



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

26th November 2023

From Pope Francis' Homily on the 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 29th October 2023

We must constantly struggle against all types of idolatry; not only the worldly kinds, which often stem from vainglory, such as lust for success, self-centredness, greed for money – let us not forget that the devil enters “through the pockets”, the enticements of careerism; but also those forms of idolatry disguised as spirituality – my own spirituality: my own religious ideas, my own pastoral skills... Let us be vigilant, lest we find that we are putting ourselves at the centre rather than him. And let us return to worship. [...] let us devote time every day to intimacy with Jesus the Good Shepherd, adoring him in the tabernacle. May the Church adore: in every diocese, in every parish, in every community, let us adore the Lord! Only in this way will we turn to Jesus and not to ourselves. For only through silent adoration will the Word of God live in our words; only in his presence will we be purified, transformed and renewed by the fire of his Spirit. Brothers and sisters, let us adore the Lord Jesus!

To love is to serve. In the great commandment, Christ binds God and neighbour together so that they will never be disconnected. There can be no true religious experience that is deaf to the cry of the world. There is no love of God without care and concern for our neighbour; otherwise, we risk becoming pharisaic. We may have plenty of good ideas on how to reform the Church, but let us remember: to adore God and to love our brothers and sisters with his love, that is the great and perennial reform. To be a worshipping Church and a Church of service, washing the feet of wounded humanity, accompanying those who are frail, weak and cast aside, going out lovingly to encounter the poor. We heard in the first reading how God commanded this.

Brothers and sisters, I think of the victims of the atrocities of war; the sufferings of migrants, the hidden pain of those who are living alone and in poverty; those who are crushed by the burdens of life; those who have no more tears to shed, those who have no voice. And I think too of how often, behind fine words and attractive promises, people are exploited or nothing is done to prevent that from happening. It is a grave sin to exploit the vulnerable, a grave sin that corrodes fraternity and devastates society. As disciples of Jesus, we desire to bring to the world a different type of heaven, that of the Gospel. To put God in first place and, together with him, those whom he especially loves: the poor and the weak.

Pope Francis' Intention for November:

For the Pope: We pray for the Holy Father: as he fulfils his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.

During Ordinary Time we are asked to 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.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023 “Without the support, I simply wouldn’t still be here.”

We will hold a collection here on 2nd/3rd December. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support when it is most needed. To donate or if you know of someone in need of assistance please visit: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk.

PREPARATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST FORGIVENESS

Parents are very welcome to come along to Westleigh on Wednesday 29th November, to a session run by parents who have recently prepared their children. 7.45pm for an 8pm start, finish by 9pm. There will be friendly faces, tea, cake and support. Please register interest please email Anna: annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE - REHEARSAL 26 NOVEMBER

The Carol Service will take place on Sunday 17 December at 3pm. As usual, we are forming a scratch choir to lead the singing, which anyone, of any age, is most welcome to join. The first rehearsal is Sunday, 26 November, at 4-5pm in church. Do come along. No particular skill needed, just a willingness to sing! Further rehearsals will be at 4pm on 3rd and 10th Dec and at 2pm on 17th Dec immediately before the Carol Service.

CAFOD / JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP - NEXT MEETING 28 NOVEMBER

The group’s next meeting will be in Westleigh on 28th November at 7:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is considering joining the group or wants to find out more to join us on Tuesday evening for a taster.

FRIDAY CLUB FOR OUR PARISHIONERS - STARTS 1ST DECEMBER

The Friday Club is a new parish venture organised by our SVP group with the help of volunteers from the wider parish. Monthly Friday afternoon free social get-togethers are planned in Westleigh and the special inaugural session will be held on Friday December 1st from 2pm to 4.15pm when we will be entertained with a Christmas Concert by Mini Vinnies from our Primary School. Mulled wine and light refreshments will be served and a short award- winning film ‘God is the bigger Elvis’ will be shown. If you wish to attend please speak to a member of the SVP (collecting after weekend Masses) or tel. Alan Edwards on 07976 327122.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR QUIET TIME DURING ADVENT

There will be a series of short services of prayer, readings and song in church on Friday evenings during Advent based on the themes of ‘Hope’, ‘Peace’, ‘Joy’ and ‘Love’, and starting with ‘Hope’ on Friday 1 December at 7.30pm. If anyone would like to read at one of these services please contact Anne on 07754 490623 or email anneoc980@hotmail.com

PARISH LIBRARY – ADVENT READING

If you’d like some Advent reading call in at the parish library, upstairs in Westleigh, on Saturday 2nd December between 10.00 am and 12 noon. Free coffee and cake will help you browse!

NW NJPN E-BULLETIN

The [NW National Justice and Peace eBulletin for mid-November](#) is on the parish website. It contains poems, prayers and articles on the conflict in the Holy Land as well as issues closer to home: a call for urgent government action on the poverty that affects children, the elderly and disabled and homeless people; and Ian Linden’s latest blog looks at the impact of the Supreme Court’s ruling against the Rwanda plan. Jesuit Refugee Service give details of a Christmas Greetings Card campaign and PACT has news of Advent carol services for prisoners and their families. Anne has produced a series of weekly Advent reflections on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love for individual or group use, details on p17 of the e-bulletin.

HELP NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE THE VINEYARD MAGAZINE

After great demand we are excited to announce that our Vineyard magazine is back and will be in church for you to collect in mid-December. Many of our parishioners, for different reasons, are not able to come to church so we are asking for your help to ensure that all our parishioners get a copy. After Christmas we will need people to deliver the remaining magazines to our parishioners. At the back of church there is a sign up sheet and you just need to sign up for an area that you can deliver to. After Christmas you can come, whenever is convenient, to collect the magazines from church and then deliver them to the houses you signed up to. We are very grateful for your help in making sure the magazine gets to all our parishioners especially those who can’t come to collect it themselves. Thank you.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children’s Liturgy - 26th November, 10th December (not 24th December)
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday, with video games, table tennis and games
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh 9th and 23rd November
- ◆ 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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CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS

These will be on sale in church after Sunday Masses. All proceeds will be given to Cornerstone.

HOLY FACE PRAYER CARDS AND MEDALS are available for collection from the Sacristy.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED SINCE DECEMBER 2019?

A Christmas edition of the Vineyard will be available in early December. To ensure that the Parish Register is up-to-date, please urgently provide your new address. You can email it to the parish office. Many thanks.

FAMILY ADVENT SERVICE AT ST VINCENTS- 11TH DECEMBER

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College invite all parishioners to a Family Advent Service on Monday 11th December at 6pm in church. Please stay afterwards for refreshments and mince pies after the service.

SILENT VIGIL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST - 29TH NOVEMBER

In view of the current conflict in the Middle East, as well as those elsewhere in the world, AIG are inviting you to a Silent Vigil for Peace to be held in the Church Hall attached to Holy Angels Church in Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, on Wednesday 29th November at 8.15 to 8.45. People of all faiths and none are all welcome.

ST. AMBROSE COLLEGE CHRISTMAS PARTY

Parishioners are invited to come to this annual event organised by College sixth formers on Wed 6th Dec from 1.30 to 3.30pm. If interested please telephone Tony Campion on 0161 904 9483 or 07975 880839.

ST AMBROSE COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come and enjoy St Ambrose College Christmas Fair on Saturday December 2nd. 12- 3pm.

BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE CHRISTMAS MARKET

You are invited to a Christmas Market at BTHCC, Urban Road, Altrincham between 11am and 3pm on Sunday 3rd December. There will be stalls selling clothes, jewellery, gifts, food, drink and much more.

CORNERSTONE CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

We have contacted Cornerstone about how we can support at Christmas. They are so grateful for the support we have given over the years and ask that instead of the shoeboxes they would be grateful for donations of either Lynx or Nivea gift sets which they can give as Christmas gifts to the people who come to Cornerstone. If you would like to donate please place these in the box at the back of church, thank you.

TRAFFORD FOODBANK DONATIONS

Trafford Foodbank are currently short of the following items: Jam, Tinned: tomatoes, soup, meat, rice pudding, custard and vegetables and Coffee (no pasta please!). If you could donate any of these items, they would be very grateful. Donations can be left at the back of church in the box provided. Thank you.

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT SUPPORTING YOUNG LIVES V CANCER - 4 & 5 DECEMBER

This concert is at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Further details are on the poster in the porch.

NOVEMBER'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Have a weekly meat free day (or 2)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to Jody Hunter and Conor Johannsen who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Alan Taylor, Carmel Peach, Frank Curtin, Pat Sachs, Sister Margaret Mary SJA 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, Philip Horsnall, 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, 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 19th November £2172.49 plus standing orders.

Thank you for the last SVP retiring collection which raised £538.54, including a generous donation of £140

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 26th November 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	08:30 10:00 11:30 16:00 18:30	Peter Collard (ann) Sheila Hassall (RIP) For the people of the parish <i>Carol Service Rehearsal</i> John Kilroe (RIP)
Monday 27th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jan Willeboordse (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 28th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Michael and Val Roylance <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Quinn (RIP)
Wednesday 29th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Yearsley (intentions)
Thursday 30th November 2023 <i>St Andrew</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Dominic Gallagher (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Frank Curtin <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 1st December 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 12:45 13:30 18:30 19:00 19:30	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alice Bickers (birthday memories) <i>Confessions</i> Wedding of Hannah Finnigan and James Kean <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> John Scotson (ann) Advent Service - Hope
Saturday 2nd December 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> John Worthington (ann) <i>Confessions</i> Joe's intentions
Sunday 3rd December 2023 The First Sunday of Advent	08:30 10:00 11:30 16:00 18:30	Norah Sculley Louis, Mary & Michael Gervis (ann) For the people of the parish <i>Carol Service Rehearsal</i> John Starkey (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 DECEMBER: 3rd - Caritas at Christmas; 17th - SVP

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

PARISH CLERGY

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