



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham

*Immaculate
Heart of Mary,*
PRAY FOR US!

Fourth Sunday of Lent
Sunday 27th March 2022

Reflection

"[Holy Mother], We now turn to you and knock at the door of your heart. We are your beloved children. In every age you make yourself known to us, calling us to conversion. At this dark hour, help us and grant us your comfort. Say to us once more: "Am I not here, I who am your Mother?" You are able to untie the knots of our hearts and of our times. In you we place our trust. We are confident that, especially in moments of trial, you will not be deaf to our supplication and will come to our aid."

From the consecration prayer of Russia and Ukraine to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Pope Francis' Intention for March

For a Christian Response to Bioethical Challenges: We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges. May they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

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

MOTHER'S DAY - We wish all our Mothers a very Happy Mother's Day this weekend.

LENT SERVICE - TUESDAY 12th APRIL 7.30pm

Those who attended the Lent Service of Prayer and Reflection at the start of Lent said how helpful they found it. Several parishioners asked for another service. So, as we enter Holy Week, we invite everyone to spend an hour on Tuesday 12 April from 7.30pm at a service of readings, music and reflection.

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 - These will be split between these 2 charities. [‘Mary’s Meals’](#) and [‘Aid to the Church in Need.’](#)

INFORMATION FOR FAMILIES WANTING TO GIVE PRACTICAL SUPPORT AND/OR SPONSORSHIP TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Several parishioners have asked whether there is a coordinated parish or diocesan response for families wishing to support Ukrainian refugees either financially, materially or through sponsorship to provide accommodation. Caritas Shrewsbury is the body coordinating our diocesan response to the needs of Ukrainian families displaced by war.

The Caritas Shrewsbury webpage for the Ukraine crisis is at <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/news/>. The website has advice on how to give practical help such as translating, and information on the most efficient way to donate money, making the point that aid agencies on the ground are asking primarily for cash donations rather than donations in kind. There are also details of practical issues you should consider before registering to sponsor a refugee family. The email to contact if you would like to sponsor a family is info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk, and the Government's 'Homes for Ukraine' campaign can be reached at <https://homesforukraine.campaign.gov.uk/>. Caritas Shrewsbury also works in partnership with Reset on the wider Community Sponsorship scheme to welcome refugee families to the UK. Their information is very helpful <https://resetuk.org/about/ukraine> and in particular please note their new site to help refugees to connect with sponsors: <https://www.homesforukraine.org.uk/>.

Our neighbouring dioceses have similar initiatives and can be reached at <https://www.caritassalford.org.uk/ukraine-crisis/> and <http://www.liverpoolcatholic.org.uk/ukraine-support>.

CAFOD: A BIG THANK YOU TO PARISHIONERS...

...for the impressive total of £1227.80 to CAFOD's Lent Appeal. Your generous gifts will ensure that CAFOD's on-the-ground experts will be able to continue supporting poor families in food-growing techniques and distribution. If you haven't yet returned your Family Fast envelope, please leave it in the collection plate and it will be put towards the Lent Appeal. You can also still donate on the CAFOD website (cafod.org.uk/lent) or join CAFOD's *Walk Against Hunger* to raise vital funds to tackle extreme hunger and its causes.

For the next few weeks, donations from the CAFOD collection slots in the church porch will be sent to the Ukraine disaster fund. CAFOD is a member of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). To donate directly online to the DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal, you can visit <https://cafod.org.uk/About-us/How-we-work/Member-of-the-DEC> or <https://www.dec.org.uk>.

SAVE THE DATE FOR OUR NEXT PARISH SOCIAL EVENING!

Come and join us for a Summer Social evening on Thursday 9th June in Westleigh! Full details, including the menu, are displayed at the back of the church, with reply slips. Please return completed slips, with payment of £27, in an envelope marked for the parish office. This can be handed in to the sacristy or posted through the presbytery door. Please return your slip and payment by 20th May, as no bookings can be taken after this date due to catering requirements.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Weekly Offertory Envelopes for next year are available for collection at the back of church. For those using the Gift Aid scheme there are individually named boxes, in alphabetical order.

Gift aid is simple, gives a substantial boost to the parish finances, costs you nothing extra and is completely confidential. The parish can claim back a refund of the tax on your offerings. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way please contact Michael Swarbrick on 0161 928 6290 or michael@swarbrick.co.uk.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

If you do not use the Gift Aid scheme but wish to use Offertory Envelopes, please take any of the boxes without name labels.

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 17th & 31st March at 10am in Westleigh
- ◆ Playgroup - Every Monday and Friday 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.

MANCHESTER MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES

Next Sunday 3rd April, is the Manchester Marathon. Please take note of the road closures around Altrincham on this day which you may want to consider when coming to Mass next Sunday. <https://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/route/road-closure-info/>

CANTORES OECUMENICA

Cantores Oecumenica are presenting a World Premier of a collaborative 'Stabat Mater' (in English), entry being free but a voluntary retiring collection. Lyrics by Neil Provost and music by Robert Steadman. All are welcome. The work is being dedicated to the Mothers of Ukraine, which is appropriate at this time. ALL Donations, via the retiring collection, will be for the '2022 War Crisis Appeal' at <https://www.ukrainecharity.org>. Details are **4pm on Sunday 10th April 2022** at Holy Angels, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF. <http://cantoresoec.org/>

HOME-START MANCHESTER ARE LOOKING FOR NEW VOLUNTEERS!

Do you have parenting experience? Would you like to help families in need in Manchester by helping Home-Start support parents as they grow in confidence, strengthen their relationships with their children and widen their links with the local community? For more information visit www.homestartmanchester.com or phone 0161 721 4493. If you'd like to speak to a current volunteer in the parish, email penny@pennyhowes.co.uk.

MARCH'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE When boiling the kettle, only use as much water as you need!

ACAT EASTER APPEAL

Please consider sending a message of support to prisoners of conscience this Easter. The latest ACAT newsletter is on the [J&P / CAFOD parish website](#) and contains suggested messages of appeal to imprisoning authorities (p18-22) and details of how to send greetings to prisoners (p22-36). Please remember when you write to prisoners not to send overtly religious cards or greetings, or mention ACAT in your greeting. The ACAT newsletter gives useful advice on how to write messages of support without causing the prisoners additional suffering.

VACANCY

Saint Ambrose College is seeking a motivated and dedicated Site Manager. For details please visit www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk Closing date for applications is 6th April at 12noon.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Georgia Will, Sloane and Summer Cleverley 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 Sheila Lewis, Marie Swarbrick, Terence Smith, Paul Thompson, Thomas Kelly 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, Greta Flynn, Sean Gallagher, Ian Gerrie, Vicky Gosnold, Peter Gough, Stella Gould, 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, Joseph Tumpang, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Rita White, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 20th March £1945.62 Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 27th March 2022 Fourth Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 17:15-18:15 18.30	For the people of the parish Deceased members of the Holleran and Martindale families Aiden Kennedy (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction</i> Cathy Anderson (birthday intentions)
Monday 28th March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John McGowan (ann) <i>Rosary for the parishioners and their intentions</i>
Tuesday 29th March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Arnold & Eve Crowther (RIP) <i>Rosary for the sick</i>
Wednesday 30th March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John & Alice Fallon <i>Rosary for married people and their families</i>
Thursday 31st March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Thomas Kelly <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Friday 1st April 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 18:00 18.30 19.00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Glenys Connell (ann) <i>Rosary for the conversion of sinners and unbelievers</i> Stations of the Cross Jacki Devoy Blum (RIP)
Saturday 2nd April 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Francis of Paola</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Peggy Heath (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Catherine Mullin (RIP)
Sunday 3rd April 2022 Fifth Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 17:15-18:15 18.30	Mary Partington (RIP) Thomas O'Connor (RIP) For the people of the parish <i>Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction</i> John McMahon (RIP)

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 4

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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