



**St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**  
Altrincham



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## **The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 3rd September 2023**

### **Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass**

The Eucharistic Prayer asks God to welcome all his children in the perfection of love, in union with the Pope and the Bishop, mentioned by name, a sign that we celebrate in communion with the universal Church and with the particular Church. The prayer, like the offering, is presented to God for all the members of the Church, living and departed, in expectation of the blessed hope of sharing the eternal inheritance of heaven, with the Virgin Mary (cf. CCC 1369-1371). No one and nothing are forgotten in the Eucharistic Prayer, but everything is attributed to God, as is recalled by the doxology which concludes it. No one is forgotten. And if I have someone, relatives, friends, who are in need or have departed from this world to the other, I can name them at that time, interiorly and silently, or write the name so it may be said aloud. "Father, how much do I have to pay to have my name said there?" — "Nothing." Is this understood? Nothing! One does not pay for Mass. Mass is Christ's sacrifice, which is freely given. Redemption is freely given. If you want to make an offering, do so, but it is not paid for. It is important to understand this.

This codified formulation of prayer, we may feel it to be distant — it is true, it is an ancient formula — but, if we truly understand the significance, then we will certainly participate better. Indeed, it expresses all that we fulfil in the Eucharistic celebration; moreover, it teaches us to cultivate three attitudes that should never be lacking in Jesus' disciples. The three attitudes: first, learn "to give thanks, always and everywhere," and not only on certain occasions, when all is going well; second, to make of our life a gift of love, freely given; third, to build concrete communion, in the Church and with everyone. Thus, this central Prayer of the Mass teaches us, little by little, to make of our whole life a "Eucharist," that is, an act of thanksgiving."

### **Pope Francis' Intention for September:**

For Those Living on the Margins: We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

### **During Ordinary Time we are asked pray for these intentions:**

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

## WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION MEETING

An information meeting for all those booked onto the Walsingham Pilgrimage will be at 7pm on Monday 18th September in Westleigh. We will be talking about the travel arrangements and the details of the programme while we are in Walsingham.

## FATHER GODLOVE AMUNGWA

As announced last weekend, we wanted to inform you of the good news that Bishop Mark has appointed Father Godlove to the clergy team here at St Vincent's. We know that you will all make him very welcome.

## 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.

## PARKING RESTRICTIONS AND ROAD CLOSURES - 2ND / 3RD SEPTEMBER

Please be aware of parking restrictions and road closures due to the Tour of Britain event. Regent Road and Groby Road will be closed from 5am -12.30pm on Sunday 3rd September. However Groby Road on the side of the church and Bentinck Road will still be accessible. Further details can be found [here](#).

## KNOWING GOD EVEN BETTER - COMMENCING 20TH SEPTEMBER

The parish is presenting a series called Knowing God Even Better starting in September. We have chosen this as part of our parish focus on growing our community and growing our faith. This 5 talk series is designed to help Catholics deepen their faith. The talks are given by David Payne. They were recorded café style with a live audience and are inspiring, practical and enjoyable with much laughter. They include music, personal experiences, icons and opportunities for reflection. All young adults and adults are invited. Join us in Westleigh starting on Wednesday 20th September at 7.45pm for an 8pm start. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. If you would like further information or can offer to help, please contact the PPT Chair Anna Croughan by email [annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk) or by phone 075123 15286

## JUSTICE AND PEACE / CAFOD GROUP

The Justice and Peace / CAFOD section of the parish website has lots of interesting items for you to read. A recent addition is the [Autumn 2023 Mouth Peace Newsletter](#). If you are interested in being involved in the work of the Justice and Peace /CAFOD group please contact the parish office or speak to one of our priests.

## NEXT ST VINCENT'S WALK - SATURDAY 9TH SEPTEMBER

We meet at 10.00am at Westleigh. We will then 'car share' to Rixton. The route will be over Warburton toll bridge and so 25p is needed for the return journey. The walk starts at the Black Swan in Rixton, where we can park the cars. We go over fields initially, then through Rixton Clay Pits Nature Reserve and finally back through the village to the pub for lunch. It is about 5 miles and has 3 and a half stiles. There are some boardwalks that could be slippery so good walking shoes needed. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814420969 or email:- [helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk) to advise if you would like to join us.

Disclaimer: Please note that all participants will be responsible for their own safety during the walk. The organizers will not be liable for any injuries or damages that may occur during the walk. Please ensure that you have appropriate footwear, clothing, and equipment for the walk.

## WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - 10th and 24th September
- ♦ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday
- ♦ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh (returns 11th Sept)
- ♦ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh 14th and 28th September
- ♦ 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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## RCIA WELCOME AND INFORMATION MEETING

We would like to invite all those that have expressed an interest in becoming a Catholic and/or getting to know the Catholic Faith better, to our RCIA Programme Welcome and Information Meeting. This will take place at 7.30pm on Monday 18th September in Westleigh (our parish centre, the building up the ramp from the church car park). Our RCIA team look forward to meeting you all.

## 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. For more information, contact the parish office or call Pat O'Donnell on 0161 928 5909.

## WELCOME SUNDAY - 16/17 SEPTEMBER

We will be hosting our annual 'Welcome Sunday' after all Masses on the weekend of 16th/17th September. There will be refreshments after each Mass and we encourage all our parishioners to come along and stay for a while after Mass to chat to each other and meet new people. More details to follow.

## THANKS FROM EAMONN KENNEDY

Dear Parishioners, I would like to thank you for your support, kindness and generosity shown since the announcement was made that I was discerning a vocation to the priesthood. The many thoughtful prayers, words and gifts have been much appreciated. I would also like to express my gratitude to Canon J and Fr Robert. I will be leaving on Sunday 17th September to start the propaedeutic year at the Royal English College in Valladolid, Spain. The propaedeutic stage prepares each individual candidate for the priesthood and the journey ahead. It will allow me time and space to develop a grounded spiritual life and aid me to prepare for the prolonged study that the formation journey demands. Please can I ask that you keep me in your prayers as I begin this year and I too will keep you in my prayer whilst in Spain. I thank you once again, and I hope to see you at Christmas. Eamonn Kennedy.

## PPT MINUTES

The minutes of the recent PPT meeting can be found on the [parish website](#) and at the back of church.

## COME TO FOOTSTEPS AND HEAR SISTER HELEN - 7 SEPTEMBER

You are invited to attend Footsteps on Thursday 7 September at 7.30pm in St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane SK7 4EA. Dr Sr Helen Costigane is coming 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.

**SEPTEMBER'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE:** Help local food banks distribute surplus food to people in need.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

**We welcome into God's Family** Finnbar O'Brien, Joshua McQuillan, Isabelle & Charlotte Holmes and Eva Leeming who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Congratulations to** Emma Williams & Joshua Plascott who were married here recently.

**Requiescant in Pace** Please pray for those who have died recently including Roberto Ardingo, Johanna Willcox 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, Benjamin Comrie, 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, 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, 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 20th August £1601.66 & 27th August £1621.06 plus standing orders.

The SVP is extremely grateful for donations totalling £445.01 in the retiring collection on 21st August.

Thank you for your generosity.

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# Mass Schedule this coming week

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| Sunday<br>3rd September 2023<br>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time       | 08:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                               | Betty Roberts (RIP)<br>Fred Horrigan (ann) and Leo Mitchell (birthday mems)<br>John Kilroe (RIP)<br>Alan Smith (RIP)                                                                        |
| Monday<br>4th September 2023<br><i>Optional Memorial: St Cuthbert</i>       | 08:45<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                               | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Ellis (RIP), Samantha, Michael and the whole Rogerson Family<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>       |
| Tuesday<br>5th September 2023<br><i>Ferial</i>                              | 08.45<br>10.00 BV<br>11:00<br>12.15                            | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br>Anthony Bell (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Danny Hunt (RIP)                                                             |
| Wednesday<br>6th September 2023<br><i>Ferial</i>                            | 08.45<br>11:00<br>12.15                                        | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Geoff Williams (RIP)                                                                               |
| Thursday<br>7th September 2023<br><i>Ferial</i>                             | 08.45<br>10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                   | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br>Theresa Duggan (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>John Gretton (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                         |
| Friday<br>8th September 2023<br><i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>  | 08:45<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:30<br>19:00                      | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Patrick McLaughlin (RIP)<br><i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i><br>George Chang (RIP)                     |
| Saturday<br>9th September 2023<br><i>Optional Memorial: St Peter Claver</i> | 11:00<br>11:00-12:00<br>12:15<br>13.30<br>16:30-17:15<br>17:30 | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Mike Roylance (RIP)<br><b>Wedding of Michael Fadel and Sarah Eyre</b><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Margaret White (RIP) |
| Sunday<br>10th September 2023<br>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time       | 08:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                               | John Fox (ann and birthday mems)<br>Simon Harris (ann)<br>Modest Ugonna (RIP)<br>For the people of the parish                                                                               |

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

**BOWDON VALE MASSES** 10am Tuesday and Thursday

**RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN SEPTEMBER:** 3rd - CAFOD; 17th - SVP; 24th - Missionary Sisters of England and Wales

**MASS READING CYCLE:** Sundays year A, weekdays cycle 1; Psalter Week 2

## PARISH CLERGY

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