



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 24th September 2023

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

The gesture of peace is followed by the Fraction of Bread (cf. girm, 83; Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1329). Performed by Jesus during the Last Supper, the breaking of the Bread is the revelatory gesture that allowed the disciples to recognize him after his Resurrection. We remember the disciples of Emmaus who, in speaking of their encounter with the Risen One, recount "how he was known to them in the breaking of the bread" (cf. Lk 24:30-31, 35).

The breaking of the Eucharistic Bread is accompanied by the invocation of the "Lamb of God", the figure which John the Baptist indicated in Jesus "who takes away the sin of the world" (Jn 1:29). The biblical image of the lamb speaks of redemption (cf. Ex 12:1-14; Is 53:7; 1 Pet 1:19; Rev 7:14). In the Eucharistic Bread, broken for the life of the world, the prayerful assembly recognizes the true Lamb of God, namely, Christ the Redeemer, and implores him: "Have mercy on us ... grant us peace".

"Have mercy on us", "grant us peace" are invocations that, from the "Our Father" prayer to the Fraction of Bread, help us to prepare our soul to participate in the Eucharistic banquet, the source of communion with God and with our brothers and sisters.

Let us not forget the great prayer: the one that Jesus taught us, and which is the prayer with which he prayed to the Father. This prayer prepares us for Communion."

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.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES APPEAL - 23/24 SEPTEMBER

This weekend, 23rd/24th September, we welcome, Sister Margaret to our Masses to make an appeal on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of England and Wales. They have missions in Kenya, Uganda and Ecuador and work in Education, Health Care, Social and Pastoral work including services for people with disabilities, in remote and conflict prone areas among those who are left the furthest behind.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN - 26 SEPTEMBER

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th of September at 7:30pm at Westleigh. Everyone is welcome.

"與耶穌同行" 下次聚會時間是9月26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。

DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD VOLUNTEERING

Are you undertaking your Duke of Edinburgh Award and looking for somewhere to volunteer? If so please consider welcoming at Sunday Mass. The commitment involves arriving at Mass 30 minutes before Mass begins and staying 10 minutes after Mass ends. If you are interested and would like more information then please text Ruth Holland 07828861934.

ROMULUS SINGERS AUTUMN CONCERT - SATURDAY 7 OCTOBER, 7.45PM HOLY ANGELS

Romulus Singers would love you to join us for our Autumn concert, 'Harbour', on the evening of Saturday 7 October, 7.45pm at Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HF. The programme features a selection of sacred and secular music, ranging from works by Purcell, de Victoria and Poulenc to the more contemporary Bob Chilcott, Anna Semple and Sarah Quartel, plus a smattering of folk and other pieces. Tickets (£12 adults and £6 accompanied under 16s, including refreshments at the end of the concert) are available either from choir members in advance or at the door.

PRAYING TOGETHER

A new group to help us encounter God in the everyday moments of life - with prayer, sharing and silent reflection. To be held in Westleigh for one hour with a choice of evening or morning meetings - alternating between a 7.45pm start on Thursday one week followed by a 11am start on Friday of the next week (whichever suits you best) and so on. There will be a one hour introductory meeting on Thursday 5 October at 7.45pm, repeated on Friday 6 October at 11am. Everyone welcome. Please contact Anne on 07754 490623 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE -18-24 FEBRUARY 2024

A team from the Jesuit Institute will be with us during the week of 18 to 24 February 2024, to offer a week of guided prayer/retreat to the parish, with one-to-one sessions and workshops open to everyone. This will be a wonderful opportunity to develop our prayer lives as individuals and as a community. More details to follow.

WELCOME TO NEW HEADTEACHER OF BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD SCHOOL

Welcome to Clare Hogg, who is the new Headteacher of our local Catholic Secondary school, BTH. We wish her many years of happiness and success in this role.

JUSTICE AND PEACE / CAFOD GROUP

The latest [newsletter](#) from Action by Christians Against Torture is available to read on the parish website. Included is an update on appeals for prisoners of conscience held by the state in Israel, Vietnam, Egypt, Cuba and Russia. Please consider sending a letter of support to the imprisoned and appealing to the governments who are detaining these individuals for speaking out against injustice.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY - 30 SEPTEMBER

The next meeting of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality will be the Annual General Meeting, on Saturday 30th September at 2pm at St Chad's, Cheadle, Stockport SK8 2AF. Please register your attendance, send apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267. Agenda items should be submitted seven days before the meeting. Please pass on these details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. Please note nominations are now being accepted for the new Vice-President/Chair, Secretary and Treasurer. If you would like any further information about these roles, please get in touch.

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
- ◆ 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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KNOWING GOD EVEN BETTER

We have started our parish series Knowing God Even Better, but don't worry, if you couldn't make it last week, you're still welcome to come for Week 2 on Wednesday the 27th, 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start, in Westleigh. 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 annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk or 07512 315286.

NOTICEBOARD

If you would like to put a poster up on the Noticeboard at the back of church or leaflets on the table please hand them in to the sacristy or presbytery with a note saying who is requesting it, a contact number and how long you would like it on the board or table. The request will then be checked, authorised with a stamp and then put out for you. Any posters or leaflets that have not been authorised will be removed. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE OPEN DAY - 28 & 29 SEPTEMBER

If you are in Year 5 or 6 you are warmly invited to attend the BTH Open Day which takes place on Thursday 28th between 6-8pm and Friday 29th September between 4-6pm. For all the information and to book a place on Thursday 28th (not necessary for Friday 29th) visit www.bthcc.org.uk

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING - WEDNESDAY 18 OCTOBER

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School please come along to our next open morning for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 18th October 2023. Please email admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to reserve your place on one of the 4 time slots available; 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am and 10:45am.

LORETO COLLEGE SIXTH FORM OPEN DAYS

Open Days take place 7th and 15th October 10-12pm & 1-3pm. For details visit www.loreto.ac.uk

WEEKEND RETREAT - THE SHRINE, HOLYWELL 27-29 OCTOBER

Shrewsbury Diocese invite you to a Weekend Retreat at The Shrine in Holywell, Friday 27th to Sunday 29th October. The theme is 'Mary Mother of the Word in Sacred Scripture'. Accommodation is available at The Guest House, Flintshire. Please see the poster at the back of church for more information and contact Barbara Davies for information Barbara.davies@diocesepofshrewsbury.org 07450 252733.

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 Rosabella Boyd and Eva Kilroe who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Haydn Sandom and Helen Kennils who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including William McKinney 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, Jane Grimshaw, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Val 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, Alan Taylor, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Teye, Joe Traynor, Joseph Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, Jane Wright and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 17th September £2020.69 plus standing orders.

The SVP is extremely grateful for donations totalling £236.90 in the retiring collections last weekend

Thank you for your generosity.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025

Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 24th September 2023 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Michael Ruane Thomas Biesty (ann) Barry Cain (birthday memories)
Monday 25th September 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Kathleen Fisher (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 26th September 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Cosmas and Damian</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> The sister of Catherine Fay Christine O'Dwyer <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Richard and Delma Geary (RIP)
Wednesday 27th September 2023 <i>St Vincent de Paul</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jim Doyle (ann)
Thursday 28th September 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Wenceslaus and St Lawrence Ruiz & companions</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Michael Cupit (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eamonn Kennedy <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 29th September 2023 <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Shelia Sands (ann) <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Mark McAllister (ann)
Saturday 30th September 2023 <i>St Jerome</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> John Burke (RIP, ann and birthday mems) Wedding of Christopher Meehan and Louise Parsons <i>Confessions</i> Daniel Hunt (RIP)
Sunday 1st October 2023 Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Thomas Family Intentions Jimmy Igoe (ann) For the people of the parish Jim McNairney (ann)

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 1

PARISH CLERGY

Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon **Assistant Priests:** Fr. Robert Dykes and Fr. Godlove Amungwa

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