



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Fifth Sunday of Lent 26th March 2023



Pope Francis' Intention for: March:

For Victims of Abuse: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women;
The Needs and Hungry of the World;
Penitents and Wanderers.

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

The Penitential Act

Dear Brothers and Sisters, Good morning!

Resuming the catechesis on the Eucharistic celebration, let us consider today, in the context of the Introductory Rites, the Penitential Act. In its sobriety, it favours the attitude with which we are prepared to worthily celebrate the holy mysteries, that is, by acknowledging our sins before God and our brothers and sisters, acknowledging that we are sinners. In fact the priest's invitation is addressed to the whole community in prayer, because we are all sinners. What can the Lord give to one whose heart is already filled with self-importance, with one's own success? Nothing, because a presumptuous person is incapable of receiving forgiveness, as he is satisfied by his presumed righteousness. Let us consider the parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector, where only the latter – the tax collector – returns home justified, that is, forgiven (cf. Lk 18:9-14). One who is aware of his own wretchedness and lowers his gaze with humility feels God's merciful gaze set upon him. We know through experience that only one who is able to acknowledge his mistakes and apologize receives the understanding and forgiveness of others.

Listening in silence to the voice of our conscience allows us to recognize that our thoughts are far from divine thoughts, that our words and our actions are often worldly, guided, that is, by choices contradictory to the Gospel. Therefore, at the beginning of Mass, as a community, we perform the Penitential Act through a formula of general confession, recited in the first person singular. Each one confesses to God and to his brothers and sisters to having "greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do". Yes, even in omissions, that is, in having neglected to do the good I could have done. We often feel that we are good because – we say – "I did no harm to anyone". In reality, it is not enough to refrain from doing harm to our neighbour; we must choose to do good, by seizing opportunities to bear good witness that we are disciples of Jesus. It is good to emphasize that we confess to being sinners both to God and to our brothers and sisters: this helps us understand the dimension of sin which, while separating us from God, also divides us from our brothers and sisters, and vice versa. Sin severs: sin severs the relationship with God and it severs the relationship with brothers and sisters, relationships within the family, in society and in the community: sin always severs; it separates; it divides.

ORDINATION OF DEACON DAVID IRWIN - SATURDAY 25th MARCH at 12noon

This Saturday 25th March we welcome Bishop Mark for the ordination of Deacon David Irwin to the priesthood. Mass will be at 12 noon. Deacon David warmly invites all parishioners to attend his ordination. We pray for Deacon David as he takes up his priestly ministry in our diocese.

If you are attending this event please use Loreto College front car which will be open from 11am to 3pm. Please leave the church car park for people with disabilities and mobility issues.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICE TIMES

Tuesday 4th April	7.30pm Holy Week Service - a service of Prayer, Music and Reflection.
Maundy Thursday 6th April	No 12.15pm Mass 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching till midnight with night prayers at 11.45pm
Good Friday 7th April	9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer 11.30am Children's Way of the Cross 3.00pm Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 7.30pm Good Friday Prayers around the Cross - a special service of prayer, reflection and quiet time with Taizé music as we reflect on Christ's Passion and pray for peace.
Holy Saturday 8th April	9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer No 12.15pm Mass 8.15pm Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection
Easter Sunday 9th April	Masses at 8.30am, 10.00am and 11.30am Please note there will be no evening Mass
Confessions will be available at the following times: 11.15am-11.45am on Tues 4th, Wed 5th and Thurs 6th April.	

LENTEN ALMS This year's charity is [Water Aid](#). At the back of church is a wall box, if you wish to donate, thank you.

LET US PRAY: A PARISH INITIATIVE - To help us listen to and talk with God

Our Let Us Pray sessions continue as detailed below. These will all take place in Westleigh.

Session 3 content: Conversing with God through Scripture - How can we respond to God's invitation to hear his voice speaking to us personally through the Scriptures?

	7.30pm-9.00pm	1.30pm-3.00pm (repeat of evening session)
Session 3	Thursday 30th March	Friday 31st March
EASTER		
Session 4	Thursday 20th April	Friday 21st April
Session 5	Thursday 27th April	Friday 28th April
Session 6	Thursday 4th May	Friday 5th May

WESTLEIGH IT UPGRADE

We are pleased to announce that Westleigh has joined the 21st century and now has WiFi. We are continuing to look at upgrading the IT at Westleigh. We would like to fit a projector and a 3m screen. The cost of this is £7514.93. Parish funds can cover £5000 of this cost, a very generous benefactor has agreed to put £1000 towards it. This leaves us with a shortfall of £1514.93. Please would you consider making a contribution to meet this shortfall. If you wish to make a donation please place your donation in an envelope and put it through the presbytery door marked Westleigh IT. If paying by cheque please make it payable to 'St Vincent De Paul Altrincham'. If we exceed our target the donated money will be spent on other Westleigh projects. Thank you for taking the time to consider this and thank you for your generosity to the parish.

PPT MINUTES

PPT meeting minutes, 8th March, are available to read via the [website](#) and hard copies are at the back of church.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 12th and 26th March.
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh.
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 16th and 30th March 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 every Sunday
- ◆ Brownies— Tuesdays in term time at 5.45-7.15pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Rainbows— Wednesdays in term time at 6-7pm in Westleigh

Parish Safeguarding
Representatives

Helen Norwood:
07800 656966
Sheila Carr
0161 928 7432

MARCH'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Share car journeys; offer lifts to others if you are driving.

YOUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME NEEDS YOU!

Are you good at listening to the views of others? Are you good at conversation? Are you good at creating things? Have you got a positive personality? If so, we need you!

In April we are starting our Confirmation programme for our Year 8 cohort. We need more volunteers to be Catechists who can commit to the four week programme. Our programme is great fun and has been thoroughly enjoyed by all involved... both adults and candidates alike! Please support our Parish and our Young People by committing to this short programme. Please contact Su Edwards on suhflewlewis@hotmail.com if you are interested.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Weekly Offertory Envelopes for next year are available for collection at the back of church. For those using the Gift Aid scheme there are individually named boxes, in alphabetical order. Gift aid is simple, gives a substantial boost to the parish finances, costs you nothing extra and is completely confidential. The parish can claim back a refund of the tax on your offerings. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way please contact Michael Swarbrick on 07957 630230 or michael@swarbrick.co.uk.

If you do not use the Gift Aid scheme but wish to use Offertory Envelopes, please take any of the unnamed boxes.

RESULTS OF THE PARISH SURVEY

Between 23 December 2022 and 29 January 2023 parishioners were invited to complete a survey regarding our current Parish communications and were asked to provide ideas to improve/expand the existing channels of communication. The survey also invited parishioners to volunteer their time to support the Parish in current/new activities. The results of this survey can be read via the [Notice Board section of the parish website](#).

212 responses were recorded (135 online and 77 on paper) with a small number also expressing an interest in volunteering their time to support Parish activities. The aim of the survey was to provide tangible data, plus ideas, to help inform the work of the newly established working groups focussing on communication, spirituality and youth.

The results demonstrate that there is an opportunity to improve the current internal and external communication and also highlight the wealth of ideas and experience within the Parish to make this happen.

We are conscious that we need people to offer their time to help rather than it falling on the shoulders of a few. If you are interested in being involved in shaping the future of the Parish, please contact the Parish Office via email parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk or by calling 0161 928 1689.

Father Jonathan, the PPT and the communications group are particularly grateful to Matt Coe for collating the data and to all parishioners who took time to respond to the survey. Please note if printing this document: it is 45 pages.

VACANCY – SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

The SVP would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury Diocese. A part time role (15 hours per week) working as part of the SVP Membership Team, to support member recruitment and development, provide general support for members and be the link between local Conferences and National Office. The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese to make recruitment appeals, work with existing groups, attend meetings and meet with interested parties where appropriate. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information and how to apply, contact Lance Philpott at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date is Sunday 16 April.

CANTORES OECUMENICA

This year we present 'The Passion of Christ' by Percy E Fletcher at Holy Angels RC Church. The Presentation is from 4 to 5pm on Palm Sunday 2nd April 2023. We have three top rated soloists. Admission is free: there is a retiring collection for charity (cash only). ALL are welcome. Further details available at <https://cantoresoec.org/>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Franz Blum, Tom Ryan, Rose Dennerley, Mildred Auty 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, John Cawfield, Michael Cornwell, Peter Cresswell, Marjorie & Simon De Maria, 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, 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, Claire Rayner, 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 Towe, 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 19th March £1966.04 plus standing orders. SVP Collection raised £435.01. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 26th March 2023 Fifth Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Adrian McCoy (ann) Peter Luby (ann) For the people of the parish Catherine Roylance (Mother's Day memories)
Monday 27th March 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> Pat Sweeney (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 28th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Caterina Heston (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Lawrence Fasanu (ann)
Wednesday 29th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Brendon Davies (RIP)
Thursday 30th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Praise <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> David Whittaker (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 31st March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11.00 12:15 18.30 19.00 19:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Mildred Auty <i>Stations of the Cross led by the Justice & Peace / CAFOD group</i> Alfie Lewis (ann) Eucharist Holy Hour with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 1st April 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	10.45 11.00 11.00-12.00 12.15 16.30-17.15 17:30	Holy Rosary for peace <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Mrs Berry (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Agnes Brown (ann)
Sunday 2nd April 2023 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Caroline Reeder (RIP) Thomas O'Connor David Shard (birthday memories) 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 MARCH: 5th - CAFOD; 19th - SVP. 1st/2nd April will be for the work of CAFOD

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

PARISH CLERGY

Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon, Assistant Priest: Fr. Robert Dykes

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