



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Twentieth and Twenty First Sundays in Ordinary Time 20th & 27th August 2023

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

In the Missal there are different formulations of the Eucharistic Prayer, all constituted of characteristic elements, which I would like to recall now (cf. GIRM 79; ccc, 1352-1354). They are all very beautiful. First and foremost, there is the Preface, which is the act of thanksgiving for the gifts of God, in particular for sending his Son as Saviour. The Preface concludes with the acclamation of the "Holy," normally sung. It is beautiful to sing the "Holy": "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord." It is beautiful to sing it. The whole assembly joins its voice to that of the Angels and Saints to praise and glorify God.

There is then the invocation of the Spirit, that by his power he consecrates the bread and wine. We invoke the Spirit, that he come, and that Jesus may be in the bread and wine. The action of the Holy Spirit and the efficacy of the very words of Christ uttered by the priest make truly present, under the form of bread and wine, his Body and his Blood, his sacrifice offered on the Cross once and for all (cf. ccc, 1375). Jesus was most clear about this. We have heard how Saint Paul, in the beginning, repeated Jesus' words: "This is my body; this is my blood." "This is my blood; this is my body." It was Jesus himself who said this. We should not have odd thoughts: "But, how come something that...." It is the Body of Jesus; it ends there! Faith: faith comes to our aid; by an act of faith, we believe that it is the Body and Blood of Jesus. It is the "mystery of faith," as we say after the consecration. The priest says: "Mystery of faith," and we respond with an acclamation. Commemorating the Lord's death and Resurrection, in expectation of his glorious return, the Church offers the Father the sacrifice which reconciles heaven and earth: she offers the paschal sacrifice of Christ, offering herself with him and asking, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to become "one body, one spirit in Christ" (Eucharistic Prayer iii; Sacrosanctum Concilium, 48; GIRM 79f). The Church wishes to be joined to Christ and become one body and one spirit with the Lord. This is the grace and the fruit of sacramental Communion: we are nourished of the Body of Christ to become, we who eat of it, his Body living today in the world.

This is the mystery of communion; the Church is united to Christ's offering and his intercession, and in this light, "in the catacombs the Church is often represented as a woman in prayer, arms outstretched in the praying position. Like Christ who stretched out his arms on the cross, through him, with him, and in him, she offers herself and intercedes for all men" (ccc, 1368). The Church which praises, which prays. It is beautiful to think that the Church praises, she prays. There is a passage in the Book of The Acts of the Apostles; when Peter was in prison, it says the Christian community: "prayed earnestly for him." The Church that prays, the prayerful Church. And when we go to Mass it is to do this: to be a prayerful Church.

Pope Francis' Intention for August:

For World Youth Day: We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

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 FOR SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Fr Jonathan and Fr Robert will check and respond to the answer phone messages regularly and emails will be responded to weekly.

PEGGY'S STRAWBERRY TEA - 20TH AUGUST, HOLY ANGELS

North Cheshire Catenians invite you to 'Peggy's Strawberry Tea' at 2pm-4pm on Sunday 20th August in Holy Angels parish hall. All proceeds are donated to the Christie Hospital. Please see the poster and leaflets at the back of church for more information or contact Tiernansteve@gmail.com

CAFOD FIX THE FOOD SYSTEM CAMPAIGN: SALINA'S LETTER

Salina is a small-scale organic farmer in Bangladesh. She is writing a letter to the World Bank, urging the organisation to resist pressure from big agribusiness to impose constraints on the rights of small farmers to choose their own seeds. For generations, farmers have freely swapped and shared a wide variety of seeds to produce nutritious food and maintain biodiversity. Recently, however, governments across the world have adopted seed laws that restrict farmers' abilities to use their own and local seeds, forcing them to buy from multinational agribusinesses. Low-income countries are often dependent on international financial institutions like the World Bank, who in turn can insist that certain policy conditions are met before grants and loans are made. The letter seeks to encourage the World Bank to resist profit-driven lobbying from agribusiness. CAFOD is asking parishes throughout England and Wales to support Salina's letter ([Fix the Food System Campaign](#)). We at St Vincent's CAFOD/Justice and Peace group will be inviting you to add your signature, after the masses on **2/3 September**. We'll be outside the back entrance to the church, where you can also chat to us about this and other CAFOD work.

TRAFFORD SOUTH FOODBANK

Please consider donating items from this list - Sponge Puddings, Rice Pudding, Custard, Tinned/Instant Potatoes, Tinned Fruit, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, UHT Milk, Instant Coffee, Squash, Tinned Tomatoes, Jam, Shower Gel. Please note that they are unable to accept items that are perishable (fresh / chilled / frozen) or out of date. Many thanks to those who have previously left donations in the box at the back of Church.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN - 29TH AUGUST, WESTLEIGH

"Journey with Jesus in Mandarin" next meeting will be on Tuesday 29th of August at 7:30pm at Westleigh. Everyone is welcome.

"與耶穌同行" 下次聚會時間是8月29日星期二晚上7:30,地點在教堂旁的活動大廳Westleigh, 歡迎大家參加。

COME TO FOOTSTEPS AND HEAR SISTER HELEN

You are invited to attend Footsteps on Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm in St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. Dr Sr Helen Costigane is coming from London to share her thoughts on what might prevent us experiencing God's love and mercy. Footsteps is an informal, friendly event in a café-style setting with refreshments and nibbles, a good sprinkling of humour, lots of parking and good disabled access.

BRIDGE GROUP - 2PM MONDAYS FROM 11 SEPTEMBER

The bridge group are looking for more members. If you can play bridge you would be most welcome. The group will meet again on 11th September and every Monday thereafter between 2-4pm in Westleigh. If you would like more information, please contact the parish office or call Pat O'Donnell on 0161 928 5909.

LOVE THE STRANGER AND THE ILLEGAL MIGRATION ACT

In response to the passing of the Illegal Migration Bill in Parliament, Bishop Paul McAleenan, Bishop for Migrants and Refugees, has stated 'This legislation stands at odds with the teaching of the church on welcoming, protecting, promoting and integrating refugees'. The Love the Stranger publication from provides a Catholic response to migrants and refugees and can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/CSAN2023> as is the accompanying Call to Action document from the national [Caritas Social Action Network \(CSAN\)](#). Caritas Shrewsbury as a CSAN member is supporting diocesan study and action in response to Love the Stranger and the Call to Action. Please get in touch with them if you can help speak up about this issue - 0151 652 1281; 07824 329 344; Email: ben.gilchrist@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

MADELINE MAKIN MEMORIAL ETHICS EVENT - 6TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.30PM

Altrincham Interfaith Group invite you to attend the above event at the Menorah Synagogue for this annual ethics lecture focussing on ethical issues raised by Artificial Intelligence (AI). To attend please register by end of August at <https://menorah.org.uk/event/mmmee23/> For more information email annangel@fertig.me

AUGUST'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Walk, cycle, take the bus, tram or train instead of driving.

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - (not on during August, returns 10th September)
- ♦ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday (not during August)
- ♦ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh (not during August, returns 11th Sept)
- ♦ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh (not on during August, returns 14th September)

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Sunday 20th August 2023 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Jim Walker John Kilroe (RIP) For the people of the parish Frank Nolan (RIP)
Monday 21st August 2023 <i>St Pius X</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Freda Tanner (birthday memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 22nd August 2023 <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Katherine Machin <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John de Maria (RIP)
Wednesday 23rd August 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Rose of Lima</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Praise to Our God
Thursday 24th August 2023 <i>St Bartholomew</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 13.30 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Sean McGarry (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brenda Bent (birthday memories) Wedding of Emma Williams & Joshua Plascott <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 25th August 2023 <i>St Thomas of Hereford</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 Cecilia Lilly (please note time) <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Mike and Andy Rourke (RIP)
Saturday 26th August 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Winifred Snape and Kate Snape <i>Confessions</i> Alf Tanner (birthday memories)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Valentina Hodgson, Carter Geddes, Winnie Brennan, Erin Robinson and Clementine Milton who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Linda Gaffney & John Fletcher and Jacob Huggins & Sasiththika Arulanantham who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Patrick Kennedy, Margaret Nixon, Della McLoughlin, Athanasius Amungwa Fonth and Cecilia Lilly, 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, 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, Thomas Kelly, Amelia Kennedy, Patrick 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, Martin McConnell, Rupert McDermott, Mary McLoughlin, Luke Murphy, Mary Murphy, Charles Musumali, 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, Melinda 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 6th August £1840.05 & 13th August 1584.53 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 27th August 2023 Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Paddy Collins (RIP) Patrick Cunnane (RIP) Helen Denny (ann) For the people of the parish
Monday 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>NO Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Simon de Maria <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 29th August 2023 <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Debbie Kearns (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Bryan Benser (RIP)
Wednesday 30th August 2023 <i>Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margaret Ward and Anne Line</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Fox (ann)
Thursday 31st August 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Aidan and the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Nick Fee <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Ryan (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 1st September 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brendan Conway (ann) <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Maureen Farrell (ann)
Saturday 2nd September 2023 <i>Ferial</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> Kathleen Ives (RIP) Wedding of Mark Woodward and Christina McDowall <i>Confessions</i> For the people of the parish
Sunday 3rd September 2023 Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Betty Roberts (RIP) Fred Horrigan (ann) and Leo Mitchell (birthday mems) John Kilroe (RIP) Alan Smith (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 AUGUST: 6th - CAFOD; 20th - SVP

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER: 3rd - CAFOD; 17th - SVP

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

PARISH CLERGY

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