



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sunday 27th February 2022

Reflection

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty. Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction. Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth. Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light. We thank you for being with us each day. Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Pope Francis, *Laudato Si*.

Ash Wednesday - A day of prayer and fasting for peace

“I have great pain in my heart over the worsening situation in the Ukraine. I invite everyone to make this coming 2nd March, Ash Wednesday, a Day of Fasting for Peace. I encourage believers in a special way to devote themselves intensely to prayer and fasting on that day. May the Queen of Peace preserve the world from the madness of war.”

Pope Francis

ST VINCENT'S CLIMATE SUNDAY - 27 FEBRUARY 2022

'Today is our very own CAFOD Climate Sunday, when we join in with initiatives that have been happening all over the world to reflect on Our Common Home, following Pope Francis' environmental encyclical, Laudato Si. If you'd like to find out more about Catholic responses to climate change and other environmental problems, a good starting place is on the Vatican's own website: <https://www.laudatosi.va/en.html>. To contribute to CAFOD's work for climate justice among the world's poorest, visit <https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-CAFOD/Climate-Crisis-Appeal>.' Please could anyone who would like to contribute to the music at the 6.30pm Mass come to church at 5.00pm for a rehearsal, thank you.

NEW EMAIL ADDRESSES

We are pleased to inform you that, after a recent IT upgrade in the parish office, we now have new email addresses. The new email addresses are:

Parish office - parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk

Parish Priest (Fr Jonathan) - parishpriest@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk

Curate (Fr Robert) - curate@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk

For Westleigh bookings please continue to use svpwestleigh@outlook.com

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST MEETING - NEW CATECHISTS AND YOUNG PEOPLE WELCOME

There will be a meeting at 7.00pm on Thursday 3rd March in Westleigh for all Confirmation Catechists and those interested becoming a Confirmation Catechist or a Young Leader to help support our Confirmation programme for this year which consists of four evening sessions at St Vincents Infant School 7-9pm along with a full-day retreat at Savio House. If you are interested please come along to the meeting or contact Suzanne Edwards suhflewish@hotmail.com or 07879 891395.

10am MASS—CHILDREN'S CHOIR—VOICES NEEDED!

We are restarting the Children's Choir at the 10am Sunday Mass on the first and third Sundays of the month and would like to invite all children who love singing to join us. Our first rehearsal will be for 15/20 minutes on Sunday 6th March after the 10am Mass.

LENT

Eucharistic Adoration - There will be an additional time for adoration on Sundays during Lent from 5.15pm to 6.15pm, including evening prayer of the church at 6pm.

Stations of the Cross - will take place at 6.30pm on Fridays. The Rosary will be held at 6.00pm on Fridays.

Lenten Alms - We have received 2 suggestions for the Lenten Alms charity: '[Mary's Meals](#)' and '[Aid to the Church in Need](#).' The Lenten Alms will be split between these 2 charities. We will provide you with more information on these charities next week. There is a Wall Box at the back of church for you to donate to these charities during Lent if you wish to do so. Any contribution, small or large, coins or notes are always welcome. Thank you.

Lenten Booklets "Walk with me" on sale in the Sacristy, priced £1 - reflections for each day of Lent.

PARISH LIBRARY

Please take a look at the parish library rack in the church. There are Lenten books and lots of new titles to borrow.

CAFOD'S WALK AGAINST HUNGER - LENT CHALLENGE

There are 200 million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. So, this Lent, challenge yourself to walk 200km, and help give hunger its marching orders. Do 5k a day, your way, for 40 days, and you'll conquer your 200k target in time for Easter – and help people around the world to live free from hunger. To take part, go to cafod.org.uk/walk. CAFOD Family Fast Day - Lenten Appeal, is Friday 11th March. Further details to follow.

LENT REFLECTIONS

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join us, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries for prayer and reflection. The events should last around 20 minutes and will be live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel shortly after they have taken place. Join us live every Friday at 10.30am on Missio's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK>

26 February Fr Kevin Hughes MHM

5 March Women's World Day of Prayer: Sr Scholastica Nganga, Sister of Mercy from Kenya

12 March T.B.C.

19 March St Joseph's Feast Day: Fr Michael Corcoran MHM

26 March Claire Colleran, Missio Education Adviser

3 April Good Friday: Fr John Hemer MHM (recorded, not live-streamed)

5 April Easter Sunday: Fr Tony Chantry MHM (recorded, not live-streamed)

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 13th and 27th March at the 10am Mass
- ♦ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ♦ Knit and Natter - Thursday 3rd, 17th & 31st March at 10am in Westleigh
- ♦ Playgroup - Every Monday in term time from 9.30am - 11.30am in Westleigh

CHANGES TO CURRENT RESTRICTIONS

After careful consideration and discussion with the Parish Pastoral Team it has been agreed that we will make the following changes to current restrictions which will take effect from Sunday 6th March:

- The distribution of Holy Communion will now be restored to the manner prior to the pandemic that is with the priest and extraordinary Minister of Communion standing before the Altar and the congregation approaching in two processions down the central aisle and returning down the side aisles, starting from the front rows..
- Communion will continue to be only under one kind at this stage, as soon as we are able to restore Communion under both kinds we will let you know.
- The social distancing area will be reduced to one side aisle that is the right hand side as you are facing the altar.
- The wearing of face coverings is now your own personal choice.
- Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY 10am MASS

We need volunteers to help in serving drinks and light refreshments on Sunday mornings and someone to coordinate the rota. Please send an email to the parish office with your details or speak to one of our priests.

HELP NEEDED!

We are proud of our beautiful church of St Vincent de Paul. But we need help! Can you spare 45 minutes once every 3 weeks on a Thursday or Friday morning to join a friendly team, for light cleaning, to keep it welcoming for our fellow parishioners. Please contact Lorna Barton: 0161 425 9281; 07961 471980; lornacbarton@gmail.com

MARCH'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

When boiling the kettle, only use as much water as you need!

ON SALE IN THE SACRISTY:

Shrewsbury Diocese Year Books priced £5 - a summary of 2021 and details of parishes within the Diocese.

2022 Sunday Mass Books priced £5 - Mass readings for each Sunday and Holy Day.

St Patrick Day Cards priced 50p.

Lenten Booklets "Walk with me" priced £1 - reflections for each day of Lent.

Cross in My Hand - a small wooden cross, made in Bethlehem, priced £1.50.

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS

Please come to one of our open mornings for prospective school and nursery parents on Tuesday 15 March or Wednesday 16 March. There will be up to 12 people per show around at the following times: 09:15am, 10:00am and 10:45am. Please call 0161 911 8040 or email admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to reserve your place.

REFUGEES WELCOME' TALK

Refugees Welcome in Cheshire East: a talk by Nicky Campbell, chair of the trustees of Refugees Welcome in Cheshire East. In 2018 the UK Government announced the scheme to resettle 20,000 Syrian refugees. Local councils were asked to consider hosting families - a real challenge. In Macclesfield a group was formed to help Cheshire East to meet the challenge - its name: Refugees Welcome. To find out more please join our Zoom Meeting to hear more from Nicky on Tuesday 8th March, 7.30 to 8.15 pm. Doors open at 7.15. To register for the meeting please email SKeithTayl2@outlook.com

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Ethan Chan, Sufei Zhang, Wenqi Zhang, Jameson Mooney, Eryn Ware and Rory Taylor who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Stephen Jenkins, Brian Doyle, Harold Acton and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for the sick who include Collette Allen, Michael Anderson, M Barnes, George Bell, Pat Bell, Helen Boardman, Elizabeth Breen, Jane Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, Raymond Carter, John Cawfield, Digby Sanders Cochrane, Peter Cresswell, Clare Crossan (nee Lee), Fr Michael Cupit, Marjorie & Simon De Maria, Luke Dennett, Max Dunn, Ken Dwyer, Ross Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, Peter Elliott, Sean Gallagher, Vicky Gosnold, Peter Gough, Stella Gould, Patrick Griffin, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Heanue, Thomas Higginbotham, Hayley Hill, Katie Holmes, Sarah Hrybyk, Lucy Hunter, Mavis Jenkins, Martin Jones, H & R Kelly, Amelia Kennedy, Anne Killeen, Thomas Killeen, Elizabeth and Henry Kluck, Marcin and Teresa Kluck, 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, Michalis and Karen Papangelis, Krzysztof Pietrzak, Patricia Ravening, Paul Raybede, Reece, Glen Reed, Jackie Reed, Mark Reed, Rose, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, David Ryan and Frank, Mary Ryan, Donal Scally, June Telfer, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Joe Traynor, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Rita White, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 0161 928 4316

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 13th February £ 1351.02 & 20th February £1473.87

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 27th February 2022 Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Climate Sunday for our parish	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Lynda Anderson (RIP) Rita and Peter Hutton. A Mass for Creation For the people of the parish Mark and David. A Mass for Creation
Monday 28th February 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> William Griffiths (ann) <i>Rosary for the parishioners and their intentions</i>
Tuesday 1st March 2022 <i>St David</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eileen Mortimore (ann) <i>Rosary for the sick</i>
Wednesday 2nd March 2022 ASH WEDNESDAY	10.00 11.00 12:15 17:30 19.00	Marshall Bickers (birthday memories) NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction James Kavanagh (RIP) <i>Rosary for married people and their families</i> Deceased members of the Hunt and Marshall families
Thursday 3rd March 2022 <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary Hyam (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Friday 4th March 2022 <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i> <i>Optional Commemoration:</i> <i>St Casimir</i>	11.00 12:15 14.00 18:00 18.30 19.00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Stephen Jenkins (RIP) Funeral Service for Brian Doyle <i>Rosary for the conversion of sinners and unbelievers</i> Stations of the Cross led by the Children's Liturgy group Kim Shard (RIP)
Saturday 5th March 2022 <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Kim Shard (RIP) & David Shard (birthday memories) <i>Confessions</i> Intentions of the Dunkley Family
Sunday 6th March 2022 First Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 17:15-18:15 18.30	Anna's father in Poland Mary Quinn Marina Finn (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction</i> For the people of the parish

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year C, weekdays cycle 2; Psalter Week 2

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: In Confessionals, *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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