



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th September 2023

Pope Francis's Catechesis on the Mass

What better prayer than the one taught by Jesus could prepare us for sacramental Communion with him? Apart from in the Mass, the “Our Father” is prayed in the morning and at night, in Lauds [Morning Prayer of the Church] and in Vespers [Evening Prayer of the Church]; in this way, the filial attitude toward God and that of fraternity with our neighbour help give Christian form to our days.

In the Lord's Prayer — in the “Our Father” — we ask for our “daily bread”, in which we see a particular reference to the Eucharistic Bread, which we need in order to live as children of God. We also implore “forgiveness of our trespasses”. And in order to be worthy to receive God's forgiveness we commit to forgiving those who have offended us. And this is not easy. Forgiving the people who have offended us is not easy; it is a grace that we must ask for: “Lord, teach me to forgive as you have forgiven me”. It is a grace. Through our own efforts we are unable: to forgive is a grace of the Holy Spirit. Thus, as we open our heart to God, the “Our Father” also prepares us for fraternal love. Lastly, we again ask God to “deliver us from evil” which separates us from him and divides us from our brothers and sisters. Let us clearly understand that these requests are quite appropriate to prepare ourselves for Holy Communion (cf. General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 81).

Indeed, what we ask in the “Our Father” is extended by the prayer of the priest who, in the name of all, implores: “Deliver us Lord from every evil, and grant us peace in our day”. He then receives a sort of seal in the Rite of Peace: what he first asks of Christ is that the gift of His peace (cf. Jn 14:27) — thus different from worldly peace — may help the Church to grow in unity and in peace, according to His will; then, with the concrete gesture exchanged among us, we express “ecclesial communion and mutual charity before communicating in the Sacrament” (cf. girm, 82). In the Roman Rite the exchange of the sign of peace, placed from antiquity before Communion, is ordered to Eucharistic Communion. According to Saint Paul's admonition, it is impossible to communicate with the one Bread that renders us one Body in Christ, without recognizing that we are reconciled by fraternal love (cf. 1 Cor 10:16-17; 11:29). Christ's peace cannot take root in a heart incapable of experiencing fraternity and of restoring it after it has been wounded. Peace is granted by the Lord: he grants us the grace to forgive those who have offended us.

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.

WELCOME SUNDAY - 16/17 SEPTEMBER

This weekend we celebrate our Welcome Sunday. After each of the masses you are invited to stay, chat and enjoy refreshments with other parishioners. This is part of our parish initiative to build community. As part of Welcome Sunday we especially invite all families with children starting Reception to the 10am Children's Mass and all families with children starting Year 7 to the 6.30pm mass. At these masses a blessing will be given for the start of this new step in the children's academic life.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING - 17 SEPTEMBER

You are invited to visit the parish library, upstairs in Westleigh, on Welcome Sunday, 17th September. You can browse, borrow and return books between 9.00 a.m. and 1.00 p.m. We have books on all Christian topics to suit everyone. There will be free coffee and cake as usual.

RCIA WELCOME AND INFORMATION MEETING - 18 SEPTEMBER

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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION MEETING - 18 SEPTEMBER

An information meeting for those booked on the Walsingham Pilgrimage will be at 7pm, Monday 18th September in Westleigh. We will be discuss travel arrangements and the details of the programme.

THE LETTER FILM SCREENING - TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER, 7.30PM

The CAFOD/Justice and Peace group would like to invite you to join us in Westleigh on 19 September, at 7.30pm, to watch The Letter, a film about the papal encyclical Laudato Si', and to reflect on its message. Everyone is welcome. The event will last about two hours and light refreshments will be served in the break. It would be helpful if you could register your attendance online through Eventbrite, <https://stvincentsfilmmight.eventbrite.co.uk>. It's fine just to turn up, but registration would help us buy the right number of biscuits! If you would like any further information, or can offer to help with organisation, please contact the CAFOD/JP secretary, Alison Sharrock, alison@sharrock.org.uk or 07906261107.

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.

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

Next 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.

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.

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.

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 - COMMENCING 20 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 annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk or 07512 3 15286.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Following the success of the 'Let us Pray' meetings there was interest in setting up a reflective prayer group in the parish to help us encounter God in the everyday moments of life as well as in Church and in Scripture. Look out for further details in next week's newsletter.

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.

VACANCY

Saint Ambrose College have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant and Cover Supervisor. For details please visit www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk Closing date is 18th September.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Charlotte Taylor-Collier, Frederick Clarke, Chloe, Lachlan & Elliott Hines, Grace, Mercy & Favour Babarinde and Jitash Samuel who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Michael Fadel and Sarah Eyre who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Isabella Lalor, Winifred Farrow 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 10th September £1859.70 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 17th September 2023 Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Pauline Foley (RIP) Susan McGowan (birthday memories) For the people of the parish Tom Rooney, Kathleen Rooney and family
Monday 18th 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> Veronica Starkey (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 19th September 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Theodore of Canterbury and St Janarius</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Praise to Our God <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tomlinson Family intentions
Wednesday 20th September 2023 <i>Ss Andrew Kim Taegon, Paul Chong Ha-sang and companions</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Winifred Farrow
Thursday 21st September 2023 <i>St Matthew</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Peter Coady (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Lesley Kilroe <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 22nd 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> Marshall Bickers (ann) <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> John Quinn (RIP)
Saturday 23rd September 2023 <i>St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Michelle Healey (birthday memories) <i>Confessions</i> Baby Noah Burke (RIP)
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)

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 4

PARISH CLERGY

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

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