



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 15th May 2022

Reflection

When Judas had left them, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.” Jesus knew exactly what would happen when He spoke these words to the Apostles at the Last Supper right after Judas left to go and betray Him. It’s important to put this situation within the context that Jesus understood it. From a purely human point of view, one of Jesus’ closest friends was about to betray Him for money. For most of us this would have been devastating and the cause for anger and hurt. But because Jesus knew the end of the story, He was able to see Judas’ betrayal as the means to His glorification, not His defeat. He turned His eyes toward Heaven and all that He would accomplish through His suffering rather than look at the immediate pain He would soon endure. Jesus was able to use something, that in our eyes would seem to be evil, i.e. betrayal, and make it the means in which he would save humanity.

Pope Francis’ Intention for May

For Faith-Filled Young People: We pray for all young people, called to live life in the fullest; may they see in Mary’s life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

'HEARTS ON FIRE' WITH LOVE FOR THE LORD FORMATION DAYS

We are pleased to invite all interested parishioners to the second formation day called 'Come and Listen' which will take place in Westleigh from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 14th May. Pope Francis is constantly asking the church to focus on the basic message of Christianity (The Kerygma). This is an opportunity to reflect on this for ourselves and how we share it with others. For more details please contact Jane Deegan on 07517 906435. Please bring a packed lunch with you. Tea and coffee will be provided.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 10AM MASS, FIRST AND SECOND SUNDAYS

Thank you to those that have volunteered to help with Tea and Coffee after the Sunday 10am Mass. This means that from June we will now be able to have tea, coffee and light refreshments in Westleigh after the 10am Mass on the first and second Sunday of each month. Please email the parish office or speak to one of our priests if you are able to help.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CELEBRATIONS

Please pray for all our children celebrating their First Holy Communion over the next few weeks. Please note that there will be no Eucharistic Adoration at 11am on Saturday 14th and 21st May. Confessions will be available at the normal time of 11:00-12:00.

SUMMER SOCIAL EVENING

Come and join us for a Summer Social evening on Thursday 9th June in Westleigh! Full details, including 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 slip & payment by 20th May, bookings cannot be taken after this date due to catering requirements.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

A programme for preparing children for First Holy Communion will start in September. There are a few places still available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis. Please contact the parish office if you are interested.

MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Morning Prayers take place in church every weekday from 8.45am-9.00am. All are welcome and no commitment necessary, just pop in when you can.

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR YOUNG WOMEN 27-29 May 2022

A weekend is being organised by the sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ) for young women wondering if God is calling you to religious life. The theme is 'Discernment and Vocation' and is taking place on 27-29 May in Liverpool. There is nothing quite like religious life – it's an extraordinary adventure into a deep relationship with God. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at lynnefcj@hotmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

WRITERS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS WANTED!

We are keen to resurrect and revitalise our Parish magazine, The Vineyard, and are calling for enthusiastic parishioners to join the editorial team. No experience is needed, simply a desire to help create a bright, engaging, bi-annual publication that captures the vibrancy of our Parish and reaches every parishioner.

We're conscious that not all parishioners are able to access email or social media - communication which has been vital during the pandemic - thus The Vineyard will enable us to reconnect with those unable to attend Mass or who can't receive regular electronic updates. **To do this, we need your help.**

Would you be happy to meet new people and report on their stories - from celebrating anniversaries to their involvement with charitable works and faith groups? Could you report on social events or the activities of a Parish group you're involved with? Do you just fancy chatting to other parishioners and outlining ideas for potential stories? Or taking pictures of Parish life?

Please don't be anxious about having to craft Pulitzer Prize prose as we will be working together with a journalist to create the content. We just need willing hands to help gather and generate stories, forward potential ideas, take images and help us build a positive publication for all parishioners.

Please contact the parish office or speak to Father Jonathan or Father Robert.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 8th and 22nd May at the 10am Mass
- ♦ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ♦ Knit and Natter - Thursday 12th & 26th May at 10am in Westleigh
- ♦ Mother's Prayers - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ Playgroup - Every Monday and Friday in term time from 9.30am - 11.30am in Westleigh
- ♦ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass - First Sunday of each month

MAY'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Use energy-saving lightbulbs and switch off lights in unoccupied rooms.

NW NJPN Justice and Peace E-Bulletin April 2022 can be read on our website [here](#)

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

If you would like to help welcome Ukrainians to our local area, you might be interested in the following local initiative: [Manchester Homes for Ukraine](#) – this is a website providing information for potential sponsors and for those who wish to volunteer towards the welcome effort. The suggestions on the website's [Supporters](#) page show the many ways you can help, even if you can't commit to regular volunteering. *If you are reading this on paper, you can access the main website at: <https://www.manchesterhomesforukraine.org/>*

Caritas Shrewsbury continue to provide email updates and signposting to useful resources for hosts. You can request these updates by emailing: info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

PROPOSED REFUGEES TO RWANDA SCHEME

You will have seen in the news the Home Secretary and British government's plans to transport refugees to Rwanda for asylum processing as a means to counter the human trafficking of refugees across the English Channel. Safe Passage, a charity committed to helping unaccompanied child refugees find safe, legal routes to sanctuary, considers this to be an abdication of our responsibility to people seeking safety, and will do nothing to prevent refugees from risking treacherous Channel crossings. Please consider writing to your MP to vote against banishing refugees to Rwanda, and instead vote for new safe routes for refugees, including children.

CORNERSTONE AND FOODBANK DONATIONS

The box for Cornerstone and Foodbank food donations is at the back of church again. Please leave your donations in the box and we will ensure that they are given to these two organisations. Thank you. Please note that this is not for clothes donations.

THANKS AND REQUEST FOR HELP FROM THE SVP

The SVP thanks parishioners who have donated £70 over the last few weeks in the collection box in the porch. We are twinned with ten Conferences in other countries, including four in India, and to ease communication we would be grateful if anyone with a working knowledge of the languages spoken in the Kerala or Eluru districts could tel. James on 0161 941 3498.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Now that all Covid restrictions have been eased, it is wonderful that once again we can return to Lourdes. Our Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place from 29 July - 4 August by air and 28 July - 5 August overland. Prices start from as little as £440 which includes travel, full board accommodation and full pilgrimage programme. Further details and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage Website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office, Curial Offices, 2 Park Rd South, Prenton, Wirral, CH43 4 UX.

VACANCIES

Saint Ambrose College are seeking to employ an Assistant Site Manager (closing date for applications is Wednesday 18th May) and a Cover Organiser (closing date 20th May) . For information please visit www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Noah Corbett, Patrick Doherty and Francis Barnard 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 Greta Flynn 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, Denise Brooks, 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, 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 8th May £1736.35 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity. *The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025*

Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 15th May 2022 Fifth Sunday of Easter	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Brian Carroll (RIP) Lynda Anderson (RIP) For the people of the parish Maureen Bowker (RIP)
Monday 16th May 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45-09.00 11.00 12.15 17:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anthony and Sheila Tomlinson <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Tuesday 17th May 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45-09.00 11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tony White (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Wednesday 18th May 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St John 1</i>	08.45-09.00 11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brenda Bent (ann) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Thursday 19th May 2022 <i>St Milburga</i>	08.45-09.00 11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anna Janecka (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Friday 20th May 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Bernadine of Siena</i>	08.45-09.00 11.00 12:15 18.30 19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Martin Flanagan (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i> Sadie O'Toole (RIP)
Saturday 21st May 2022 <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	10.00 11.00 11.00-12.00 12:15 1.30pm 16:30-17:15 17:30	First Holy Communion Mass NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction <i>Confessions</i> Phil Holleran (RIP) Wedding of James Ellis & Emma Blower <i>Confessions</i> Josephine Holland (RIP)
Sunday 22nd May 2022 Sixth Sunday of Easter	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Brian Carroll (RIP) Freda Tanner Peggy Heath (RIP) 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 1

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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WESTLEIGH

Westleigh Bookings: svpwestleigh@outlook.com / 07915 129832

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