



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



Second Sunday of Lent

28th February 2021

Reflection

"When one has the grace to live a strong experience of God, it is as if one is living an experience similar to that of the disciples during the Transfiguration: a momentary foretaste of what will constitute the happiness of Paradise. No one, however, is permitted to live 'one Tabor' while on earth. Indeed, human existence is a journey of faith and as such, moves ahead more in shadows than in the full light, and is no stranger to moments of obscurity and also of complete darkness. While we are on this earth, our relationship with God takes place more by listening than by seeing... And so, this is the gift and duty for each one of us during this season of Lent: to listen to Christ, like Mary. To listen to him in his Word, contained in Sacred Scripture. To listen to him in the events of our lives, seeking to decipher in them the messages of Providence. Finally, to listen to him in our brothers and sisters, especially in the lowly and the poor, for whom Jesus himself demands our concrete love." -

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Pope Francis' Intentions during Lent

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

We are delighted to see the numbers attending Mass have increased recently but, of course, are aware many parishioners continue to remain at home so we keep you in our thoughts and prayers. Whilst an increase in numbers is joyful it also raises the issue of how best to maintain social distancing to keep our church as COVID-safe as possible. Therefore we have decided it is necessary to take bookings for the following services:

Mass of the Lord's Supper - 7.30pm Holy Thursday 1st April (also livestreamed)
Children's Stations - 12noon Children's Stations on Good Friday 2nd April
Liturgy of the Passion - 3.00pm Good Friday 2nd April (also livestreamed)
Easter Vigil - 8.00pm Holy Saturday 3rd April (also livestreamed)
Easter Sunday Masses - 8.30am, 10.00am, 11.30am (also livestreamed) and 5.30pm

Please do not try to book yet. Bookings will be taken via email from next **Sunday 7 March** until end of day **Sunday 14 March**. Full details will be in next week's newsletter. It may not be possible to attend all the services, as traditionally has been the case, this will be dependent on numbers. So, we urge you to please consider your preferences in advance so we can receive bookings as early as possible and certainly within this timeframe. This will greatly help us with the administration and communication, enabling us to provide a better service for the benefit of all. Thank you for your help and understanding.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

During Lent we are holding Lenten Reflections on Wednesday evenings at 8.00pm, via Zoom, as an opportunity to come together as a parish community to reflect in preparation for Easter. The next talk will be led by Seamus Edwards, entitled 'No Greater Love'. Login is available from approx. 7:45pm each Wednesday with the following details:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86221778722?pwd=bXFCUFVaTzVzcDZHUotSNzBEZlZFOToq>

Meeting ID: 862 2177 8722 ; Passcode: 544319

If you are unable to join this reflection at the time it will be available to watch via our Vimeo page <http://vimeo.com/showcase/stvincentsaltrincham> using the password: stvincents which can be accessed via our website.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 2pm we will be live streaming the Stations of the Cross, via our [Facebook](#) page. This will remain on the Facebook page as a recording so can be watched at a time convenient to yourselves. The Stations of the Cross will be live streamed at 2.00pm each Friday afternoon in Lent.

CONFESSIONS

From this weekend, as you will see from the timetable over the page, Saturday morning confessions will now be heard in the garage rather than in the garden. Now that the crib has been disassembled, it is an ideal place to hear confessions so that we are sheltered and can stay warm but also ensure that social distancing is adhered to.

WALK WITH ME LENT BOOKLETS

Walk With Me Lent booklets for adults and children are available to buy before each Mass. The Stewards will have them at the front doors. They are £1 per booklet. There are also children's posters which are free. If anyone is struggling to get a booklet please email the parish office and we will arrange to get one to you.

JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP

Please visit the [Justice and Peace Group page](#) on our parish website for Lenten Reflections: A New Beginning - From Lent to Easter. Written by Anne O'Connor, each day of Lent contains a scripture reference and a sentence of reflection. For a list of Lenten resources, prayers and courses please visit this [Catholic News](#) website page.

Please use this link, via our parish website Justice and Peace page, for the latest ACAT (Action by Christians Against Torture) [newsletter](#) which details their Easter Campaign.

Please consider sending messages of hope and support to prisoners who are victims of Injustice.

Message from a prisoner via ACAT: *This is Mancho Bibixy, Yaounde Central Prison. I received many greeting cards and words of encouragement from many concerned individuals in the UK. I was so blessed and encouraged, most of them heard about me from ACAT UK. I am so grateful to ACAT UK.*

The National Justice and Peace Network (NJPN) has organised its annual conference in July, to be held at The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Derbyshire 23-25 July 2021. If possible this will be an in-person event, if continued constraints prevent the conference going ahead in person NJPN will present the programme, or similar, as a bookable only online conference. The theme is: '2021: Life on Earth - moment of truth'. As climate change, the biodiversity crisis and Covid-19 make clear, ecological conversion is becoming a matter of life and death. For more information and booking please visit www.justice-and-peace.org.uk/conference

RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

If you would like to receive this newsletter by email please request this by emailing the [parish office](#).

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 21st February 2021 £1203.20
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MASS PREPARATION FOR NEXT SUNDAY 7 March 2021 - Third Sunday of Lent

Wednesday Word: <http://wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

Prego: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

ST PATRICK'S DAY CARDS

If you would like to buy a St Patrick's day card, these can now be purchased from the Sacristy at Mass times.

WHEN VISITING CHURCH PLEASE REMEMBER.....

- * Do not visit if you have any symptoms of illness or are self-isolating/shielding
- * Please enter church through the main doors and exit via the side entrance (unless disabled).
- * Please only enter the porch when the people ahead of you have entered the church.
- * Please take note of the signage in church to guide you.
- * Face covering must be worn at all times in church (unless exempt or under the age of 11).
- * Hand sanitiser (provided) to be applied on entry and exit from church and before using the pen if signing in.
- * Social distancing rules must be maintained
- * Allocated benches will be available to leave the required distancing space. Please leave the central benches for larger families.
- * No statues or sacred images to be touched during visit
- * Any single-use material touched is to be taken away by that visitor (all non-single use material e.g. Hymn and Mass books will be removed)
- * No toilet facilities will be available

ATTENDING MASS

Please log in to church using the NHS app QR code or bring a slip with your name(s), telephone number and the date and time of Mass which you are attending already written down. This information will be kept, as per government guidelines, for 21 days and then destroyed. If you are not already on our parish database, you will be added to it, please refer to the privacy statement below. If you do not wish your details to be added to the database, please indicate this on the details you have given us. If you forget your information, you will still be able to sign in at Mass as before.

PILOT PROJECT LAUNCHES TO LEAD CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ENGLAND AND WALES TO A CARBON NEUTRAL FUTURE

Parishioners can read more about this in the Independent Catholic News <https://www.indcatholicnews.com/news/41574> A copy has been posted on the Justice and Peace page of the website where there is also a link to David Attenborough's recent sobering address to the UN Security Council.

CAFOD LENTEN FAST - CLEAN WATER PLEA

Give today to reach vulnerable communities around the world with water and to provide other vital support. Donate online at cafod.org.uk/lent or by using a CAFOD envelope. You can also give via text. Text LENT to 70460 to donate £10*. *Texts cost £10 plus one standard rate message you'll be opting in to hear more about CAFOD's work and fundraising via telephone and SMS. If you'd like to give £10 but do not wish to receive marketing communications, text LENTNOINFO to 70460. For more information, please see CAFOD's Privacy Policy: cafod.org.uk/Legal-information/Privacy-notice. For more information on CAFOD Family Fast Day please visit the CAFOD website via this link.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - BRAZIL APPEAL

Aid to the Church is asking for people to support their [Brazil Appeal](#). Since the beginning of the current pandemic, a number of Brazil's parishes have been providing poor families with a daily meal. Unfortunately the Church's income has fallen by 60 percent because of no Mass collections and money fast running out, therefore ACN are asking for urgent help via this appeal.

ALTRINCHAM INTERFAITH GROUP

AIG presents a family Zoom event to remember the victims of the Holocaust and to mark International Women's Day. This will be held on Tuesday 2 March at 7-8pm. There will be presentations about remarkable women of different faiths, stone painting with reflection and the sharing of stones. Bring along a smooth pebble and either paint, felt tip pens or nail varnish to paint your stone. Please email [Carolyn Jones](#) or [Ann Angel](#) for the link.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Jeanne Dench and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for the sick who include Collette Allen, Michael Anderson, Jozef Baranowski, M Barnes, George Bell, Pat Bell, Helen Boardman, John Breen, Jane Broadfoot, Michael Byrne, Raymond Carter, John Cawfield, Digby Sanders Cochrane, Peter Cresswell, Winnie Crumpton, Fr Michael Cupit, David, Marjorie De Maria, Luke Dennett, Max Dunn, Ken Dwyer, Ross Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, John Gibbs, Vicky Gosnold, Peter Gough, Stella Gould, Patrick Griffin, Rufus Hasler & family, Rose Headd, Mary Heanue, Thomas Higginbotham, Hayley Hill, Jane Hollingworth, Katie Holmes, Sarah Hrybyk, Lucy Hunter, Mavis Jenkins, Martin Jones, Amelia Kennedy, Anne Killeen, Thomas Killeen, Barbara Lamb, Neil Lancaster, David Lawley, Betty Leeson, Willy Leeson, Klaudia Linert, Bob Lloyd, Laura MacGinn, Margaret, Erin Marks, Joe Marshall, Marianne Martin, Claire McAllister, Rupert McDermott, Mary McLoughlin, Luke Murphy, Mary Murphy, Elaine Neary, Oliver, Anne O'Neill, Andrea Ottley, Majorie Owens, Pat Prole, Reece, Glen Reed, Jackie Reed, Mark Reed, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, Mary Ryan, June Telfer, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Joe Traynor, Frederick Ugonna, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers and all in our hospitals and homes.

Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 28th February 2021 Second Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 16:00 18:30	For the people of the parish Padraig Murphy (RIP) James Burke (ann) & David Shard (B'day mems) Rebecca Brooke Fr Michael Mullan (RIP)
Monday 1st March 2021 <i>St David</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Philomena Holleran (invitation only) <i>Rosary for respect for and reverent use of creation</i> Eileen Mortimore (ann)
Tuesday 2nd March 2021 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> Jeanne Dench (RIP) <i>Rosary for the Sick</i>
Wednesday 3rd March 2021 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> Ernest Sands (ann) <i>Rosary for the families of the parish</i> William Griffiths (ann)
Thursday 4th March 2021 <i>Ferial</i> <i>Optional Memorial: St Casimir</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> Patricia Mahon (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Friday 5th February 2021 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00-18:45 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> Annie O'Connor (RIP) <i>Confessions (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)</i> <i>Rosary for the grace of conversion for unbelievers, those who have abandoned faith and all parishioners</i> Tomlinson Family (Ints)
Saturday 6th March 2021 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 17:30 18:15-18:45 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> <i>Confessions (In the Garage)</i> Bernadette Murphy (RIP) Una Madden (B'day) <i>Confessions (in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel)</i> The Dunkley Family
Sunday 7th March 2021 Third Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 16:00 18:30	Phil Holleran (RIP) For the people of the parish Michael Connell (RIP) Canon Peter McKie (RIP) Bernadette McAndrew

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year B, weekdays year 1 ; Psalter Week 2

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: see confession times in the mass schedule above, or by appointment

PARISH CLERGY

Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon, **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Robert Dykes, **Retired Priest:** Fr. Keith Butterworth

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Vimeo: <http://vimeo.com/showcase/stvincentsaltrincham> password: stvincents

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