



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th October 2023

Pope Francis' Catechesis on the Mass

Although we are the ones who stand in procession to receive Communion; we approach the altar in a procession to receive communion, in reality it is Christ who comes towards us to assimilate us in him. There is an encounter with Jesus! To nourish oneself of the Eucharist means to allow oneself to be changed by what we receive. Saint Augustine helps us understand this when he talks about the light he received when he heard Christ say to him: "I am the food of strong men; grow, and you shall feed upon me; nor shall you convert me, like the food of your flesh, into you, but you shall be converted into me" (Confessions VII, 10, 16: pl 32, 742). Each time we receive Communion, we resemble Jesus more; we transform ourselves more fully into Jesus. As the Bread and the Wine are converted into the Body and Blood of the Lord, so too those who receive it with faith are transformed into a living Eucharist. You reply "Amen" to the priest who distributes the Eucharist saying "the Body of Christ;" that is, you recognise the grace and the commitment involved in becoming the Body of Christ. Because when you receive the Eucharist, you become the Body of Christ. This is beautiful; it is exceptionally beautiful. As it unites us to Christ, tearing us away from our selfishness, Communion opens us and unites us to all those who are a single thing in him. This is the wonder of Communion: we become what we receive!

Pope Francis' Intention for October:

For the Synod: We pray for the Church, that she may adopt listening and dialogue as a lifestyle at every level, and allow herself to be guided by the Holy Spirit towards the peripheries of the world.

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.

OCTOBER'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Close windows, curtains and doors to keep heat in.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Our next prayer group takes place on Thursday 12th October 7.45-8.45pm in Westleigh. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Anne on 07754 49062.

PARISH WALK SATURDAY - 14 OCTOBER 2023

On Saturday 14th October, we will meet at 10.00am, Westleigh and 'car share' to the Lymm Dam car park Crouchley Lane, Lymm WA13 0AP. The walk is an easy 4.5 mile, paths are good and mainly flat with one short flight of 28 steps, with handrail. Walking shoes are advised. We will drive to the Barn Owl Inn, WA13 0SW for lunch. Please contact Helen Doherty 07814420969 or helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to join. *Please note that all participants will be responsible for their own safety during the walk. The organisers 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.*

SAVE THE DATE - NEXT PARISH SOCIAL

Our next parish social is on Thursday 30th November, a St. Andrews Night Social. Menu and price to follow.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION - 7/8 OCTOBER

The parish CAFOD group will be collecting at all the masses on 7/8 October for the CAFOD Family Fast Day, which is concentrating on the aftermath of the Pakistan floods. Your donations will help support undertakings like Dr Nasha's Mobile Clinic which brings medical help where it is desperately needed. You can increase your gift at no cost to you, if you are a UK taxpayer, by filling in the statement on the back of the envelope distributed last week or available at the back of church. If you forget to bring the envelope back, don't worry, as we'll be delighted to accept either cash or card contributions on the day.

CLERGY EMAIL ADDRESSES

Fr Jonathan, Fr Robert and Fr Godlove have new Diocesan email addresses. Please use these emails addresses, which are on the back of the newsletter, if you need to contact them directly. Any previous clergy email addresses are no longer in use.

FRIDAY CLUB

The SVP hope to organise regular activities on Friday afternoons for parishioners in Westleigh, such as film shows, musical entertainment, bingo etc. with refreshments provided. To make this possible our small band of SVP members will need support from other parishioners and if you are able to help to any small degree please tel. Alan Edwards on 07976 327122.

HELP NEEDED

We are looking to create a Health and Safety team for our parish. If you would be willing to join the team please speak to one of our priests.

DAY OF DEVOTION TO OUR LADY - SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER

On Saturday 14th October between 11.50am - 4.45pm there will be a time of devotion to Our Lady. All are most welcome. The World Apostolate of Fatima-England and Wales is bringing the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to our parish. This beautiful statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions at Fatima, Portugal in 2018 to prepare the faithful for the Centenary of the Pontevedra apparition to Sister Lucia which occurred in December 1925. The timetable for the day is as follows:

11:50 - 12:00	Welcome
12:00 - 12:15	Procession of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue
12:15 - 13:00	Mass including crowning of statue and veneration of the relics of Ss Jacinta & Francisco
13:00 - 13:30	Rosary for world peace
13:30 - 14:15	Break - Tea and coffee provided but please bring packed lunch (in Westleigh)
14:15 - 15:30	Fatima film and talk (in Westleigh)
15:30 - 15:45	Investiture and enrolment in the brown scapular
15:45 - 16:45	Holy Hour, Reconciliation and Benediction
17:30 - 18:15	Vigil Mass
18:15	Close

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - 8th and 22nd October
- ♦ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday
- ♦ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ♦ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh 12th and 26th October
- ♦ 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

**Parish
Safeguarding
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Helen Norwood:
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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 4 on Wednesday the 11th, 7.45pm for an 8.00pm start, in Westleigh. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is invited. For further information annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk or 07512 315286.

THANK YOU FROM THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES

We (the Sisters) thank you for a great response to the mission appeal and for the prayers.

BLESSING AT THE GRAVE - SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER

On Sunday 5th November at 2pm we will have the blessing of graves at Dunham Lawn Cemetery. If you would like a grave blessed, you are very welcome to attend. We will meet at the entrance of the cemetery for a short prayer service and then if you could stand by the graveside of your loved one a priest will come over to bless the grave and say a few prayers.

RED MISSIO BOXES

These will be collected in October. Please wait for your Promoter to contact you. If you handed your box in in April and have not had it returned, please ring Kay Walsh on 0161 4607790. Two unnamed boxes were handed in in April - both contained generous amounts.

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 stating a contact name, number and how long you would like it on the board or table. Once authorised with a stamp we will put it out for you. Any posters or leaflets that have not been authorised will be removed. We thank you for your cooperation with this.

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. Tickets (£12 adults and £6 accompanied under 16s, including refreshments at the end) are available either from choir members in advance or at the door.

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

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 GRAMMAR SCHOOL (ALTRINCHAM) SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING - 19 OCTOBER

For Year 11 on Thursday 19th October: a welcome talk at 6:00pm with subject exhibitions until 8:00pm.

VACANCY - SCHOOL ADMIN OFFICER AND MIDDAY ASSISTANT

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Baguley are seeking to appoint to the above positions. Further information on the [school website](#)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Hudson Clifford and Elsie Robertson who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Louise Parsons and Christopher Meehan who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Peter Hines, William McKinney, John Rowton 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, 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 Khan, 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, Joceph 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 1st October £1914.17 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule this coming week

Sunday 8th October 2023 Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Joan Barbara Mahoney (RIP) Bridget Garner (ann) Brian Peacock (RIP) Sheila Scotson (ann)
Monday 9th October 2023 <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Starkey (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 10th October 2023 <i>Optional memorial: St Paulinus of York</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 10.00 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Marie-Claire Williams Funeral Service for John Rowton <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brian and Elizabeth Carroll (RIP)
Wednesday 11th October 2023 <i>Optional memorial: St John XIII</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Lawrence Wavell Smith & Ernestine Rose Horlock (RIP)
Thursday 12th October 2023 <i>St Wilfrid</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Sr Giulia Carniel (Sr of St Joseph) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jack and Louie Leyland (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 13th October 2023 <i>Optional memorial: St Edward the Confessor</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Peter Hines <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Sean Headd (ann)
Saturday 14th October 2023 <i>Optional memorial: St Callistus</i>	11:00-12:00 12:15 15:45-16:45 16:30-17:15 17:30	Day of Marian Devotion- please see separate timetable <i>Confessions</i> Mary Litting (ann) <i>Holy Hour and Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Dunkley family intentions
Sunday 15th October 2023 Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Margaret Vaissiere (RIP) Anna Ward Peter Heraghty (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: 8th - CAFOD; 15th - SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year A, weekdays cycle 1; Psalter Week 3

PARISH CLERGY

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

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