

The Bishops Conference would be grateful if you could publicise the details of the internship scheme in your parishes or pass on to anyone you think may be interested. Faith in Politics, the Catholic Parliamentary and Public Affairs Internship Scheme, which began in 2003, provides up to eight recently graduated Catholics with intensive experience of political and social action in a spiritual context. Interns are placed with Christian MPs at Westminster and in public policy and social action roles at the Catholic Education Service (CES), CAFOD, and CSAN. All the internships also involve individually guided retreats and spiritual guidance throughout the year. Each intern will take part in the first year of a part-time Master's Degree in Catholic Social Teaching at St Mary's University, Twickenham, at the end of which they will gain a Postgraduate Certificate, with the option of completing the second year. The group will live at More House in Kensington, and at the end of the year will become part of a network of over 100 intern alumni. Deadline : Thursday 28 February 2019 More details available - <http://www.faihinpolitics.org.uk>

SAFEGUARDING: The Diocese of Salford is committed to the protection of young people and vulnerable adults. If you have any concerns please contact our Parish Rep Bill Smith or Amanda Craven

Getting Your Child Baptised

As a Parish we follow and adhere to the Diocesan Baptism Policy. In order to be baptised the Catholic family (resident in the Parish) if not already practising their faith must attend Sunday Mass for a minimum of 6 weeks before a date is discussed. After confirmation of a date a Baptism Preparation meeting must be attended. Please contact Fr. Kieren via the Presbytery or contact the office at St. Monica's..

Getting Married

In order to get married in the Catholic Church 6 months notice must be given. If you have been married outside the Church and would like to have the civil marriage con-validated, please contact Fr. Kieren for further information. **"And that is what marriage is! Hand in hand, always and for the rest of your lives".** Pope Francis

PARISH CENTRE



Available for all your family & social events.

For bookings of Parish Centre or Hall

Filippa Martin 07866583870 or via email: martin_filippa@yahoo.co.uk

Check out the website: www.urmston_parish_centre.com

OUR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS - DIOCESE OF SALFORD



English Martyrs

Wycliffe Road, Urmston.

Headteacher: Mrs Carole Partington
(0161) 748 7257

Our Lady of the Rosary

Davyhulme Road, Urmston.
Headteacher: Miss S. Molloy
(0161)748 4626

St. Monica's

Woodsend Road South, Flixton
Headteacher: Mrs. Louise Davies
(0161) 748 3353



Secondary School

St. Antony's Catholic College
Bradfield Road, Urmston
Headteacher: Mrs. F. Wright
(0161) 911 8001



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GENNESARET BOATS FISHERMEN
NETS CROWD SHORE
WATER SINKING KNEES
OVERCOME BANK FELL



NEWSLETTER must be sent to Fr. K (via email) before 10.00am Thursday morning or sent to Amanda at STM before 6.00pm Wednesday evening.