



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Nativity of the Lord Sunday 25th December 2022 & Mary, Mother of God Sunday 1st January 2023

Pope Francis' Intention for:

December

For Children Who Suffer: We pray for children who are suffering, especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

January:

For Educators: We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

During Advent & Christmastime:

We are asked to pray for Migrants and Refugees & Expectant Mothers.

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

Praying, as every true dialogue, is also knowing how to be in silence — in dialogues there are moments of silence — in silence together with Jesus. When we go to Mass, perhaps we arrive five minutes early and begin to chat with the person next to us. But this is not the moment for small talk; it is the moment of silence to prepare ourselves for the dialogue. It is the moment for recollection within the heart, to prepare ourselves for the encounter with Jesus. Silence is so important! Remember what I said last week: we are not going to a spectacle, we are going to the encounter with the Lord, and silence prepares us and accompanies us. Pausing in silence with Jesus. From this mysterious silence of God springs his Word which resonates in our heart. Jesus himself teaches us how it is truly possible to “be” with the Father and he shows us this with his prayer. The Gospels show us Jesus who withdraws to secluded places to pray; seeing his intimate relationship with God, the disciples feel the desire to be able to take part in it, and they ask him: “Lord, teach us to pray” (Lk 11:1). We heard it in the First Reading, at the beginning of the Audience. Jesus responds that the first thing necessary for prayer is being able to say “Father.” Let us take heed: if I am not able to say “Father” to God, I am not capable of prayer. We must learn to say “Father,” that is, to place ourselves in his presence with filial trust. But to be able to learn, we must humbly recognize that we need to be taught, and to say with simplicity: ‘Lord, teach me to pray.’





Canon Jonathan, Father Robert and Father Keith thank you for your cards and generous gifts and support throughout the year and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

CHRISTMAS BREAK FOR THE PARISH OFFICE

Alice and Paula in the Parish Office would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and let you know that the Parish Office will be closed from 19th December and will reopen on 3rd January 2023. Emails will be checked every few days during this time and the Clergy will be able to answer any calls and check messages.

RETIRING COLLECTION

The retiring collection the weekend of 1st January is for CAFOD. Thank you for your support.

URGENT - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our recent Parish meeting highlighted areas of opportunity to develop our Parish in faith and engage effectively with ALL our community. Thank you to those who attended but we need more support and input to make this happen. The meeting for the group to support the mission for Youth will be on Tuesday 10th January at 7.30pm. This is not a youth meeting but young people are very welcome to attend.

CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Confirmation certificates are available to be collected before or after Mass from the sacristy.

PARKING NEAR CHURCH

Congestion and parking around church has been made worse due to the road closure on Bentinck Road. Please be considerate to others and our neighbours when parking or waiting to collect from church to ensure the safety of all. It should go without saying, please do not park illegally.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

We are arranging a Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th September 2023. It will be £239 pp based on a twin room; limited single rooms available. To find out more speak to one of our priests.

BOLLINGTON CAFOD FUN RUN - 27TH DECEMBER

The Bollington CAFOD Fun Run is back again this year on Tuesday 27th December start 11.00 a.m. We will again be based on the Middlewood Way next to St Gregory's Parish Hall where those who register online to take part can pick up their running numbers, from 10.00 a.m. If you cannot register online there will be limited entries available on the day. So that you don't miss out please visit the website page below, follow the link to "sign up", register your place (remember to check the Bollington Fun Run box where requested) and make your donation at: <https://cafod.org.uk/Fundraise/Sponsored-challenge-events/Christmas-Fun-Run> The website also gives you the option to sign up for a virtual 5K if for some reason you are unable to join us this year.

ADVENT ALMS THIS YEAR FOR TRAFFORD SOUTH FOODBANK - 2 WAYS TO HELP

- 1) The Foodbank is always grateful for donations of money; they allow them to purchase the food items they need when they need them. Such donations can be made via the collection box at the back of church, or directly via the Trafford South Foodbank website <https://traffordsouth.foodbank.org.uk/> from which you can access our 'Local Giving' page for a quick and easy way to donate: <https://localgiving.org/charity/traffordsouthfoodbank/>
- 2) Donations of food items are most welcome and can be placed in the box at the back of Church - particularly from our "most-needed" list: Pasta Sauce; Sponge/Rice Puddings; Jam; Tinned/Dried custard; Tinned - fruit, veg (carrots/peas/sweetcorn) ham, rice, potatoes; UHT Milk - Green/Blue, Instant Coffee, Cordial/Long Life Fruit Juice, Treats, Chocolates and Toiletries. Note that we have plenty of Beans, Soup and Pasta. During the next few weeks the Foodbank will be making up special Christmas Parcels to be distributed to their clients in the weeks before Christmas. These will include, for example, a Christmas pudding, mince pies, chocolate treats, crackers, etc. We can't include items that contain alcohol. We are unable to accept perishable items (fresh/chilled/frozen) or out of date.

DECEMBER'S LIVESIMPLY MESSAGE: Help local foodbanks distribute surplus food to people in need

JANUARY'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Volunteer for a cause you care about

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 8th and 15th January
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh. Restarts 9 January 2023
- ◆ Knit and Natter - Thursday 22nd December, 5th and 19th January at 10am in Westleigh
- ◆ Mothers 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 and Second Sunday of each month
- ◆ Brownies - Tuesdays in term time at 5.45-7.15pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Rainbows - Wednesdays in term time at 6-7pm in Westleigh (last meeting 14th Dec, returns 11th Jan)

Sunday 25th December 2022 The Nativity of The Lord	08:30 10:00 11:30	For the people of the parish Connaughton/Regan/Harris family intentions Sarah Hotter (ann) NO EVENING MASS
Monday 26th December 2022 St Stephen	12:15	NO Morning Prayer of the Church NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Jim, Ruth and Martin Yearsley (ann)
Tuesday 27th December 2022 St John	10.00 BV 12:15	NO Morning Prayer of the Church Therese Kelly (RIP) NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Jan Willeboordse (ann)
Wednesday 28th December 2022 The Holy Innocents	08:45-09:00 11:00 12:15 14:00	Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Lewis Guilfoyle (ann) Funeral Service for Arthur Hughes
Thursday 29th December 2022 St Thomas Becket	08:45-09:00 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	Morning Prayer of the Church Peter Gough (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Margaret Joan Di Rollo
Friday 30th December 2022 The Holy Family	08:45-09:00 11.00 12:15 18.30 19.00	Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Ron Whalley (ann) Rosary for peace in the world The Pro-Life cause
Saturday 31st December 2022 Seventh Day of Christmas Octave	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16.30-17.15 17:30	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Confessions Natalie Wedding of Sophie Dunne and Ryan Burns Confessions Kennedy Family

MISSALS AND YEARBOOKS ON SALE

If you would like a copy of the new Sunday Missal (at a cost of £5) and the new Diocese Yearbook (at cost of £6), they are both available to buy from the sacristy.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Jalexy Keimya John and Jesper Walden 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 Arthur Hughes and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for the sick who include James Ainsworth, Michael Anderson, Margaret B, Antoni Baranowski, M Barnes, George Bell, Pat Bell, Helen Boardman, Jane Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, Raymond Carter, John Cawfield, Michael Cornwell, Peter Cresswell, Marjorie & Simon De Maria, Luke Dennett, Max Dunn, Ken Dwyer, Ross Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, Peter Elliott, Sean Gallagher, Vicky Gosnold, Stella Gould, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Heanue, Thomas Higginbotham, Hayley Hill, Joe Holleran, Katie Holmes, Sarah Hrybyk, Lucy Hunter, Martin Jones, Richard 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, Paul Murrell, Mary Murphy, Elaine Neary, Oliver, Anne O'Neill, Andrea Ottley, Marjorie Owens, Michalis and Karen Papangelis, Krzysztof Pietrzak, Patricia Ravening, Paul Raybede, Tony Redhead, Reece, Glen Reed, Jackie Reed, Mark Reed, Keith Robertshaw, Rose, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, David Ryan and Frank, Mary Ryan, Donal Scally, Richard Sheryll, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Joceph Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives Helen Norwood: 07800 656966 Sheila Carr 0161 928 7432	MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 18th December £1704.10 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025
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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 1st January 2023 Mary, Mother of God	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Broad Taylor Joyce Williamson (RIP) Tommy and Jany O'Donnell
Monday 2nd January 2023 Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen	12:15	NO Morning Prayer of the Church NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Josie Reynolds (RIP)
Tuesday 3rd January 2023 Optional Memorial The Most Holy Name of Jesus	08:45-09:00 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	Morning Prayer of the Church Norman Percival (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Tim & Bridie Keenan (ann)
Wednesday 4th January 2023 Wednesday of the Christmas Season	08:45-09:00 11:00 12:15	Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction The Roylance Family
Thursday 5th January 2023 Thursday of the Christmas Season	08:45-09:00 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	Morning Prayer of the Church Peter Gough (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Deacon Godlove
Friday 6th January 2023 Epiphany of the Lord HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION	08:45-09:00 10.00 11.00 12:15 18.30 19.00	Morning Prayer of the Church Brian Dillon Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Gavin Mander (RIP) Rosary for peace in the world For the people of the parish
Saturday 7th January 2023 Saturday after Epiphany Optional Memorial St Raymond of Penyafort	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16.30-17.15 17:30	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Confessions Doreen Crosbie (RIP) Confessions Sally Raffles (RIP)
Sunday 8th January 2023 The Baptism of The Lord	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Liam Higgins (RIP) Jim O'Connor (Remembrance) Mark Belderbos For the people of the parish

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

BOWDON VALE MASSES: 10am Tuesday and Thursday

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY: 1st - CAFOD; 15th - SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year A, weekdays cycle 1; Psalter Week 1 & 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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