



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 15th January 2023

Peace Sunday



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

The Gospel speaks of a certain Nicodemus (Jn 3:1-21), an elderly man, an authority in Israel, who goes to Jesus to get to know him; and the Lord speaks to him of the need to "be born anew" (cf. v.3). But what does it mean? Can one be "reborn"? Is it possible to return to having the zest, the joy, the wonder of life, even in the face of so much tragedy? This is a fundamental question of our faith, and this is the longing of every true believer: the longing to be reborn, the joy of beginning anew. Do we have this longing? Does each of us have the wish to be born ever anew in order to meet the Lord? Do you have this wish? Indeed, one can easily lose it because, due to so many activities, so many projects to implement, in the end we are short of time and we lose sight of what is fundamental: the inner life of the heart, our spiritual life, our life which is the encounter with the Lord in prayer.

In truth, the Lord surprises us by showing us that he loves us even in our weaknesses. "Jesus Christ ... is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world" (1 Jn 2:2). This gift, the source of true consolation — but the Lord always forgives us — this console; it is a true consolation; it is a gift that we are given through the Eucharist, that wedding feast at which the Bridegroom encounters our frailty. Can I say that when I receive communion during Mass, the Lord encounters my frailty? Yes! We can say so because this is true! The Lord encounters our frailty so as to lead us back to our first call: that of being in the image and likeness of God. This is the environment of the Eucharist. This is prayer."

Many happy returns to Fr Robert, who celebrates his 30th birthday this week.

This week we say goodbye to Joseph as he returns to the seminary after his four month placement with us. We thank him for all he has given to the parish during this time, he will be missed. Please see a note below from Joseph:

I want to thank the Lord for all of the blessings of my time here amongst you in the parish community of Altrincham. I would like especially to thank Father Jonathan for his kindness and support to me throughout the time, and also to Father Robert for showing me the ropes and being willing to spend time helping me, and I also would like to extend my thanks to each one of you, who in so many different ways have helped, supported and encouraged me. It has been a real joy to be a part of your parish community: to pray together and to praise God together, and to help and encourage one another in charity.

I will take away many happy memories and friendships. Above all, I ask that you would now pray for me as I continue on my path towards the priesthood. And I will also continue to remember and pray for you all.

God bless you,

With my thanks and good wishes,

Joseph Fawcett Wood

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

The retiring collection this weekend (14/15th January) will be for the work of the SVP.

Next weekend's retiring collection will be for the annual Retired Priests Fund. With your help, we can build up the Fund to help meet the future needs of our sick and retired priests. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/retired-priests-fund and to see an electronic version of a leaflet explaining how you can donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque (please make payable to Retired Priests' Fund) and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

PARISH SURVEY

We are asking if all parishioners could please take the time to complete a survey about our parish and how we can improve communications. We are keen to review and enhance our communication and engagement with parishioners to become a truly inclusive, vibrant, faith community. You either click on this link to complete the online survey [Communication survey : The future of our Parish](#) or take a hard copy which are at the back of church. Once completed please put in the box at the back of church. The deadline for completion is Sunday 29th January and we will feedback on the findings in February. Thank you for your support.

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.

PARISH RETREAT— SAVE THE DATES

We are looking forward to our upcoming Parish Retreat which will be led by the Franciscan Sisters. More details will follow but please make a note of the dates: Saturday 25th February to Thursday 2nd March.

NEXT PARISH WALK - 14TH JANUARY

Our next parish walk will be on Saturday 14th January. The walk will start and end at the Edgerton Arms pub in Chelford (Knutsford Road, Chelsford, Macclesfield, SK11 9BB). The walk distance is approximately 5.5 miles and will take about 2hrs and 20 minutes to complete. The walk can be muddy in places so walking boots are a must. We will meet at 10.00am at Westleigh and then will car share to The Edgerton Arms. The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814 420969 or email helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place and to pre order your meal.

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

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 8th and 15th January
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh.
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 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

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

NEW EUCHARISTIC ADORATION TIMES

We are pleased to announce that there will be Eucharistic Adoration in church on Mondays and Thursdays from 6pm to 7pm. Please come along for the hour or pop in for a few minutes. Everyone is welcome, please share with others.

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.

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT—3PM, SUNDAY 22nd JANUARY

Our Romulus Singers present “Drop Down Ye Heavens”, a concert featuring a mix of sacred and secular music including pieces by some of our favourite composers – Ola Gjeilo, Kate Rusby, James Macmillan and Anna Semple. Tickets, £12 (adults) and £6 (under 16s), are available either from members of Romulus Singers or at the door. The concert starts at 3pm on Sunday 22nd January and will be held in church. The Singers hope you will join them for tea, coffee and cake in Westleigh afterwards.

MISSIO BOX COLLECTORS (PROMOTERS)

In late November a very successful Missio appeal was made and many generous parishioners (around 68) agreed to have a red box at home. We now have many boxes but not enough collectors. I desperately need 2 collectors from the Oldfield Brow area; 1 from Bowdon are; 1 from Timperley area around Shaftesbury Avenue and 1 from Hale around the Moss Lane area. It would make me supremely happy if I could also have someone who would be willing to collect from anywhere. Boxes are collected in March and September. If you would like to help, ring Kay Walsh on 016 4607790 or see me in church.

MISSALS AND YEARBOOKS ON SALE

The new Sunday Missal (£5) and the new Diocese Yearbook (£6) are available to buy from the sacristy.

CARITAS URGENTLY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING:

Female volunteers who like art, craft, cooking, baking, yoga, sewing or other skills to join the Women's group, which helps refugees and asylum seekers women with integration at St. Aidan's Centre in Wythenshawe every Friday afternoon from 12-2 pm. If you are interested, please contact us ASAP.

Tutor volunteers to deliver ESOL sessions for refugees and asylum seekers at St. Aidan's centre in Wythenshawe every Tuesday afternoons from 12-2 pm. If you are interested, please contact us ASAP.

Volunteers to run the sessions, shop and cater for lunch and take care of the children during the sessions.

Email: Lana.Osman@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk Mobile: 07824329331

DONATION TO CORNERSTONE FROM CHRISTMAS CARD SALES

Thank you for supporting the sale of Christmas cards and Advent calendars. From the sale of these items we have been able to give a donation of £688.40 to Cornerstone. Thank you for your support.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Elodie Wheelton & Poppy Duran-Formoso who was recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Tony Redhead, Thomas Ruane, David Westaway, Maxim Chumak, Margaret Mannion (Peggy), Mary-Jo Hannion 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, Joseph 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

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 8th January 2023 £1954.80 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 15th January 2023 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Mrs Kelly (RIP) For the people of the parish Paul Collins SVP in Grenada
Monday 16th January 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45-09:00 11:00 12:15 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Bernadette Chapman (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 17th January 2023 <i>St Anthony</i>	08:45-09:00 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Brian Dillon <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Martin McAteer
Wednesday 18th January 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45-09:00 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> James Benson (ann)
Thursday 19th January 2023 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Wulstan</i>	08:45-09:00 09.30 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Funeral Service for Thomas Ruane Sean Headd (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Praise and Thanksgiving <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 20th January 2023 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Fabian & St Sebastian</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> Mark Belderbos <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i> Mary Davies (ann)
Saturday 21st January 2023 <i>St Agnes</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16.30-17.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Paddy and Peggy (RIP) Mannion <i>Confessions</i> Michael Moore (ann)
Sunday 22nd January 2023 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 15.00 18.30	Raymond Ball (birthday memories) Tom & Ellen Finnigan (ann) For the people of the parish Concert by Romulus Singers Mick & Karen Sweeney

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 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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