



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 29th January 2023



Pope Francis' Intention for:

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 Ordinary Time up to Lent:

We are asked to pray for peace on earth; openness to the Word of God; Christian unity; the sick and those who care for them; victims of trafficking and those who work to combat it; the unemployed.

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

Every celebration of the Eucharist is a ray of that never setting sun that is the Risen Jesus. Taking part in the Mass, particularly on Sunday, means entering the victory of the Risen One, being illuminated by his light, warmed by his compassion. Through the Eucharistic celebration the Holy Spirit makes us participants in the divine life that is able to transfigure our whole mortal being. In his passage from death to life, from time to eternity, the Lord Jesus also draws us with him to experience the Passover. In the Mass we celebrate Passover. We, during Mass, are with Jesus, who died and is Risen, and he draws us forth to eternal life. In the Mass we unite with him. Rather, Christ lives in us and we live in him: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ", Saint Paul states, "who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). This is what Paul thought.

Indeed, his Blood frees us from death and from the fear of death. It frees us not only from the dominion of physical death, but from the spiritual death which is evil, sin, which catches us each time we fall victim to our own sin or that of others. Thus our life becomes polluted; it loses beauty; it loses meaning; it withers. Instead, Christ restores our life; Christ is the fullness of life, and when he faced death he destroyed it forever: "By rising he destroyed death and restored life" (cf. Eucharistic Prayer iv). Christ's Passover is the definitive victory over death, because he transformed his death in the supreme act of love. He died out of love! And in the Eucharist, he wishes to communicate this, his paschal, victorious love, to us. If we receive him with faith, we too can truly love God and neighbour; we can love as he loved us, by giving our life.

FATHER KEITH BUTTERWORTH

Fr Keith has decided that now is the time to retire properly. This means he will no longer be on the rota to celebrate one of the Sunday Masses each week. However as this is his spiritual home we will still see Fr Keith with his wife Anne as they continue to worship here and will still be available to supply for me and Fr Robert, as and when needed. On behalf of the whole parish, Fr Robert, Canon John and myself, I would like to thank Keith most sincerely for his support and friendship during these last years. Fr Keith's last Sunday Mass on the regular rota will be the 6.30pm on Sunday 5th February. We look forward to enjoying Keith's presence in the parish in a slightly different role.

PARISH RETREAT— 25th FEBRUARY TO 2ND MARCH

Our Parish Mission Retreat is coming soon! 25th February to 2nd March. It starts with our usual parish masses over the weekend and finishes on Thursday 2nd March with evening Mass. It is being given by the Franciscans of the Renewal. Everyone is invited and all are welcome - those who come every week, those who come when they can, those who haven't been for some time. **Come with open hearts and see what God has to say to you.** Sessions will run immediately after the 12.15pm mass in church and in the evening at 7.30pm in church. There will also be an extra daily mass at 7.30am each weekday morning (27th, 28th February and 1st March) preceded by 7.10am Morning Prayer. You are welcome to come to everything or just the sessions and Masses you can make, even if it you can only make one session please come along.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR WESTLEIGH REFRESHMENTS AFTER 10AM MASSES

We are pleased that tea and coffee can be served in Westleigh after the 10am Mass most Sundays, however we would appreciate more volunteers to help with the refreshments so that every week can be covered. Please contact the parish office if you are able to help. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

We are pleased to announce the dates for Altar Server Training and a Refresher session. These will all take place in the church on Mondays 4.15pm to 5.15pm. To join in please speak to one of the priests or email the parish office.

6th February - refresher training for pre-covid servers.

20th & 27th February, 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March - 6 sessions for new altar servers.

WELCOMERS FOR SUNDAYS 6.30PM MASS

We currently need volunteers to be Welcomers at the Sunday 6.30pm Mass. If you feel that you could be a Welcomer at this Mass (you do not have to commit weekly as we use a rota) please email Ruth Holland at rjholland@btinternet.com

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.

MISSIO BOX COLLECTORS (PROMOTERS)

Very many thanks to every generous person who volunteered to act as collectors of red boxes. We now have 8 new Promoters and 2 in reserve. What an amazing parish!

NEXT PARISH WALKS

We wanted to give you advance notice of the next parish walks, specific details will be sent closer to the time. The next walks will take place on Saturday 18th February, Saturday 3rd March and Saturday 15th April. The walks are usually around 5 miles with a sociable lunch at a pub afterwards. We meet at 10am at Westleigh and then car share to the start of the walk. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814 420969 or helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk for more information or to confirm you are joining us (as numbers need to be given to the lunch venue).

ST VINCENT'S CHURCH IS TO HAVE A NEW ORGAN

Message from Tony O'Brien, church organist: The new organ has been funded privately by a small number of our parishioners, to whom we are most grateful. One might wonder if this generosity reflects recognition of past achievements by our music-makers or perhaps it represents a challenge for them to scale yet greater heights once the new organ is in place, an instrument in every way more suitable for liturgical use compared to the present organ. There is no cost to the parish or to the diocese in all this. Installation, which will take at least one day, is planned for mid-February; final arrangements will be announced in due course. The old pipe organ will remain in place.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 12th and 26th February
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh.
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 2nd and 16th February 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

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - THURSDAYS

Please note that for the next 2 weeks (2nd & 9th Feb) Eucharistic Adoration on Thursdays will be 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

The minutes of the recent Parish Pastoral Team meeting are on the parish website and can be accessed here: [PPT Minutes 24th January 2023](#) and hard copies are available at the back of church.

CONTACTLESS GIVING

Thank you for your patience whilst our contactless payment machine has not been working. This has now been fixed and so offerings and donations can now be given again via the contactless machine in the porch. It is also possible to give using the QR codes which are located around the church and on the newsletter. We are so grateful for all the donations and are pleased that so many people use this method, thank you.

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

JUSTICE AND PEACE Please visit the J&P section of our website to read the [January NW NJPN Bulletins](#).

CAFOD VOLUNTEERS

The church relies on people getting involved. Our church, our world needs you. Could your New Year's resolution be getting more involved in the life of our church? What aspects of church brings you life or joy? Could you give a bit of time to help those parts flourish? CAFOD, the Catholic Agency for Overseas Development, are looking for people to give some time and join them in their mission. Could you help in our parish, bringing people together to help build a better world or help by visiting local schools? Or raise a voice and campaign for justice or perhaps speak for CAFOD throughout the diocese? Could you support local volunteers or share your office skills to help CAFOD keep costs low? Training and support is provided. See cafod.org.uk/Volunteer for more information or get in touch with shrewsbury@cafod.org.uk or 07920 232936

SCOUT GROUP VOLUNTEERS

The 8th Altrincham Scout Group are looking for volunteers to assist in the running of their group and weekly meetings. The group takes place on Thursdays between 6.30pm and 9pm. We are looking for adult volunteers to join each section - Beavers, Cubs or Scouts. If you have an hour to spare of your time or would like to find out more please contact Hugh Davies hughdavies76@hotmail.com

CONCERT FOR FRANCIS HOUSE

Please see poster at the back of church with details of 'Stars Come Out' concert for Francis House on Tuesday 18th April at 7.30pm at the The Plaza in Stockport. To book a ticket (£25) call the booking office on 0161 477 7779 or book online at stockportplaza.co.uk/whats-on/

VACANCY

St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme are seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain, all information can be found on their website <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Max Loach, Edward Lamb and Charlie Lamb 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 John Gilchreaste, Tony Redhead, David Westaway, Maxim Chumak, Catherine Geraghty 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, Rose Dennerley, Luke Dennett, Dermot Dunleavy, 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, 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
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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 22nd January 2023 £1550.92 plus standing orders.

SVP Collection £666.14

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 29th January 2023 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Helena Rose First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass John James McGowan Frederick Ugonna For the people of the parish
Monday 30th January 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Giovanna Scattone <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 31st January 2023 <i>St John Bosco</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Liam Higgins (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alice Bickers (ann)
Wednesday 1st February 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Robert McGahon (RIP)
Thursday 2nd February 2023 <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15 19.30-20.30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Praise <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> For those we love who no longer attend Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 3rd February 2023 <i>St Werburgh</i>	08:45 11.00 12:15 18.30 19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Philomena Holleran (ann) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i> Anne and Michael Heneghan (ann)
Saturday 4th February 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16.30-17.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Elaine Tolan (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> For the people of the parish
Sunday 5th February 2023 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Albert and Margaret Foy (RIP) Alfred Tanner, Freda Tanner and Brenda Bent Sean Headd (RIP) Peter Gough (RIP)

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

BOWDON VALE MASSES: 10am Tuesday and Thursday

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN FEBRUARY 5th - CAFOD; 12th- White Flower Appeal; 19th - SVP .

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