



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Fourth Sunday of Easter 30th April 2023



Pope Francis' Intention for May:

For Church Movement and Groups: We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church;
Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; Survivors of Abuse; the Church; Human Work.

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

The priest says, "let us pray" and then there is a brief silence, and each one thinks about the things they need, that they wish to ask for in the prayer. The silence is not confined to the absence of words but rather to preparing oneself to listen to other voices: the one in our heart and, above all, the voice of the Holy Spirit. In the Liturgy, the nature of sacred silence depends on the moment in which it takes place: "within the Act of Penitence and again after the invitation to pray, all recollect themselves; but at the conclusion of a reading or the homily, all meditate briefly on what they have heard; then after Communion, they praise and pray to God in their hearts" (ibid., 45). Thus, before the opening prayer, silence helps us to recollect ourselves and to contemplate why we are there. This, then, is the importance of listening to our heart, so as to then open it to the Lord. Perhaps we have experienced days of toil, of joy, of pain, and we want to tell the Lord about it, to invoke his help, to ask that he be at our side; we may have relatives and friends who are ill or who are undergoing difficult trials; we may wish to entrust to God the future of the Church and the world. And this is the purpose of the brief silence before the priest; collecting everyone's petitions, he expresses aloud to God, on behalf of all, the common prayer, which concludes the Introductory Rites by offering the "collect" of the individual petitions. I strongly recommend that priests observe this moment of silence and not rush: "Let us pray" and let there be silence. I recommend this to priests. Without this silence, we run the risk of neglecting the recollection of the soul.

The priest recites this plea, this collect prayer, with outstretched arms. It is the prayerful manner practiced by Christians ever since the first centuries — as attested in numerous frescoes in the catacombs in Rome — to imitate Christ with his arms outstretched on the wood of the Cross. And there, Christ is both the One praying and also the Prayer! In the Crucifix, we recognize the Priest who offers God the worship He cherishes, namely, filial obedience.

Prayers in the Roman Rite are concise but rich in meaning. One can have beautiful meditations on these prayers. Very beautiful! Returning to meditate on these texts, even outside the Mass, can help us understand how to address God, what to ask and which words to use. May the Liturgy become for all of us a true school of prayer."

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

Our final Let Us Pray session takes place this week, in Westleigh.

Session 6: Praying together as a community - Our relationship with God is nourished in both our personal and communal prayer. A look at how we pray together at Mass and other services and devotions.

	7.30pm-9.00pm	1.30pm-3.00pm (repeat of evening session)
Session 6	Thursday 4th May	Friday 5th May

CANDLES AND KEYRINGS ON SALE THIS WEEKEND AFTER MASSES

A group of young people from the diocese from parishes in Wythenshawe are raising funds to attend World Youth Day in July in Lisbon to see Pope Francis and join with thousands of other young people from all over the world. They will be selling candles for £5 and keyrings for £2.50 which they have made themselves after Mass on 29th and 30th April.

MASS WITH THE CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 12.15PM 20TH MAY

The 12.15pm Mass on Saturday 20th May will include the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and will be followed by refreshments after Mass in Westleigh. This will be the first opportunity to attend such a service in our Parish since the lockdown and it is hoped that as many parishioners as possible, including those who find it difficult to attend Mass regularly, will be able to come. SVP members may be able to arrange lifts if required. To assist us in preparing for this day we would be grateful if you could complete the slip found at the back of church. However if for health reasons you are unable to decide until the last minute please do not let this put you off coming. You will be very welcome to join us on the day. If you are able to help on the day by giving lifts or assisting with refreshments please contact jamesjudge@talktalk.net

PARISH WALK - SATURDAY 13th MAY

The next St Vincent's walking group walk is on Saturday 13th May and is approximately 4.5 miles. Due to First Holy Communion meetings at Westleigh, we will meet at 10.00am at the side gate to Loreto Grammar school on Hartley Road (WA14 4AH). We will then 'car share' to The Windmill pub (Holehouse Lane, Whiteley Green, Macclesfield, Cheshire, SK10 5SJ). From The Windmill Pub we will walk along the Macclesfield Canal & then back along the Middlewood Way crossing the viaduct over Bollington & passing Adelphi Mill & Clarence Mill. The walk is mainly flat & paths may be muddy. Let's hope for good weather! The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814420969 or email:- helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place and to pre order your meal.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - PLACES STILL AVAILABLE!

We are so pleased to have received so many bookings for the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham on Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th September 2023. There are still some places left so if you would like to find more about the pilgrimage or to book a place please speak to one of our priests or email the parish office. The cost is £239 per person.

PARKING

Due to a complaint received last Friday, please be aware that Groby Court is private property and not open to the public. Please make sure that you don't park in this area as it leaves elderly people who live there vulnerable to road traffic.

THANKS FROM SVP

The SVP is extremely grateful for donations totalling £728.37 (£414.36 in the retiring collection and £314.01 wallbox)

CARD MACHINE

Thanks to the wonderful generosity of our parishioners we have reached a limit of what can be received on the card machine without going through a verification process. Until this verification process is completed the card machine can't accept any more donations. We apologise for any inconvenience this causes and we hope to complete the verification process as soon as possible. Unfortunately, the card machine is the victim of its own success.

MAY'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Consider growing some of your own vegetables

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 14th & 28th May
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 11th and 25th May 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

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CHILDREN

We ask you to keep in your prayers all the children who have and are making their First Holy Communion in the coming months.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Our 80 young people have this week started their Confirmation Programme. Please pray for them, their families and our catechists as they prepare for their Confirmation.

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT - 29th APRIL, HOLY ANGELS

Romulus Singers would love you to join them for their Spring concert, 'Love Call Me Home', on the evening of Saturday 29 April, 7.45pm at Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF.

The programme features a selection of sacred and secular music, ranging from works by Tallis, Rachmaninov and Saint-Saens to the more contemporary Sarah Macdonald and Lydia Jane Pugh, plus a smattering of folk and gospel featuring Peggy Seeger's 'Love Call Me Home'.

Tickets (£12 adults and £6 accompanied under 16s, including refreshments at the end of the concert) are available either from choir members in advance or at the door.

AIG 20th ANNIVERSARY AFTERNOON TEA CELEBRATION- 14th MAY

The Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) is celebrating their 20th anniversary with a [Tea Party](#) at Blessed Thomas Holford College on Sunday 14th May from 3-5pm. Tickets (£5 each) are shared across the faith communities in Altrincham. If you would like to attend, please contact Dominique D'Arcy on 07791 619 897 to reserve your ticket. AIG are also looking for bakers and sandwich makers.

WEDNESDAY WORD available at the back of church and at <http://www.wednesdayword.org/sunday-gospel.htm>

CARITAS SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER

Caritas Shrewsbury are pleased to share with parishioners their Spring 2023 Newsletter. Please follow this link to read all about the work of Caritas <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/news/newsletters/>

NURSE URGENTLY REQUIRED FOR LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Chester and Wirral Across Groups pilgrimage to Lourdes from Thursday 1st to Saturday 10th June and urgently looking for another nurse to join them on this pilgrimage. If anyone is interested in finding out more about this please contact tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk or on 07881 656974.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND - 8TH TO 15TH FEBRUARY, 2024

Under the leadership of Bishop Mark Davies, the diocese will be making a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in February 2024. "Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever." Further information and a booking form are available on the Diocesan website - <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/diocesan-pilgrimage-to-the-holy-land-2024/>
Any questions regarding the pilgrimage should be directed to Father David Long: longdv1@aol.com

VACANCIES

A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at St Hugh & St John commencing July 2023. Closing date Friday 26 May 2023. More details can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Leo Morris, Odhran Holden, Leonard Holden and Man-Kit Tsui 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 Kathleen Ives, Duncan Skidmore and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time including Mary Comber.

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 23rd April £1781.93 Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 30th April 2023 Fourth Sunday of Easter	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Raymond Carter (RIP) Clifford Olorga (RIP) Molly and Sean McRae (Wedding anniversary) For the people of the parish Mass of Commitment for Confirmation Candidates
Monday 1st May 2023 <i>Optional Memorial St Joseph the Worker</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>NO Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Beryl Reddings (RIP) NO Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 2nd May 2023 <i>St Athanasius</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church Michael Kennedy (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Patrick Pierce (RIP)</i>
Wednesday 3rd May 2023 <i>Ss Philip and James</i>	08.45 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Will Cochrane (ann)</i>
Thursday 4th May 2023 <i>The English Martyrs</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church Josephine Reynolds (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Nicholas Jervis (ann) Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 5th May 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction David Shaw (ann) Holy Rosary for Peace John De Maria</i>
Saturday 6th May 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	St Vincent's School First Holy Communions <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction NO Confessions King Charles Confessions Ainsley Calderbank (RIP)</i>
Sunday 7th May 2023 Fifth Sunday of Easter	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Jim Walker (RIP) Richard Jones (RIP) For the people of the parish Mark Hunter

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month
BOWDON VALE MASSES 10am Tuesday and Thursday

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN MAY: 7th - CAFOD; 21st - SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year A, weekdays cycle 1; Psalter Week 4

PARISH CLERGY

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