



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Pentecost Sunday and The Most Holy Trinity 28th May & 4th June 2023



Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

The dialogue between God and his people, developed in the Liturgy of the Word of the Mass, culminates in the proclamation of the Gospel. It precedes the chanting of the Alleluia – or, during Lent, another acclamation – with which “the assembly of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to it in the Gospel”. [1] As the mysteries of Christ illuminate the entire biblical revelation, likewise, in the Liturgy of the Word, the Gospel constitutes the light for understanding the meaning of the biblical texts which precede it, both of the Old and the New Testaments. Indeed, “Christ himself is the centre and fullness of the whole of Scripture”. [2] Jesus Christ is always at the centre, always.

Therefore the liturgy itself distinguishes the Gospel from the other readings and surrounds it with particular honour and veneration. [3] Indeed, its reading is reserved to the ordained minister, who concludes by kissing the Book; it calls us to stand up to listen and to make the sign of the Cross on our forehead, our mouth and our breast; the candles and incense honour Christ, who, through the Gospel reading, makes his effective Word resonate. From these signs, the assembly recognizes the presence of Christ who gives them the “Good News” which converts and transforms. What occurs is a direct discourse, as attested by the acclamations with which we respond to the proclamation: “Glory to you, O Lord” and “Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.” We stand up to listen to the Gospel: but it is Christ who is speaking to us, there. And this is why we are attentive because it is a direct conversation. It is the Lord who is speaking to us.

Thus, in the Mass we do not read the Gospel in order to know how things happened, but rather, we listen to the Gospel in order to realize what Jesus once did and said; and that Word is living, the Word of Jesus that is in the Gospel is alive and touches my heart. Therefore, listening to the Gospel is particularly important, with an open heart, because it is the living Word. Saint Augustine writes: “The Gospel is the mouth of Christ. He is seated in heaven, but he has not stopped speaking on earth.” [4] If it is true that in the liturgy “Christ is still proclaiming His Gospel”, [5] it follows that, by participating in the Mass, we must give him a response. We listen to the Gospel and we must give a response in our life.

Pope Francis' Intention for May

For church movements and groups:

We pray that Church movements and groups may rediscover their mission of evangelisation each day, placing their own charisms at the service of needs in the world.

Pope Francis' Intention for June

For the abolition of torture:

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 Ordinary Time we are asked pray for these intentions:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews: those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; human life; seafarers

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed from 29 May - 2 June. Please contact the clergy with any urgent enquiries.

LET US PRAY - FOLLOW-UP MEETING - FRIDAY 9TH JUNE

Thank you for your encouraging feedback after the six Let us Pray sessions. Additional resources are available on the Noticeboard section of our [website](#). There will be a follow-up meeting to review the experience and explore suggestions for the future, on Thursday 8th June at 7.30pm at Westleigh, repeated on Friday 9th June at 1.30pm. All are welcome, even if you didn't get to any of the sessions.

PARISH SUMMER SOCIAL - THURSDAY 6TH JULY

Please join us for our next parish social evening which takes place at 7.30pm in Westleigh on Thursday 6th July. Top Table caterers are providing a delicious meal which costs £28. Full details, including the menu are displayed at the back of church, with reply slips. Please return the completed slips, with payment of £28, in an envelope marked for the parish office. Cheques made payable to "St Vincent de Paul Altrincham." This can be handed into the sacristy or posted through the presbytery door. Please can we ask that you do not book via the organisers as all bookings need to come via the parish office. Thank you. Please return slip and payment by 25th June - bookings cannot be taken after this date due to catering requirements.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

Congratulations to the 83 young people who were confirmed this week by Bishop Mark Davies. We want to say a big thank you to our programme leader, Suzanne Edwards and to the team of catechists who have supported and prepared the young people through their Confirmation programme. Please remember them all in your prayers.

MARY'S MEALS

The wall box at the back of church is now for the work of Mary's Meals. Mary's Meals serves nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. The promise of a good meal attracts these hungry children into the classroom, giving them the energy to learn and hope for a better future. <https://www.marysmeals.org.uk/>

·LOVE THE STRANGER - MONDAY 19TH JUNE, WESTLEIGH

We are delighted to welcome Ben Gilchrist, Caritas Shrewsbury, to talk to us about this document recently published by the Bishops Conference of England and Wales which presents a Catholic response to migrants and refugees. Come and learn what they have to say, how this draws on Catholic Social Teaching and how we might respond as a Parish. Westleigh, Monday 19th June 7.30pm. Refreshments will be provided.

REFLECTIONS ON THE CHURCH

Having looked at the Council's answer to 'Who is the Church', we continue our reflections on Vatican II with the next question Lumen Gentium addresses: 'How is the Church?' – what structure did Christ will for her? The answer is given in Chapters 3 and 4, where the immense, complementary vocations of Hierarchy and Laity are explored at some length. Christ is at work in both, in such a way that "...the whole Church, strengthened by each one of its members, may more effectively fulfil his mission for the life of the world" (# 37). Podcast 8 and its handouts are now available at dioceseofshrewsbury.org. A leaflet outlining the content of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you cannot access this material, or have questions and reflections, please don't hesitate to contact Barbara on 07730 526821 or at barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

LORETO PREP AFTERNOON TEA - FRIDAY 23rd JUNE

Loreto Preparatory School invites former pupils, families and staff, to 'An Afternoon Tea and Opening of Our Time Capsule' on Friday 23rd June 1.30pm-6pm. Meet our current pupils and take a trip down memory lane. For catering purposes, please RSVP the school office: info@loretoprep.org.uk

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Our Lady and the Apostles church, Stockport (SK3 8BQ) invite you to this seminar starting on 1st June for 6 nights on each Thursday, after the 7pm Mass and to conclude at about 9.00pm. This is to be led by the Sion Community and the Diocesan Service Team of the Catholic Charismatic Renewal.

JUNE'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Volunteer for a cause you care about

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 28th May, 11th & 25th June
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 8th and 22nd June 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
Representatives

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Sunday 28th May 2023 Pentecost Sunday	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Richard Jones (RIP) In thanksgiving (John Mulholland 90th birthday) Father Peter Haverty (RIP)
Monday 29th May 2023 <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>NO Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Betty Burg <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 30th May 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Kathleen Ives (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary Comber (ann)
Wednesday 31st May 2023 <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	08.45 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jim Hickey (RIP)
Thursday 1st June 2023 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, The Eternal High Priest</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Trish Spruce (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for David Cashmore <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 2nd June 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Marcellinus & Peter</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mavis Parker <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 3rd June 2023 <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Michael Doherty (ann) Wedding of Hannah Ennis and Bradley Taylor <i>Confessions</i> Thomas Foster

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Dylan Edwards, Elliot & Benjamin Shaw and Edie Atherton 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 Joe Marshall, Jerzy Basiurski, William Bernard Coffey, David Cashmore 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, David Michael Devine, 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, Catherine Heraghty, Peter Heywood, Thomas Higginbotham, Hayley Hill, Joe Holleran, Katie Holmes, 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, 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, Joephenn 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 21st May £1,693.41 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity.
The SVP is extremely grateful for donations totalling £581.29 in the retiring collections last week.
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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 4th June 2023 The Most Holy Trinity	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Mark Hunter (RIP) For the people of the parish Blauche Furlong (RIP) Joseph Duffy (ann)
Monday 5th June 2023 St Boniface	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction John Vanston (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 6th June 2023 Optional Memorial St Norbert	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15	Morning Prayer of the Church GCSE Students Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Requiem Mass for William Coffey
Wednesday 7th June 2023 Ferial	08.45 11.00 12.15	Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction John de Maria (RIP)
Thursday 8th June 2023 Ferial	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	Morning Prayer of the Church Mavis Jenkins (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Peter and Paul Leckie (RIP) Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 9th June 2023 Optional Memorial St Ephrem of Syria & St Columba	08:45 11:00 12:15 13:30 18:30 19:00	Morning Prayer of the Church Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Sheila & Peter Marsden (ann) Wedding of George Johnston & Amy Connell Holy Rosary for Peace Monica Mullan (RIP)
Saturday 10th June 2023 Ferial	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Confessions Jerzy Basiurski (RIP) Confessions Albert Roylance (Father's Day remembrance)
Sunday 11th June 2023 The Body and Blood of Christ	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Peggy Heath (ann & birthday memories) Peter Coady (RIP) For the people of the parish Father Jonathan Brandon

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

BOWDON VALE MASSES 10am Tuesday and Thursday

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN JUNE: 4th - CAFOD; 18th - SVP

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

PARISH CLERGY

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