



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Sunday 5th February 2023



Pope Francis' Intention for:

February:

For Parishes: We pray that parishes, placing communion at the centre, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

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

If Christ's love is within me, I can give myself fully to others, in the interior certainty that even if the other were to wound me I would not die; otherwise I should defend myself. The martyrs gave their own lives in this certainty of Christ's victory over death. Only if we experience this power of Christ, the power of his love, are we truly free to give ourselves without fear. This is the Mass: to enter this passion, death, resurrection, ascension of Jesus; when we go to Mass it is as if we are going to Calvary itself. But consider: whether at the moment of Mass we go to Calvary — let us ponder this with the imagination — and we know that that man there is Jesus. But will we allow ourselves to chat, to take photographs, to put on a little show? No! Because it is Jesus! We certainly pause in silence, in sorrow and in the joy of being saved. As we enter the church to celebrate Mass, let us think about this: I am going to Calvary, where Jesus gave his life for me. In this way the spectacle disappears; the small talk disappears; the comments and these things that distance us from something so beautiful as the Mass, Jesus' triumph.

I think that it is clearer now how the Passover is made present and active each time we celebrate the Mass, which is the meaning of memorial. Taking part in the Eucharist enables us to enter the Paschal Mystery of Christ, giving ourselves to pass over with him from death to life, meaning there, on Calvary. The Mass is experiencing Calvary; it is not a spectacle.

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. 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. Full schedule to follow. You are welcome to come to everything or just the sessions and Masses you can make, even if you can only make one session please come along.

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.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 18th FEBRUARY

What will you be reading this Lent? Our parish library has hundreds of Christian books to choose from. There is an Open Morning on Sat. 18th February from 10.00 a.m. till 12.00 noon with free coffee and homemade cake, upstairs in Westleigh. Do come along.

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).

MASS TO CELEBRATE THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality members are warmly invited to join the parishioners of St Mary's, Crewe, for a Healing Mass to celebrate the Feast of our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday 11 February. The Mass will be at St Mary's at 2pm, followed by refreshments in the parish centre. If you wish to attend, please let our Hospitality Secretary know so that she can collate the numbers to pass on to the parish for catering purposes. Lucy can be contacted at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text 07451 249267. St Mary's is situated at 13 Gatefield Street, Crewe CW1 2JP.

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.

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

WHITE FLOWER APPEAL

Next Sunday 12th February there will be a SPUC White Flower Appeal. An information sheet can be found at the back of church for you to read more about this appeal.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY

Please note that Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday 9th February will be 7.30pm - 8.30pm.

YEAR BOOKS AND MISSALS

Diocesan Year Books are available to buy from the Sacristy priced £6. They contain information on all churches and groups and agencies in the Diocese as well as various articles of interest about our Diocese. Sunday Missals are also available to buy from the Sacristy priced £5.

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.

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

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School please come along to our next open morning for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 15th March 2023. Please email admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to reserve your place on one of the 4 time slots available, 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am and 10:45am.

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE

Chester and Wirral Across Groups are again travelling to Lourdes this year. There are vacancies for nurses, helpers and sick and disabled pilgrims. We have taken folk with a wide range of health problems such as stroke, cancer, MS, Motor Neurone Disease, etc. The cost is £995. Nurses and under 25s in full time education pay half. However, financial help may be available for those who cannot afford to pay the full amount. COVID Vaccinations compulsory. For further information, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk

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

CONCERT FOR FRANCIS HOUSE - 18th APRIL at 7.30pm

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

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

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Noel Fitzmaurice, John Gilchreaste, Tony Redhead and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Please pray for the sick who include James Ainsworth, Michael Anderson, Robert 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 29th January 2023 £2234.61 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

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)
Monday 6th February 2023 <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 16.15 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass of Tony Redhead Altar Server refresher training <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 7th February 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Noel Fitzmaurice (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Praise and worship to the King of Kings
Wednesday 8th February 2023 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>St Jermone Emiliani & St Josephine Bakhita</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Arthur Hughes (RIP)
Thursday 9th February 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12:15 19.30-20.30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Janek Rupoicz (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rev Dan O'Doherty (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 10th February 2023 <i>St Scholastica</i>	08:45 11.00 12:15 18.30 19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr Michael Cupit <i>Rosary for peace in the world</i> Sine Cameron-Mowat (RIP)
Saturday 11th February 2023 <i>Optional Memorial</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16.30-17.15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Ann Lewis and James Burke (ann) <i>Confessions</i> Ernest Sands (ann)
Sunday 12th February 2023 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Raymond Ball (ann) For the people of the parish Livio (RIP) Margaret Brown-Ross (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 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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