



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Whoever exalts
himself will be
humbled, and
whoever humbles
himself will be exalted.

Matthew 23:12



Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 November 2023

Pope Francis' Catechesis on the Mass

We must not forget that we celebrate the Eucharist in order to become Eucharistic men and women. What does this mean? It means allowing Christ to act within our deeds: that his thoughts may be our thoughts, his feelings our own, his choices our choices too. And this is holiness: doing as Christ did is Christian holiness. Saint Paul expresses it clearly, in speaking of his own assimilation to Jesus, and he says this: "I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me" (Gal 2:20). This is Christian witness. May Paul's experience illuminate us too: to the measure in which we quash our selfishness — that is, kill that which is opposed to the Gospel and to Jesus' love — a greater space is created within us for the power of his Spirit. Christians are men and women who, after receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, allow their soul to expand with the power of the Holy Spirit. Allow your souls to expand! Not these souls so narrow and closed, small, selfish, no! Expansive souls, broad souls, with vast horizons. After receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, allow your souls to expand with the power of the Holy Spirit.

Since the real presence of Christ in the consecrated Bread does not end with the Mass (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1374), the Eucharist is safeguarded in the tabernacle for Communion to the sick and for silent adoration of the Lord in the Most Holy Sacrament; Eucharistic worship outside of Mass, be it in private or community form, indeed helps us to remain in Christ (cf. *ibid.*, 1378-1380). Therefore, the fruits of the Mass are intended to mature in everyday life. Thus, we can say, stretching the image somewhat: the Mass is like the grain, the grain of wheat which then grows in ordinary life; it grows and matures in good deeds, in the attitudes that assimilate us to Jesus. The fruits of the Mass, therefore, are intended to mature in everyday life. In truth, augmenting our union with Christ, the Eucharist renews the grace that the Spirit gave us in Baptism and in Confirmation, so that our Christian witness may be credible (cf. *ibid.*, 1391-1392).

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.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Throughout November we will be remembering deceased relatives and friends at all Masses. Slips of paper are available in the porch for you to write a name on and place in the basket in front of the Altar. Please do not put money in the basket, thank you.

BLESSING AT THE GRAVE - SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

On Sunday 5th November at **3pm** 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.

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR CONFIRMATION - SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

We invite all the young people who were Confirmed earlier this year to come to a Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm on Sunday 5th November. At this Mass you will be presented with your certificates.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH- MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER

At 7.00pm on Monday 6th November there will be a Mass for deceased members of the parish. All are welcome to come and remember their loved ones who have died.

PREPARATION SESSION FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN PREPARING FOR FIRST FORGIVENESS

First forgiveness preparation starts soon. Are you feeling confident to prepare your child? Would you like some assistance and resources? There will be two sessions at Westleigh on Wednesday 22nd and 29th November, 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 some support for you as you prepare your child to experience God's love. Please register interest to Anna so she knows how many cakes to make, annacroughan@yahoo.co.uk.

ST ANDREW'S NIGHT PARISH SOCIAL - 30 NOVEMBER

Everyone is very welcome to our St Andrew's Night Social on Thursday 30th November at 7.30pm in Westleigh. A delicious meal will be provided by Top Table caterers; feel free to bring your own bottle. Tickets cost £28, please see poster on notice board for menu, details and reply slip. To buy a ticket please complete the reply slip, put it in an envelope with the payment for the attention of the Parish Office and post through the presbytery door before Friday 17th November.

HELP NEEDED - TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

We would be really grateful for some more volunteers to help serve tea and coffee after the 10am Mass on Sundays in Westleigh. There is a rota of people so you only need to be available to volunteer at most once a month - the more people that volunteer the less you have to do it! If you could offer some support please email or call the parish office. Thank you.

MOTHERS' PRAYERS - AN INVITATION

Mothers' Prayers began in 1995 when two Grandmothers began meeting together to pray for their families. Since then it has spread around the world. Our parish Mothers' Prayers group started in 2009. We meet every Thursday at 11.15am upstairs in Westleigh. We pray for our children and grandchildren and finish in time for 12.15 Mass. If you would like to pray for your family, come along for a trial visit and see if it suits you. We are a very unthreatening group!

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 to join us in Westleigh on Tuesday evening for a taster. Do come along to see how the group works. You will receive a warm welcome and we won't expect any commitment! The latest NW Justice & Peace bulletin can be found on the [website](#).

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS

Christmas cards and Advent calendars will be on sale in church after Sunday Masses from 19th November. All proceeds will be given to Cornerstone.

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

WHAT'S ON THIS MONTH

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 12th and 26th November
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday
- ◆ 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

**Parish
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CAFOD UPDATE ON 'SALINA'S LETTER'

In September, over 150 of our parishioners signed the CAFOD petition to the World Bank, asking them to protect farmers' rights to have free access to their traditional seeds, by resisting pressure from large international seed organisations to make Bank loans dependent on restrictive seed laws. Recently, CAFOD representatives delivered the letter to the annual meeting of the World Bank. And it's having an effect! The World Bank has agreed to meet with CAFOD representatives in both London and Morocco and have started to look at the issue. Raising our voices on behalf of the world's poorest really can make a difference. The St Vincent's CAFOD/Justice and Peace group are extremely grateful for your support.

POPE FRANCIS' EXHORTATION *LAUDATE DEUM* IN ADVANCE OF COP28

Pope Francis has written a new message to all people of good will on the climate crisis, *Laudate Deum*. His exhortation is very easy to read, available on the [Vatican website](#). He warns that we are approaching breaking point and running out of time to prevent tragic damage for communities that have contributed least to causing the crisis. Cafod is encouraging us to share the Pope's message with our MPs in advance of the COP28 meeting in November. Visit Cafod's webpage, [with a link to share the Pope's message with your MP](#).

CHRISTMAS ANGELS BRING MESSAGES OF LOVE

Would you like to help brighten someone's day this Christmas? Knit a Christmas angel using this simple [pattern](#). We are carrying on this lovely idea in memory of our daughter Annie O'Connor, a former pupil of St Hugh's, Timperley and Loreto, who died of natural causes in 2020. Annie was part of an evangelising team for Church Army in Sheffield reaching out to the most vulnerable in the city centre. Christmas can be a lonely time for many. These beautiful angels bring joy and hope to many – more than 600 angels every year knitted with love by volunteers. If you would like to help spread a little Christmas joy, please use the pattern above and bring your angels to church by the end of November or phone Anne for collection. Many thanks, Anne and Calvin O'Connor 07754 490623.

ALTRINCHAM INTERFAITH GROUP ALF KEELING MEMORIAL LECTURE - 23 NOVEMBER

This will be held at 7.30-9pm on Thursday 23 November in Holy Angels' (new) Church Hall. Kevin Jacquis, Methodist Church Local Preacher, will speak and invite reflections on the theme of 'Who is my neighbour?', in the context of the families seeking asylum and needing support. What can we learn from the Ashley Hotel (Hale) story about ourselves and our faith? Please see the poster at the back of the Church. To reserve your seat, or if you have any questions, please email Dominique D'Arcy mdodarcy@gmail.com

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

This uplifting annual concert at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester offers a full and varied program of music, carols and songs, with recitals from local primary schools in addition to the Hospitals' choir. Please support this concert that has taken place for over 30 years. Details on poster in porch, with box office information. Volunteer program sellers wanted contact Martin Lupton martinslupton@hotmail.com

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Kensley Wong and Leia Richardson who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Clive Collins & Catherine McGarrity, Marilyn Ofori & Conor Hewitt and Lauren Comer & Anthony Nicholson who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Patricia Richardson, Monica Allcroft 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, 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 22nd and 29th October ££1657.39 and £1734.24 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 5th November 2023 Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 15:00 18:30	Joe Currid (RIP) The Holden Family Patricia Petrie (RIP) Blessing of graves at Dunham Lawn Cemetery Thanksgiving Mass for Confirmation For the people of the parish
Monday 6th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 11:00 12:15 18:00 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Christine O'Dwyer <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Mass for all the deceased of the parish
Tuesday 7th November 2023 <i>Optional memorial: St Willibrord</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Margaret White (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Patrick Curran (RIP)
Wednesday 8th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Marshall and Alice Bickers (RIP)
Thursday 9th November 2023 <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Terence Joseph Elliot (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jim Hickey (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 10th November 2023 <i>St Leo the Great</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 12:45 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sarah Hrybyk (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Sean Gallagher (birthday memories)
Saturday 11th November 2023 <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Raymond Starkey (90th birthday) <i>Confessions</i> Marie McWaters (RIP)
Sunday 12th November 2023 Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time REMEMBRANCE DAY	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Dominic Timmons Jane Heggins Chris Hovington (RIP)

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: 5th - CAFOD; 19th - 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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