



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Body and Blood of Christ 11th June 2023



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 guar-
antee support to victims and
their families.

During Ordinary Time we are asked pray for these inten- tions:

A deeper understanding be-
tween Christians and Jews:
those who suffer persecution,
oppression and denial of hu-
man rights; Europe; human
life; seafarers

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

In order to get his message across, Christ also makes use of the words of the priest who, after the Gospel, gives the homily.[6] Strongly recommend-
ed by the Second Vatican Council as part of the liturgy itself,[7] the homily
is not a trite discourse — nor a catechesis like the one I am giving now —,
nor is it a conference nor a lesson. The homily is something else. What is
the homily? It is taking up “once more the dialogue which the Lord has al-
ready established with his people,” [8] so it may find fulfilment in life. The
authentic exegesis of the Gospel is our holy life! The Word of the Lord con-
cludes its journey by becoming flesh in us, being translated into works, as
happened in Mary and in the Saints. Remember what I told you last time:
the Word of the Lord enters through the ears, goes to the heart, and passes
to the hands, to virtuous deeds. And the homily also follows the Word of the
Lord and also follows this path in order to help us so that the Word of the
Lord may go to the hands, by passing through the heart.

I have already addressed the subject of the homily in the Exhortation Evan-
gelii Gaudium, where I recalled that the liturgical context “demands that
preaching should guide the assembly, and the preacher, to a life-changing
communion with Christ in the Eucharist”.[9]

The homilist — the one who preaches, the priest or the deacon or the bish-
op — must carry out his ministry well, by offering a real service to all those
who participate in the Mass, but those who listen to it must also do their
part. Firstly, by paying proper attention, that is, assuming the right interior
disposition, without subjective pretexts, knowing that every preacher has
merits and limitations. If at times there is reason for boredom because a
homily is long, unfocused, or unintelligible, at other times, however, preju-
dice creates the obstacle. And the homilist must be aware that he is not do-
ing something of his own, but is preaching, giving voice to Jesus; he is
preaching the Word of Jesus. And the homily must be prepared well; it
must be brief, short! A priest told me that once he had gone to another city
where his parents lived, and his father told him: “You know, I am pleased,
because my friends and I have found a church where they say Mass without
a homily!” And how often do we see that during the homily some fall
asleep, others chat or go outside to smoke a cigarette.... For this reason,
please, make the homily brief, but prepare it well. And how do we prepare a
homily, dear priests, deacons, bishops? How should it be prepared? With
prayer, by studying the Word of God and by making a clear and summary;
it should not last more than 10 minutes, please. In conclusion we could say
that in the Liturgy of the Word, through the Gospel and the homily, God
dialogues with his people, who listen to him with attention and veneration
and, at the same time, recognize he is present and acting. Hence, if we lis-
ten to the “Good News,” we will be converted and transformed by it, and
therefore capable of changing ourselves and the world. Why? Because the
Good News, the Word of God enters through the ears, goes to the heart and
passes to the hands in order to do good deeds."

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.

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/>

MARY'S MEALS PARISH REP

Mary's Meals charity are very grateful to all of you who continue to support their mission and would like to thank you for your wonderful generosity.

If you would be interested in supporting Mary's Meals by volunteering as a local Parish Rep or would like to find out more about their work, please contact fran.lawson@marysmeals.org or call 07593 447280

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.

SVP CONFERENCE ANNUAL REPORT TO PARISH 2022-2023

The SVP Conference Annual Report to the parish 2022-2023 is now available to read in the [Notice Board](#) section of our website and also paper copies are available at the back of church.

ACAT JUNE-AUGUST 2023 NEWSLETTER

The summer edition of the Action by Christians Against Torture (ACAT) [newsletter](#) is available to read on the parish website in the [Justice and Peace section](#).

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

AIG - VISIT TO JAIN TEMPLE - 4th JULY

The Altrincham Interfaith Group are visiting the Jain Temple in Longsight - 667/669 Stockport Road, Manchester M12 4QE on Tuesday 4th July from 7.00pm. There will be a guided tour of the Temple followed by light refreshments (see the flyer at the back of church). If you would like to attend, it is essential to book a place (it's free!) by contacting either Carolyn Jones 0161 445 6935 / cjpjones43@gmail.com, or Dominique mdodarcy@gmail.com.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - Sunday 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

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

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE

Fr Martin Onuoha from Our Lady's, St Vincent's & St Ambrose, Stockport, is arranging a fabulous 8 day Pilgrimage to Medjugorje this September 16th - 23rd, staying at the Hotel Regina - full board. Cost £675 per person sharing. If you are interested in finding out more or joining this pilgrimage please send an email to unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com or phone 07942373728. (A deposit of £300 will be payable by 15th June to Northern Star Travel).

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

A DAY ON DISCERNMENT OF GIFTS AND SERVICE FOR LAY PEOPLE - 24TH JUNE

A day of prayer, fellowship, teaching and workshops to help discover how you can best use your gifts at the service of God and neighbour. At St Columba's Church Hall, Chester CH2 1SA on Saturday 24th June, 10am - 4.15pm. Bring a packed lunch. All are welcome! For further details contact stephen.yates@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07517 906438

REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR SEA SUNDAY ON 9th JULY

Sea Sunday is a day when we come together to pray for seafarers, fishers and their families, and give thanks for the vital role they play in all our lives. Sea Sunday is on 9 July this year and volunteers are needed to speak at church or in the diocese more widely. Materials, from an appeal script, to gift aid envelopes and posters will be provided. If you, or a friend or family member, would like to find out more about how you can help this Sea Sunday, please contact roland.hayes@stellamarismail.org or 07887 893763.

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

Two vacancies have arisen for a Financial Secretary and a General Secretary based at Sacred Heart Church on Floatshall road. M23 1HP. Interviews are on 27 June for Financial Secretary post and 30 June for the General Secretary post. Closing date: 22 June. CV's should be sent to Pauline McCulloch, recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org For details visit <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Sophia Davies, Olivia Thompson, Thomas Wormall and Sophie Fallon 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 Barbara Mahoney, Sean Gallagher, Joe Marshall, Jerzy Basiurski, Bridget Cullinane and all those whose anniversaries occur about this time.

Congratulations to Jack Jolly & Faye Gibbon and Hannah Ennis & Bradley Taylor who were married here recently.

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, Francis Flynn, 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, Joseph 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 28th May £1,921.72 and 4th June £1715.60, plus standing orders. CAFOD Collection 4th June was £819.89

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

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 Ordination Anniversary
Monday 12th June 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Annie O'Connor (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 13th June 2023 <i>St Anthony of Padua</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Alicja Jaske (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Christine O'Dwyer (RIP)
Wednesday 14th June 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 11.00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thomas O'Connor (Birthday)
Thursday 15th June 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 13:30 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> David Clancy (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Maria Balinski (RIP) Funeral Service for Bridget Cullinane <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 16th June 2023 <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eamonn Kennedy <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Josie Barret (RIP)
Saturday 17th June 2023 <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</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> Eileen Leckie (RIP) Wedding of Amanda Boland and Ross Macleod <i>Confessions</i> Annie O'Connor (ann)
Sunday 18th June 2023 Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Henry Burke (ann) Deceased members of the SVP Marshall Bickers (Father's Day Remembrance)

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 2

PARISH CLERGY

Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon, Assistant Priest: Fr. Robert Dykes

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