

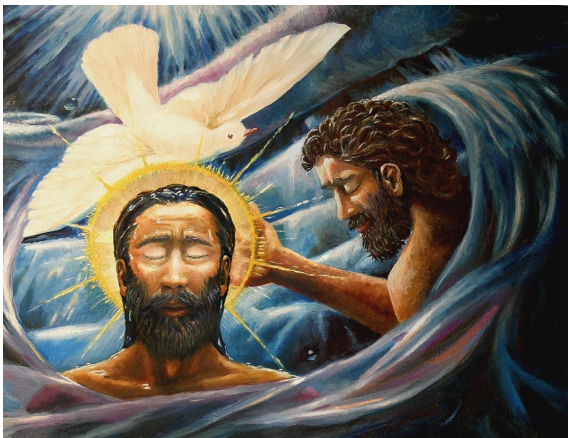


St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Baptism of the Lord Sunday 8th 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

This is the first point: to be humble, to recognise ourselves as children, to rest in the Father, to trust in him. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven, it is necessary to become little, like children. In the sense that children know how to trust; they know that someone will take care of them, of what they will eat, of what they will wear and so on (cf. Mt 6:25-32). This is the first perspective: trust and confidence, as a child toward his parents; to know that God remembers you, takes care of you, of you, of me, of everyone.

The second condition, too, is being precisely like children; it is to let ourselves be surprised. A child always asks thousands of questions because he wants to discover the world; and he even marvels at little things because everything is new to him. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven we must let ourselves be astonished. In our relationship with the Lord, in prayer — I ask — do we let ourselves be astonished or do we think that prayer is speaking with God as parrots do? No, it is trusting and opening the heart so as to let ourselves be astonished. Do we allow ourselves to be surprised by God who is always the God of surprises? Because the encounter with the Lord is always a living encounter; it is not a museum encounter. It is a living encounter, and we go to Mass, not to a museum. We go to a living encounter with the Lord.

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, upstairs in Westleigh. This is not a youth meeting but young people are very welcome to attend.

RETIRING COLLECTION

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

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.

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.

THANKS FROM CAFOD

Last weekend's CAFOD retiring collection totalled £767.73. Current issues include refugees and conflict and people facing climate change and food emergencies. In spite of problems here, our generous parish giving is helping CAFOD to play a part in allaying these. As always, a big Thank You.

THANKS FROM CORNERSTONE

Thank you for your kind donation of a car full of presents received for Cornerstone. We really appreciate your kindness. The cost-of-living crisis is affecting everyone, leading to fewer financial and practical donations at a time when demand is higher than ever, with more people needing to access our services locally.

Your generosity will help make it possible for us to ensure that people have the support they need to prevent them from being homeless; that people who do become homeless are helped to secure safe accommodation with the support they need to make a new home; and that no one has to sleep rough.

Please continue to keep in your thoughts and prayers everyone we are supporting during these difficult times. Thank you again for sharing what you have with those in need. Together, we will ensure that no one is left behind.

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 Semples.

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.

ADVENT ALMS - THANK YOU

Trafford Foodbank have advised that during Advent the donation of items at the back of Church shows we collected just over 100kg of food. Also we received for the Foodbank nearly £208 in donations via the wall box. On behalf of the foodbank, thank you for your help for those in need in our area who we have supported with our gifts.

The box for collection of goods is always at the back of the Church and the wall box will be available for any further donations until just before Lent. Any further help is much appreciated.

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.

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 (returns 11th Jan)

A PRAYER FOR THE SOUL OF POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI

Father, eternal shepherd,
hear the prayers of your people for your servant Benedict,
who governed your Church with love.
In your mercy, bring him with the flock once entrusted to his care
to the reward you have promised your faithful servants.
May he who faithfully administered the mysteries
of your forgiveness and love on earth,
rejoice with you for ever in heaven
In your wise and loving care,
you made your servant teacher of all your Church.
He did the work of Christ on earth.
May your Son welcome him into eternal glory.
May your servant whom you appointed high priest of your flock
be counted now among the priests in the life of your kingdom.
Give your servant the reward of eternal happiness
and let your mercy win for us the gift of your life and love.
We entrust your servant to your mercy with faith and confidence.
In the human family he was an instrument of your peace and love.
May he rejoice in those gifts for ever with your saints.
Through Christ our Lord,
Amen



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.

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Oliver Harding who was recently baptised here. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Ryan Burns and Sophie Dunn who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Margaret Mannion (Peggy) 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, 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, 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 1st January 2023 £2048.88 plus standing orders.

SVP Collection 18th December £1299.20

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

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
Monday 9th 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> Peggy Mannion (RIP)
Tuesday 10th January 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45-09:00 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Tom Rooney & wife Kathleen <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Samantha Flynn
Wednesday 11th 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> Ellen Finnigan (ann)
Thursday 12th January 2023 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	08:45-09:00 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Father William B Donnelly <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ada Langtree (ann)
Friday 13th January 2023 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Hilary</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> Requiem Mass for Margaret Mannion (Peggy) <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i> Joe Kennedy (RIP)
Saturday 14th January 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> The Tabner Family <i>Confessions</i> Bridie Connolly
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

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

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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