



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



Fourth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 8th May 2022

Reflection

Today is the beginning of the month dedicated to the Mother of God. I would like to invite all the faithful and communities to pray the Rosary for peace every day in May. My thought goes to the Ukrainian city of Mariupol, “Mary’s city”, barbarically bombed and destroyed. Once again, from here, I renew my request that safe humanitarian corridors be arranged for the people trapped in the steelworks in that city. I suffer and weep, thinking of the sufferings of the Ukrainian people, and in particular, the weakest, the elderly and children. There are even terrible reports of children being expelled and deported.

And while we are witnessing a macabre regression of humanity, I wonder, along with so many anguished people, if peace is truly being sought; whether there is the will to avoid a continued military and verbal escalation; whether everything possible is being done to silence the weapons. I beg you, let us not surrender to the logic of violence, to the perverse spiral of weapons. May the path of dialogue and peace be taken! Let us pray.

Pope Francis - Regina Caeli address on 1 May 2022.

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.

Image: Statue of Our Lady, Queen in Peace found in the Basilica of Mary Major, Rome.

'COME AND LISTEN' FORMATION DAYS

We are pleased to invite all interested parishioners to two formation days called 'Come and Listen' which will take place in Westleigh from 10am to 5pm on Saturdays 7th and 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 SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH

We are delighted to announce that tea, coffee and light refreshments will be available in Westleigh after the 10am Mass on the first Sunday of each month. We are looking for more volunteers to help serve. 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 7th, 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.

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.

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.

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
- ♦ 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.

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](https://www.manchesterhomesforukraine.org/) – 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

ENGLISH CONVERSATION WITH UKRAINIANS – NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Could you spare an hour to chat with a recently arrived Ukrainian refugee? To find out more - please come to Loreto Community, 28 Hartley Road WA14 4AY on Tuesday 10th May at 10.30. If you are not free this Tuesday but are interested, please let Sr. Eileen know; her email is eileenmccibvm@gmail.com

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.

MISSIO THANKSGIVING MASS - WEDNESDAY 11th MAY 2022 at 7pm

A Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Mark Davies, to thank God for all those who are praying and supporting the Red Boxes and the work of Missio, will be celebrated at St Michael and All Angels Church, New Hey Road, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE on Wednesday 11th May at 7pm. All are welcome including Missio Secretaries, Benefactors, Red Box holders and anyone interested in the mission of the Church.

THANK YOU

CAFOD and Caritas thank all our parishioners for the generous donations that were recently received.

VACANCIES

Loreto Grammar School has a vacancy for a Lay Chaplain. Further details including a job description and application form will be available on the school website by Friday, 29 April. [Vacancies - Loreto Grammar School](#) The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Tuesday, 10 May and interviews will be held on Tuesday, 17 May 2022.

Initial enquiries should be directed to: recruitment@loretogrammar.co.uk

Saint Ambrose College are seeking to employ an Assistant Site Manager. For information please visit www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk Closing date for applications is Wednesday 18th May.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Georgia Foster, Hallie Barnes, Hugh Dickson and Niamh Thompson 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 Peter Hill, Irene Burns 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, 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 1st May £1639.72 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity. *The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025*

Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 8th May 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	For the people of the parish Margaret Hughes (RIP) Bridget Garner (RIP) Arthur & Margaret Foy (RIP)
Monday 9th May 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Vanston (ann) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Tuesday 10th May 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St John de Avila</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Margaret Hall <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Wednesday 11th May 2022 <i>Ferial</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Enid Cartwright (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Thursday 12th May 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>Ss Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras</i>	11.00 12:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Robert Milanesio (RIP) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i>
Friday 13th May 2022 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	11.00 12:15 1.30pm 18.30 19.00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Aniceta Giron (birthday memories) Funeral Service for Irene Burns <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i> Michael Dillon (RIP)
Saturday 14th May 2022 <i>St Matthias</i>	10.00 11.00 11.00-12.00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	First Holy Communion Mass NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction <i>Confessions</i> Winnie Crumpton (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Paul Thompson (RIP)
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)

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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