



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Second Sunday of Lent 5th 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

Today I would like to enter the vibrant heart of the Eucharistic celebration. The Mass is composed of two parts: the Liturgy of the Word and the Eucharistic Liturgy. They are so closely connected to each other that they form one single act of worship (cf. Sacrosanctum Concilium, n. 56; General Instructions of the Roman Missal, n. 28). The celebration, introduced by several preparatory rites and concluded by others, thus forms a single body and cannot be separated, but for clarification I will try to explain its various moments, each of which is capable of touching and engaging a dimension of our humanity. One must know these holy signs in order to experience the Mass fully and to enjoy all of its beauty.

Once the people are gathered, the celebration opens with the Introductory Rites, including the Entrance of the celebrants or the celebrant, the Greeting — “The Lord be with you” or “Peace be with you” —, the Act of Penitence — “I confess”, with which we ask forgiveness for our sins —, the Kyrie Eleison, the Gloria Hymn and the Collect Prayer: it is called the “collect prayer”, not because the collection of offerings takes place then: it is the Collect of the prayer intentions of all peoples; and that Collect of the peoples’ intention rises to heaven as a prayer. Their purpose — that of these Introductory Rites — is “to ensure that the faithful who come together as one establish communion and dispose themselves to listen properly to God’s word and to celebrate the Eucharist worthily” (General Instructions of the Roman Missal, n. 46). It is not a good habit to look at your watch and say: “I am on time; I arrive after the sermon and this way I fulfil the precept”. Mass begins with the sign of the Cross, with these Introductory Rites, because there we begin to adore God as a community. And for this reason it is important to make sure you do not arrive late, but rather early, in order to prepare the heart for this rite, for this community celebration.

PARISH RETREAT

Thank you to the Franciscans of the Renewal who led us in a week of Mission and Retreat. Their presence with us at the beginning of Lent has truly been a grace and a blessing. We are truly thankful to God and to them for their ministry. Father Jonathan and Father Robert want to thank the parishioners who provided delicious meals for them and the Franciscans during the retreat week. We are so grateful for your kindness and generosity.

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

One priority identified in recent open parish meetings was how we could develop our faith as adults. In response, a group of parishioners is facilitating a series of six sessions on different aspects of prayer, rooted in our everyday experience. Each session will be offered twice, once in an evening at 7.30pm and repeated in an afternoon at 1.30pm, to allow as many people as possible to attend. Look out for the leaflet, which has more information! The six sessions with the two times they are being delivered are detailed below. These will all take place in Westleigh.

	7.30pm-9.00pm	1.30pm-3.00pm (repeat of evening session)
Session 1	Wednesday 15th March	Friday 17th March
Session 2	Thursday 23rd March	Friday 24th March
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

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - LENT APPEAL 4/5 MARCH

This weekend's CAFOD Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies. Give using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

LENT

A Journey from Lent to Easter Booklet - available at the back of church to support you through Lent.

Lenten Walk with me Booklets - a reflection for each day of Lent priced £1 from the Sacristy.

Lenten Service - 7.30pm Wednesday 8th March in church.

Holy Week Service - 7.30pm Tuesday 4th April in church.

Good Friday Prayers around the Cross - 7.30pm Friday 7th April in church.

Lenten Alms - this years Charity is [Water Aid](https://www.wateraid.org/). Water Aid ensures that everyone, everywhere has a sustainable source of clean water. For example, supporting children to have clean water and decent toilet facilities at school.

There is a wall box at the back of Church for you to donate during Lent if you wish to. Any contributions, small or large, coins or notes are always welcome. Thank you.

ECOLOGICAL FASTING FOR LENT

The CAFOD/Justice and Peace group would like to suggest that you might consider adding an ecological element to your Lenten observance, in solidarity with victims of climate change, pollution, and other damage to God's creation. If your observance also saves you money, perhaps you could consider donating some of that money to CAFOD's upcoming Lent Fast Day collection, on 4/5 March. Here are a few suggestions:

1. Eat less meat, particularly red meat. Perhaps you could have one or more meat-free days per week, or restrict yourself to chicken, which is much less harmful to the environment.
2. Use less petrol. Is there a short journey that you could do by foot or bike instead, even just one or two days per week?
3. Cut down screen time: energy-saving might not be huge, but the benefits to individual and society are considerable.
4. Fast from single-use plastics.
5. Fast from unnecessary purchases.

RED MISSIO BOXES

These will be collected during March. Please wait for you box-collector (Promoter) to contact you.

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

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CONFIRMATION 2023—CHILDREN IN YEAR 8 & ABOVE

Our next Confirmation Programme will begin in April 2023 for all those currently in Year 8 or above. If you would like to join this programme please read this [Confirmation Letter and Form](#) and return, along with the other documents requested, to the parish office by Friday 17th March. The form can be accessed via the Noticeboard section of our website and paper copies can be found at the back of church.

PARISH SOCIAL EVENING - THURSDAY 16th MARCH

Our next parish social will be a St Patrick's Night Supper, Thursday 16th March in Westleigh. Full details, including menu are displayed at the back of church, with reply slips. Please return completed slips, with payment of £28, in an envelope marked for the parish office. This can be handed into the sacristy or posted through the presbytery door. Please return slip and payment by 9th March, bookings cannot be taken after this date due to catering requirements.

PARISH WALK - SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, 10am MEET WESTLEIGH

We will be walking around River Bollin in Styal and Morley Green. It will be a circular route, starting from National Trust Quarry Bank Mill reception (Free car parking), along the River Bollin, toward Morley Green, then join the River Bollin again on the way back. There is one section with 90 steps up of stone stile and 3-4 sections of wooden stile down (10-20 steps each section), apart from this, it is generally flat with some muddy parts so waterproof walking boots are needed. It is estimated just above 5 miles and will take around 2 and half hours as a group to complete. We will have lunch at Beefeater in Heald Green after the walk. Please come along to enjoy the natural wonder and fresh air. If you wish to join this walk. please contact King Lu, kuohsinglu@gmail.com / 07816921097.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 10AM MASS

We are delighted to let you know that due to many parishioners kindly volunteering their time, we are able to provide refreshments every Sunday after the 10am Mass in Westleigh. Everyone is very welcome to come along. However, please note that it will not be available on Easter Sunday.

JUSTICE AND PEACE / CAFOD RESOURCES

The NW National Justice & Peace Network e-Bulletin February 2023 is now on the parish [Justice and Peace / Cafod section of the website](#) along with two new resources for Lent, a Journey from Lent to Easter with daily reflections, and a Stations of the Cross based on the theme 'Healing through the Life, Death and Resurrection of Christ.

ACAT EASTER APPEAL

Please consider sending a message of support to prisoners of conscience this Lent or Easter. The latest [ACAT newsletter](#) is on the J&P / CAFOD parish website and contains suggested messages of appeal to imprisoning authorities (p26-31) and details of how to send greetings to prisoners (p31-42). Please remember when you write to prisoners not to send overtly religious cards or greetings, or mention ACAT in your greeting. The ACAT newsletter gives useful advice on how to write messages of support without causing the prisoners additional suffering.

SPUC PRO-LIFE EVENING - THURSDAY 9TH MARCH

You are warmly invited to an information evening organised by the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) held at Westleigh, Thursday 9th March 7:30pm. Come along to hear about the wide-ranging work that SPUC is involved in locally, nationally and internationally to protect women and unborn children from abortion. For information, contact SPUC Northern Development Officer, terrygraham@spuc.org.uk / 07549 068226.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Lilly Higinbotham and Kate Dreniw 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 Noemia Batiste de Almeida, Richard Jones, Sr Therese (Shelagh) Regan, Mark Hunter, Andrew Ball 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, 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, 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, Jocphen 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 February £1983.59 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 5th March 2023 Second Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	David Dibbs (RIP) Veronica Starkey Brian Heath (RIP) For the people of the parish
Monday 6th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 16.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Michael Noel Fitzmaurice (RIP) Altar Server training <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 7th March 2023 <i>Optional Commemoration: Ss Perpetua & Felicity</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Cathy Humphreys (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Kay Rowan (ann)
Wednesday 8th March 2023 <i>Optional Commemoration: St John of God</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 19:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Richard Jones Lenten Service
Thursday 9th March 2023 <i>Optional Commemoration: St Frances of Rome</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> John de Maria <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Nancy Mannion (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 10th 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 Sister Therese Regan <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Maxim Chumak (RIP) Eucharist Holy Hour with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 11th March 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> Margaret Mannion (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Michael McEvoy (ann)
Sunday 12th March 2023 Third Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	Mr & Mrs Anthony, Mr & Mrs KT Thomas, Mr & Mrs PJ Chacko, Mr & Mrs Mathew Jessica Ridway (RIP) For the people of the parish Tume Patrick (ann)

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.

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

PARISH CLERGY

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