



**St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**  
Altrincham



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## **The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 10th September 2023**

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

Let us continue with the Catechesis on the Holy Mass. At the Last Supper, after Jesus took the bread and the cup of wine, and gave thanks to God, we know that "he broke the bread". In the Eucharistic Liturgy of the Mass, this action corresponds to the Fraction of Bread, preceded by the prayer that the Lord taught us, that is, by the "Our Father".

Thus begins the Communion Rite, continuing the praise and petition of the Eucharistic Prayer with the community's recitation of the "Our Father". This is not one of many Christian prayers, but the prayer of the children of God: it is the great prayer that Jesus taught us. Indeed, consigned to us on the day of our Baptism, the "Our Father" makes resonate within us those same sentiments that Christ Jesus bore within. When we pray the "Our Father", we pray as Jesus prayed. It is the prayer that Jesus prayed, and he taught it to us; when the disciples said to him: "Master, teach us to pray as you pray". And this is how Jesus prayed. It is so beautiful to pray like Jesus! Formed by his divine teaching, we dare to turn to God calling him "Father", because we are reborn as his children through water and the Holy Spirit (cf. Eph 1:5). No one, truly, could call him "Abbà" — "Father" — in a familiar way without having been created by God, without the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as Saint Paul teaches (cf. Rom 8:15). We must consider: no one can call him "Father" without the inspiration of the Spirit. How often there are people who say "Our Father" but do not know what they are saying. Because yes, he is the Father, but when you say "Father", do you feel that he is Father, your Father, the Father of mankind, the Father of Jesus Christ? Do you have a relationship with this Father? When we pray the "Our Father", we connect with the Father who loves us, but it is the Spirit who gives us this connection, this feeling of being God's children.

### **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 FATHER GODLOVE AMUNGWA**

This weekend we welcome Father Godlove to St Vincent's as he joins our clergy team. Father Godlove, who was ordained in July, has previously been with us on placement. We know that you will make him very welcome and support him in his first role as an Assistant Parish Priest.

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

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

## **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**

Welcome Sunday this year is the 16th and 17th of September. After each of the masses we will have a chance to meet and mingle with people and drinks and refreshments will be served. 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.

**Help needed** - we need a few volunteers to help serve refreshments during Welcome Sunday. If you could offer a little bit of time before or after Mass please sign up on the poster at the back of church. Thank you.

## **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 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.

## **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](mailto:alison@sharrock.org.uk) or 07906261107.

## **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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## 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 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.

## SALINA'S LETTER AND CAFOD COLLECTION

Many thanks to everyone who signed Salina's Letter. We counted 153 signatures! Along with that of many other parishes in England and Wales, your support will help CAFOD make a strong case to the World Bank, about not imposing expensive and damaging conditions on farmers in the poorest parts of the world. Advocacy, as well as fundraising, is an important part of CAFOD's work, and can really make a difference. Last weekend's collection raised £658.70, for which we and the national CAFOD are extremely grateful.

## 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](mailto:Barbara.davies@diocesepofshrewsbury.org) 07450 252733.

## CATHOLIC CERTIFICATE IN RELIGIOUS STUDIES

The diocesan Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies (CCRS) will resume this month, with both an online course or daytime classes in Wythenshawe. Details are at: [www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs](http://www.educationshrewsbury.org/formation-development/ccrs) or enquiries to [ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## PPT MINUTES

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

**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** Lucas Rooker and Sophia & Alexander Chhung who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Congratulations to** Mark Woodward & Christina McDowall 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, 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 Toye, Joe Traynor, Jocephon 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 3rd September £1742.72 plus standing orders.

Thank you for the donations to our September CAFOD collection which raised £658.70.

Thank you for your generosity.

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# Mass Schedule this coming week

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| 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                                                                                                                                  |
| Monday<br>11th September 2023<br><i>Ferial</i>                                     | 0845<br>11:00<br>12:15<br><b>13:30</b><br>18:00           | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Monsignor David Charters (ordination anniversary)<br><b>Funeral Service for Johanna Willcox</b><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                       |
| Tuesday<br>12th September 2023<br><i>Optional Memorial: Most Holy Name of Mary</i> | 08.45<br>10.00 BV<br>11:00<br>12.15                       | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br>Paul and Jo Scrivener - for healing and many graces<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Tina Huxley (RIP)                                                                              |
| Wednesday<br>13th September 2023<br><i>St John Chrysostom</i>                      | 08.45<br>11:00<br>12.15                                   | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>John de Maria (ann)                                                                                                                                   |
| Thursday<br>14th September 2023<br><i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>         | 08.45<br>10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00              | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br>Pauline Foley (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Barbara Onslow (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                                                                           |
| Friday<br>15th September 2023<br><i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>                        | 08:45<br>11:00<br>12:15<br><b>13:30</b><br>18:30<br>19:00 | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>For the Clergy of Shrewsbury Cathedral<br><b>Wedding of Haydn Sandom and Helen Kennils</b><br><i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i><br>Joanne Margaret Sharkey |
| Saturday<br>16th September 2023<br><i>Ss Cornelius and Cyprian</i>                 | 11:00<br>11:00-12:00<br>12:15<br>16:30-17:15<br>17:30     | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Michelle Healey (RIP)<br><i>Confessions</i><br>Yearsley Family Intentions                                                                                              |
| Sunday<br>17th September 2023<br>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time             | 08:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                          | Pauline Foley (RIP)<br>Susan McGowan (birthday memories)<br>For the people of the parish<br>Tom Rooney, Kathleen Rooney and family                                                                                                             |

**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

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

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