



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Seventh Sunday of Easter 21st May 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

We know that the Word of the Lord is of indispensable help so as not to get lost, as is clearly recognized by the Psalmist who, speaking to the Lord, confesses: "Thy word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path" (Ps 119[118]:105). How can we face our earthly pilgrimage with its difficulties and its trials without being regularly nourished and enlightened by the Word of God which resounds in the liturgy?

Of course it is not enough to listen with our ears without welcoming into our heart the seed of the Divine Word, allowing it to bear fruit. Let us remember the Parable of the Sower and of the results achieved by the different types of soil (cf. Mk 4:14-20). The action of the Holy Spirit which renders the response effective needs hearts that allow themselves to be fashioned and cultivated in such a way that what is heard at Mass passes into daily life, according to the admonishment of the Apostle James: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (Jas 1:22). The Word of God makes a pathway within us. We listen to it with our ears, and it passes to our hearts; it does not remain in our ears; it must go to the heart. And from the heart, it passes to the hands, to good deeds. This is the path which the Word of God follows: from our ears to our heart and hands. Let us learn these things. Thank you!

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, followed by refreshments 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

LET US PRAY - FOLLOW-UP MEETING

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.

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME

In their final session the candidates have focussed on 'I am the Resurrection and the Life'. On the 21st May they have their Reconciliation Service in preparation for their Confirmation Mass on Thursday 25th May. Please pray for them, their families and our catechists as they prepare for their Confirmation.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN

We are setting up a Catholic faith group called "Journey with Jesus in Mandarin" to support Mandarin speaking parishioners to deepen their understanding of the Catholic faith. Through reading the Bible, learning about Mass and prayers, we hope to support you on your faith journey. Please get in touch if interested by e-mailing Nati Chang (natiwenyuchang@gmail.com) or Sha Hu (annachrist999@yahoo.com) for the detail.

我們將成立"與耶穌同行信仰成長班"。在友好放鬆氛圍中，以普通話講讀聖經，生活分享，學習如何祈禱及了解彌撒架構和含義，協助不斷加深對天主的了解。歡迎有興趣的朋友參加。請聯絡：張玫鈺(natiwenyuchang@gmail.com) 或胡沙(annachrist999@yahoo.com)

CARD MACHINE

We are pleased to inform that the card machine at the back of church is now working again. Thank you for your generous donations.

WORLD COMMUNICATIONS DAY—SUNDAY 21st MAY

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated on Sunday, 21 May and the theme comes from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message to mark the day, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live." The Holy Father, warning against indifference and indignation, hails the example of the great Doctor of the Church, St Francis de Sales, in particular his commitment to patient, heartfelt dialogue. A gifted theologian, his phrase 'Heart speaks to heart' inspired many, none more so than the recently canonised Saint John Henry Newman, who chose the phrase as his cardinalatial motto, 'Cor ad cor loquitur'. Catholics in England and Wales will remember with affection that 'Heart speaks unto heart' was also the theme for Pope Benedict XVI's historic visit to the UK in 2010. You will find information, resources, prayers, how to donate and more on the Bishops' Conference website: www.cbcew.org.uk/world-communications-day

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/>

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the recent PPT Meeting are available on our [website](#) and paper copies are at the back of church.

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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VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20s & 30s)—26th & 28th MAY

Discerning God's Call in your life, 26-28 May, in Liverpool. The weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - this weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org

A DAY FOR CATECHISTS - 3rd JUNE

A Day For Catechists – Sat 3 June, 10am-4pm, St Alban's Church Hall, Macclesfield, SK11 8DJ. If you have been called to be a Catechist or would like to know more about how to pass on the faith, do come, get to know other catechists in parishes nearby and find out about how you can respond, formation and training and other resources available. Please bring a packed lunch. For information contact natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org / 07730 526828 o.

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

VATICAN II COURSE

The Diocese thank those who have been in touch to say how helpful they find the reflections on Vatican II. We continue Part III On The Church by asking the question: 'Who is the Church?' The Council's answer is given in Lumen Gentium Chaps 1 & 2, taken together. The relevant podcast and handout are available on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org in the section on 'News & Events'. A leaflet outlining the content of all of the podcasts is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have questions and reflections, please contact Barbara via E: barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or T: 07730 526821.

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

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.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL OPEN DAY

The Open Day for Year 7 entry, September 2024 takes place Saturday 1st July 9.30am-12noon. Information is available on the school website, with details of the Entrance Examination on Friday 22nd September.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL - ALUMNAE TEA AND CAKES

Former Loreto Students are welcome to attend an Alumnae Tea and Cakes on Saturday 1st July from 1.30pm to 3.30pm. To book a place please email alumnae@loretogrammar.co.uk

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 Finnian Beadle and Emil Coleman 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, Sarah Hrybyk, Kathleen Ives, Dr Port, 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, Dermot Dunleavy, Max Dunn, Ken Dwyer, Ross Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, Peter Elliott, Sean Gallagher, Vicky Gosnold, Stella Gould, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Hearnue, 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, 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 14th May £1,952.90 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 21st May 2023 Seventh Sunday of Easter	08:30 10:00 11:30 15:00 18:30	Keith Hulme (RIP) Dr Mimmo De Ciutis (RIP) Freda and Alf Tanner Reconciliation Service for Confirmation candidates & families Rose Dennerley (RIP)
Monday 22nd May 2023 <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Henry (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 23rd May 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Josie Reynolds (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary
Wednesday 24th May 2023 <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	08.45 11.00 12.15 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sarah Truscott (RIP) Rehearsal for Confirmation candidates
Thursday 25th May 2023 <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> John Foley (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Seamus Glynn (RIP) <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration</i> Confirmation Mass
Friday 26th May 2023 <i>St Philip Neri</i>	08:45 11:00 12:00 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Matthew Dempsey (Please note time) <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Norah Williams (RIP)
Saturday 27th May 2023 <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 1.30pm 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Josephine Stockton (ann) Wedding of Jack Jolly and Faye Gibbon <i>Confessions</i> Rose Dennerley (RIP)
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)

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 3

PARISH CLERGY

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