



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Third Sunday of Lent 12th March 2023



Change in Mass Times Next Week

Please note that there will be no Masses at 12.15pm next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday due to the new organ being fitted and a Diocese clergy day requested by the Bishop. Masses will be at 9.30am. We apologise for any inconvenience. We are always very reluctant to cancel the 12.15pm Mass, and we hope you appreciate that we only do this when it is absolutely necessary.

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

Normally, while the entrance hymn is sung, the priest, with the altar servers, approaches the altar in procession, and salutes it with a bow and, in a sign of veneration, kisses it and, when there is incense, incenses it. Why? Because the altar is Christ: it is the figure of Christ. When we look at the altar, we are looking exactly at Christ. The altar is Christ. These gestures, which could pass unobserved, are highly significant, because they express from the very beginning that the Mass is an encounter of love with Christ, who, by offering his Body on the Cross, became "the Priest, the Altar and the Lamb" (cf. Preface v of Easter). The altar, in fact, as a symbol of Christ, is "the centre of the thanksgiving that is accomplished through the Eucharist" (General Instructions of the Roman Missal, n. 296); and the whole community [gathers] around the altar, which is Christ, not to look at each other, but to look at Christ, because Christ is at the centre of the community; he is not distant from it.

Then there is the sign of the Cross. The presiding priest traces the sign on himself and all the members of the assembly do likewise, knowing that the liturgical act is performed "in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit". And here I will mention another tiny subject. Have you seen how children make the sign of the Cross? They do not know what they are doing: sometimes they make a design, which is not the sign of the Cross. Please, mum and dad, grandparents, teach the children, from the beginning — from a tender age — to make the sign of the Cross properly. And explain to them that it is having Jesus' Cross as protection. The Mass begins with the sign of the Cross. The whole prayer moves, so to speak, within the space of the Most Holy Trinity — "In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit" —, which is the space of infinite communion; it has as its beginning and end the love of the Triune God, made manifest and given to us in the Cross of Christ. In fact his Paschal Mystery is the gift of the Trinity, and the Eucharist flows ever from his pierced Heart. When we make the sign of the Cross, therefore, we not only commemorate our Baptism, but affirm that the liturgical prayer is the encounter with God in Jesus Christ, who became flesh, died on the Cross and rose in glory for us.

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. Leaflets are available at the back of church and on our [website](#). The six sessions with the two times they are being delivered are detailed below. These will all take place in Westleigh.

Session one content: Introduction – What is prayer? What do I want from prayer? Plus an brief overview of the upcoming sessions will be given.

	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

RETIRING COLLECTION FOR 18/19 MARCH will be for the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society

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.

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](#). At the back of church is a wall box, if you wish to donate, 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.

THANKS FROM CAFOD FOR LENT APPEAL

Thank you for giving £1,295.49 to the Lent Appeal, including £126 - 10 per cent- to the Yemeni hunger and medicare appeal. Your generous donations, will support families around the world grow in strength to fight the climate crisis. If you still wish to donate, you can give online at cafod.org.uk/lent

COURSE FOR PARENTS OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

St Vincent's Parish are offering a course for parents who are preparing their children to receive their First Communion this year. It is to inform, inspire and stir discussion. There are two sessions in Westleigh which will run on Tuesday 14 March and Tuesday 21 March, 7.50pm for refreshments and 8pm start, finish at 9pm.

To register your interest or for further information please contact Anna Croughan on 075 1231 5286.

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

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

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 WALK - SATURDAY 11TH MARCH, 10am MEET WESTLEIGH

We will be walking around River Bollin in Styal and Morley Green 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.

ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II

Thank you to those who have been in touch to say how interesting/ informative/ helpful/ even 'excellent'(!) you have found the first two podcasts. The next two on Divine Revelation are now available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. They are not time-bound and may be listened to any time. There are also 3 handouts for downloading or printing: An introduction to the document; A guided reading of the text; A suggested reading list for the whole course. A leaflet outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. Should you have difficulty accessing this material, any questions or reflections, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies: 07730 526821.

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 [Spring 2023 Mouth Peace newsletter](#) 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.

ST VINCENT'S PRIMARY SCHOOL TEA ROOM CHATS

Tea Room Chats welcome everyone to meet other parents, have a chat and cup tea or coffee. Everyone is welcome. Friday 31st March 9 am in the Infant hall accessed via Orchard Road.

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

We welcome into God's Family Leo Renshaw and Anna Parsons 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 Rose Dennerley, Mildred Auty, Winifred Hautenne, Noemia Batiste de Almeida, 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, 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, Joephen 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 5th March £2002.73 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

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 Tune Patrick (ann)
Monday 13th March 2023 <i>Ferial</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 for Mark Hunter Altar Server training <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 14th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	09:00 09:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Mary Cawley (RIP) NO Bowdon Vale Mass NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction NO 12:15 Mass
Wednesday 15th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	09:00 09:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Sean Hughes (RIP) NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction NO 12:15 Mass
Thursday 16th March 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	09:00 09:30 18.00-19.00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Dominic - Special Intention NO Bowdon Vale Mass NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction NO 12:15 Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 17th March 2023 <i>St Patrick</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 Andrew Ball <i>Stations of the Cross led by the Baptism Team</i> Eric Valois Cisneros (ann) Eucharist Holy Hour with the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday 18th March 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Cyril of Jerusalem</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> William St Leger (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Sean Gallagher
Sunday 19th March 2023 Fourth Sunday of Lent	08:30 10:00 11:30 18.30	For the people of the parish Alice Bickers (Mothers' Day Memories) Pauline Foley (RIP) Myles and Annie Somers

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

NO BOWDON VALE MASSES THIS WEEK

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN MARCH: 5th - CAFOD; 19th - SVP.

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year A, weekdays cycle 1; Psalter Week 3

PARISH CLERGY

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