



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 November 2023

Remembrance Sunday

Pope Francis' Catechesis on the Mass

By igniting divine charity in our hearts, what does the Eucharist do? It separates us from sin: "the more we share the life of Christ and progress in his friendship, the more difficult it is to break away from him by mortal sin" (ibid., 1395). Regularly approaching the Eucharistic Banquet renews, strengthens, and deepens the bond with the Christian community to which we belong, according to the principle that the Eucharist makes the Church (cf. ibid., 1396); it unites us all. Lastly, partaking in the Eucharist commits us to others, especially the poor, teaching us to pass from the flesh of Christ to the flesh of our brothers and sisters, in whom he waits to be recognised, served, honoured and loved by us (cf. ibid., 1397).

Carrying in earthen vessels the treasure of the union with Christ (cf. 2 Cor 4:7), we constantly need to return to the holy altar, until in heaven, we will fully taste the beatitude of the marriage supper of the Lamb (cf. Rev 19:9).

Let us thank the Lord for the journey of rediscovery of the Holy Mass which he has given to us to carry out together, and let us allow ourselves to be drawn with renewed faith to this real encounter with Jesus, our contemporary, dead and Risen for us. And may our life always be thus "in bloom", as Easter, with the flowers of hope, faith and good works. May we always find the strength for this in the Eucharist, in union with Jesus.

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 the names on and place in the basket in front of the Altar. Please do not put money in the basket, thank you.

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!

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.

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](#).

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](#).

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. 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.

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

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ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INSPECTION.

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School was recently inspected in Religious Education. The inspection assessed Catholic Life and Mission, Religious Education and Collective Worship, as well as the subsections of pupil outcomes, provision and leadership. Following the two day inspection, we are pleased to share that the School was judged outstanding in all nine areas. This is a truly magnificent achievement that we are all very proud of. Please follow the link to read the full report. <https://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/page/denominational-re-inspection-report/28154>

ST AMBROSE COLLEGE CHRISTMAS FAIR

Come and enjoy St Ambrose College Christmas Fair on Saturday December 2nd. 12- 3pm. A wide variety of stalls, games, boys' choir, refreshments and lots 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, Tinned soup, Tinned meat, Tinned rice pudding, Tinned custard, Tinned vegetables and Coffee (no pasta please!). If you feel that 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 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 Jaquiss, 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

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Leila Richardson who was recently baptised here. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Patricia Richardson, Pat Sachs, 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 5th November £2051.18 plus standing orders. Last weekend's CAFOD collection was £961.98.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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)
Monday 13th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	0845 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Catherine and Albert Roylance (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 14th November 2023 <i>Ferial</i>	08.45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Jo Riley (special intention) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Lilian Greenwood (RIP)
Wednesday 15th November 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Albert the Great</i>	08.45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> The Tabner Family (RIP)
Thursday 16th November 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Edmund of Abingdon, St Margaret of Scotland & St Gertrude</i>	08.45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> For the Faithful departed <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Patricia Richardson <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 17th November 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Hilda, St Hugh of Lincoln & St Elizabeth of Hungary</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 12:45 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mona Guilfoyle (ann) <i>Confessions</i> SVP Mass for deceased Vincentians
Saturday 18th November 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: Dedication of the Basilicas of St Peter and St Paul</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Karl Kuhwald, Jorgen and Christine Kuhwald <i>Confessions</i> Michael Comber (ann)
Sunday 19th November 2023 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Enrolment Mass for First Sacraments (St Vincents' school pupils) Brion Xavier (ann) Frank Flynn (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 NOVEMBER: 5th - CAFOD; 19th - SVP

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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