



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord 2nd April 2023



Pope Francis' Intention for: April:

For a culture of Peace and Non Violence: We pray for the spread of peace and non violence, by decreasing the use of weapons by States and citizens.

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

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

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

Penitential Act continued.

The words we say with our mouth are accompanied by the gesture of striking our breast, acknowledging that I have sinned through my own fault and not that of others. Indeed, it often happens that, out of fear or shame, we point a finger to blame others. It costs us to admit being at fault, but it does us good to confess it sincerely. Confess your own sins. I remember an anecdote that an elderly missionary used to tell, of a woman who went to confession and started speaking about her husband's failings. Then she moved on to talk about her mother-in-law's failings and then the sins of her neighbours. At a certain point, the confessor said to her: "But, madam, tell me: have you finished? — Very well: you have finished with the sins of others. Now start telling your own." Tell your own sins!

After the confession of sins, we ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Angels and Saints to pray to the Lord for us. In this too, the communion of Saints is valuable: that is, the intercession of these "companions and life examples" (cf. Preface of 1 November) supports us on the journey toward full communion with God, when sin will be abolished once and for all. In addition to "I confess", the Penitential Act can be performed with other formulae, for example: "Have mercy upon us, O Lord, / for we have sinned against thee. / Show us thy mercy, O Lord, / and grant us thy salvation" (cf. Ps 123[122]:3; Jer 14:20; Ps 85:8). Especially on Sundays, the blessing and sprinkling of water may be performed as a reminder of Baptism (cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 51), which washes away all sins. It is also possible, as part of the Penitential Act, to sing the Kyrie eleison: with the ancient Greek expression, we praise the Lord — Kyrios — and implore his mercy (ibid., 52).

Sacred Scripture offers us luminous examples of "penitent" figures who, coming back into themselves after having committed sin, find the courage to take off the mask and open themselves to the grace that renews the heart. Let us think of King David and the words attributed to him in the Psalm: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to thy steadfast love; according to thy abundant mercy blot out my iniquity" (cf. 51[50]:1-2). Let us consider the prodigal son who returns to the father: "God, be merciful to me a sinner" (Lk 18:13). Let us also think of Saint Peter, of Zacchaeus, of the Samaritan woman. Measuring ourselves with the fragility of the clay of which we are moulded is an experience that strengthens us: as it makes us take account of our weakness, it opens our heart to invoke the divine mercy which transforms and converts. And this is what we do in the Penitential Act at the beginning of Mass.

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.	
Chrism Mass will be held on Wednesday 5th April at 7pm at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe (M22 OWR)	

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 4: Be still and know that I am God - Quietening our chattering minds to focus on God, to simply be in his presence.

	7.30pm-9.00pm	1.30pm-3.00pm (repeat of evening session)
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 at a cost of £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 for your generosity to the parish.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS - 11.30am GOOD FRIDAY

All children are invited to participate in the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday as readers, in the choir and holding pictures. There is a sign up sheet at the back of the Church and with the choir at 10am mass on 2nd April or email Anna Croughan annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk. We will practise on Good Friday in Westleigh at 10.30am. If you're not sure whether you will be here just turn up on the day and we will find you a part.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES & OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Offertory Envelopes for next year are at the back of church. Gift Aid scheme users boxes are individually named, 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 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.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 23rd April (note- not on Easter Sunday)
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday except Easter Sunday
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh.
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 13th and 27th April 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
- ◆ Brownies— Tuesdays in term time at 5.45-7.15pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Rainbows— Wednesdays in term time at 6-7pm in Westleigh

Parish Safeguarding
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WEDNESDAY WORD

Copies of the Wednesday Word, a sheet assisting you in your preparation for the Sunday Gospel, will now be available each week at the back of church and online <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 16th APRIL at HOLY ANGELS

This celebration will be held on Sunday 16 April at Holy Angels Church. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena> For information contact Noel Loughrey on noel@loughreys.com

MANCHESTER MARATHON ROAD CLOSURES - 16TH APRIL

Please be aware that many roads near church will be closed on Sunday 16th April due to the Manchester marathon.

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.

APRIL'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Consider the origins of your food before buying it. Have human rights been abused to produce it? How much has it's transport contributed to global warming?

VACANCY - TEAM MEMBER, YOUTH MISSION TEAM

The Diocese of Shrewsbury are seeking to recruit a Team Member for the Youth Mission Team. For more information visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

VACANCY - SVP MEMBERSHIP SUPPORT OFFICER (MSO)

The SVP would like to recruit a MSO for the Shrewsbury Diocese. A part time role (15 hrs per week). The role is home based but requires the ability to travel around the diocese. Own transport essential and travel expenses are paid. For further information contact Lance Philpott at lancep@svp.org.uk Closing date is Sunday 16 April.

CANTORES OECUMENICA

The presentation of 'The Passion of Christ' by Percy E Fletcher takes place at 4pm Sunday 2nd April at Holy Angels. Admission is free: there is a retiring collection for charity (cash only). All are welcome. <https://cantoresoec.org/>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Lyra Bent and Stevie Gannon 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 Michelle Healey, Franz Blum 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 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 26th March £1762.43 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

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) & Kim Shard (ann) For the people of the parish
Monday 3rd April 2023 <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Meava O'Neill <i>NO evening Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 4th April 2023 <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 10.00 11.00 11.15-11.45 12.15 19.30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Martin Munagle's intentions Funeral Service of Franz Blum <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Paula Yearsley Holy Week Prayer Service
Wednesday 5th April 2023 <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	08.45 11.00 11.15-11.45 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Clare Crossan (RIP)
Thursday 6th April 2023 <i>Holy Thursday</i>	08.45 11.00 11.15-11.45 19.30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> NO Bowdon Vale Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> NO 12.15 Mass Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Watching until midnight with Night Prayer at 23.45
Friday 7th April 2023 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i>	09.30 11.30 15.00 19.30	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Children's Stations of the Cross Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Prayers around the Cross
Saturday 8th April 2023 <i>Holy Saturday</i>	09.30 20.15	<i>Office of Readings and Morning Prayer of the Church</i> NO 12.15 Mass Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection Rene Brandon
Sunday 9th April 2023 Easter Sunday	08:30 10:00 11:30	John De Maria William Griffiths (ann) For the people of the parish NO evening Mass

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (Not Easter Sunday)

BOWDON VALE MASSES 10am Tuesday and Thursday (not Holy Thursday)

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN APRIL: 2nd - CAFOD; 16th - SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year A, weekdays cycle 1; Psalter Week 2

PARISH CLERGY

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