



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 20th March 2022

Reflection

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us sinners. Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us. Lord Jesus who died in his mother's arms in a bunker in Kharkiv, have mercy on us. Lord Jesus, sent as a 20 year old to the front, have mercy on us. Lord Jesus who still sees armed hands under the shadow of the cross, have mercy on us. Forgive us Lord, if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hands, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons. Forgive us Lord, if these hands which you created for care have been transformed into weapons of death. Forgive us Lord if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to remove the stones of our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us if we continue to justify cruelty with our toil, if with our pain we legitimize the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us the war, Lord. Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, we implore you: Stop the hand of Cain! Enlighten our consciences, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own actions. Stop us, Lord, stop us. And when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him too. He is our brother. O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord."

Pope Francis - General Audience 15th March 2022

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.

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.

HOMELESSNESS - AND HOW FAITH GROUPS CAN HELP

Altrincham Interfaith Group warmly welcome all parishioners to a special talk by Rev Ian Rutherford at 8.00pm on Tuesday 22nd March in Westleigh. All welcome and refreshments will be provided. Donations of toiletries/warm clothes etc. will be welcome on the night.

NEW FRIDAY MORNING PLAYGROUP

We are pleased to inform you that a second Playgroup is starting on Friday mornings in Westleigh from 9.30-11.30am. All parents/carers/grandparents and children are welcome to come along to meet with other parishioners and friends at the Monday and/or Friday Playgroup.

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

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

LENT: A NEW START?

St Hugh and St John parish invite you to a series of three evenings entitled 'Lent: a new start?' on Mondays 21st and 28th March at 7.30-8.30pm. Each session will consist of prayer, song, a short but profound talk to inspire you, an opportunity for reflection and conclude with Night Prayer of the Church, a Blessing and Refreshments. Also livestreamed. For more information contact Eddie Drozdziak on 07947 168096 or eddie.drozdziak@gmail.com

LENT REFLECTIONS

Each Friday during Lent, Missio invites you to join them, and speakers from our partners the Mill Hill Missionaries for 20 minutes prayer and reflection, live-streamed via YouTube. Recordings of the liturgies will be available to view on Missio's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/MissioUK>

PARISH LIBRARY OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 19th MARCH

It is not too late to borrow a book for Lent. The parish library will open for browsing and borrowing on Saturday, 19th March between 10:00 and 12 noon. There will be free coffee and home-made cake available too, upstairs in Westleigh.

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.

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.

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!

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.

NW NJPN BULLETIN - MARCH 2022

The [NW NJPN E Bulletin for March 2022](#) is available on the J&P section of the parish website with current reports about the Russian attacks on Ukraine. As we know, the situation is constantly changing with new onslaughts daily. The bulletin includes details of a major appeal by the Archbishop of Liverpool offering practical support for the Ukrainian people. There are also articles calling for an end to nuclear weapons, redoubling our efforts to build peaceful ways to resolve conflicts, supporting those who don't want to fight and offering a safe haven for refugees, all of which are very timely at the moment.

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 Athena Sykes, Clay Poelman and Ollie Pearson 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 Paul Thompson, Thomas Kelly and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Congratulations to Tom Walker and Alex Hardiman who were married here recently.

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, Joephon 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 13th March £1819.79 Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 20th March 2022 Third Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 17:15-18:15 18.30	Damien McDermott (RIP) John James McGowan (ann) Elizabeth Harney (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration, Evening Prayer & Benediction</i> Mass of Commitment for Confirmation candidates
Monday 21st March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Denise Mortimore (ann) <i>Rosary for the parishioners and their intentions</i>
Tuesday 22nd March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 2.00pm 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> The Pro-life cause Funeral Service of Stephen Jenkins <i>Rosary for the sick</i>
Wednesday 23rd March 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Toribio of Mogrovejo</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alice Collins (RIP) <i>Rosary for married people and their families</i>
Thursday 24th March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fiona Buckley (ann) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Friday 25th March 2022 <i>The Annunciation of the Lord</i>	11.00 12:15 18:00 18.30 19.00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary Stone (RIP) <i>Rosary for the conversion of sinners and unbelievers</i> Stations of the Cross led by the Baptism Team Eric Valois Cisneros
Saturday 26th March 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Alice Bickers (Mothers Day Remembrance) <i>Confessions</i> Bernadette Jennings (RIP)
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)

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 3

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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