

# Saint John Henry Newman

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## “Consecrate them in the Truth”.



When Jesus declares himself to be the Way the Truth and the Life, he is encouraging us to recognise that our path, our values, and our purpose are shaped and expressed in our relationship with God in Christ. Being with Christ is both something very personal and truly communal. This is why our listening and responding to Christ have a place in collective worship and personal prayer. Prayer has a purpose that runs much deeper than we sometimes realise. Like all relationships, it bears fruit when it is sincere, frequent, respectful, and open to new insights. As Pope John Paul II said:

*Prayer can truly change your life. For it turns your attention away from yourself and directs your mind and your heart toward the Lord. If we look only at ourselves, with our own limitations and sins, we quickly give way to sadness and discouragement. But if we keep our eyes fixed on the Lord, then our hearts are filled with hope, our minds are washed in the light of truth, and we come to know the fullness of the Gospel with all its promise and life.*

Prayer is the living out our personal sacredness in communion with God and all who would live their lives under the influence of divine love. This is why we are consecrated in the truth.

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## Holy Communion Candidates

*Lord Jesus, come to me,  
Lord Jesus, give me your love.  
Lord Jesus, friend of children, come to me.  
Lord Jesus, you are my Lord and my God.  
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen*



Children prepared by our parish catechists join us at the 11 am Sunday Mass this weekend 12 May. Then the children from Our Lady's celebrate on Saturday 18 May. A further group will receive their first Holy Communion on Sunday 16 June. Do please keep them and their families in your prayers.



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## Coffee Morning - Cancer Research UK

Our very own Nicola Chiappa having already completed the London Marathon is now preparing for its Edinburgh equivalent, in memory of a friend from that great city. We will

be holding a **Coffee Morning on Friday 24 May 10.30** and hope that many of you will come along and show your support. We would be grateful for any raffle prizes that you could donate.

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## Parish School of Prayer

**Warrington Prayer Group** – we have been asked to play host to this longstanding prayer group which already has some parishioners among its members. They hold their meetings on Monday evenings at 7-8 with the first being held on Monday 20 May. New members are always welcome.

- **Introduction to Catholic Spirituality** – Thursday 23 May 7.30 pm. The first of a series of occasional sessions exploring a variety of topics. The first, as it says on the tin, will be an introduction and will also give some suggestions about future topics.

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**Mission Boxes** - Supporters in this parish can take pride in knowing that they collectively contributed £2080 during the last twelve months. Please bring your box for emptying over the next couple of weeks. Please also note that you are invited to a Diocesan Mass at St Michael and All Angels church, Birkenhead CH49 5LE at 11 am on Saturday 1 June.



## SVP Sponsored Cricket Match 16 June

There has been an encouraging response to our efforts to recruit a top rank team for the match with Warrington's Indian medics at the Grange Club (home territorial advantage to us!) on Sunday 16 June. You could be the winning all rounder that we're looking for. If so, please add your name to the list. As for the rest of us we will do all we can to muster our own vocally respectful Barmy Army.



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One of the great things about Catholic Popular Devotions is that we have saints proposed to us as patrons for all kinds of situations. One of these is Saint Joseph of Cupertino, a follower of Saint Francis, who we turn to when taking examinations.



### Prayer for those taking Exams.

O Great Saint Joseph of Cupertino who while on earth did obtain from God the grace to be asked at your examination only the questions you knew.

Obtain for me a like favour in the examinations for which I am now preparing. In return I promise to give thanks to the God of truth and love. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

As a bonus for those considering a career in the aviation industry Joseph is also patron saint of aviators on account of a legend that tells of his extraordinary ability to levitate, as the picture shows.

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It has been a long time coming, due to our desire to protect each other's good health following the pandemic; but I am very pleased to say that, with the cooperation of our Eucharistic Ministers we propose to return to the practice of offering Communion from Chalice. This will begin next weekend, the Feast of Pentecost.

Being able to participate in this way enables us to identify ourselves more fully in this sacramental living out of the Lord's invitation to eat and drink. That said, it remains the Church's teaching that we receive the fullness of the Eucharistic presence under one form where circumstances make that the right thing to do. This implies that we can respect one another's wellbeing by refraining from taking the chalice whenever we are feeling under the weather.

## 11 – 12 MAY – SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - PAGE 273

Sat 11 May	5.30 pm	Intentions of the Lundin Family
Sunday 12 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Parish Intentions Bridget Agnes Barry RIP (Anniv)
Mon 13 May	10.00 am	Parish Intentions (Tea & Toast)
Tue 14 May	10.00am	Mr Fleming & Surgical Team
Wed 15 May		No Services Today
Thursday 16 May	1.15 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Funeral Service for Lynda Lawton RIP Silent Adoration Int's John & Marie Clowes (SVP)
Friday 17 May	10.00 am	Brian Porter RIP
Saturday 18 May	10.00 am	First Communion – Our Lady's

## 18 – 19 MAY – PENTECOST SUNDAY - PAGE 287

Sat 18 May	5.30 pm	Sean Clowry RIP
Sunday 19 May	9.00 am 11.00 am	Maureen Galloway RIP Patrick Mooney RIP



KINDLY REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: For those requesting our prayers including *Barry Bennett, John & Marie Clowes, Harry Challoner, Margaret Daintith, Harold Entwistle, Mary Finn, Tony Graham, Rita Hutson, Betty Leigh, Barbara Lynskey, Rita Mahon, Kathleen Mannion, Roger Maxwell, Gerard Moulding, Marcos Sala, Vaughan Stone, Meryl & Tony Wernham, Gordon Whittaker, & Carol Worsley.*



Teas and Coffees will be served by **Team B** after the Sunday Masses on the **19<sup>th</sup> May**.

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Memorial Mass for Miriam Jones and all Deceased Students and Staff of Notre Dame School, Wigan – Friday 31 May 10 am followed by a catch up over tea and coffee.