



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th November 2023

Pope Benedict on Hope

We need the greater and lesser hopes that keep us going day by day. But these are not enough without the great hope, which must surpass everything else. This great hope can only be God, who encompasses the whole of reality and who can bestow upon us what we, by ourselves, cannot attain. The fact that it comes to us as a gift is actually part of hope. God is the foundation of hope: not any god, but the God who has a human face and who has loved us to the end, each one of us and humanity in its entirety. His Kingdom is not an imaginary hereafter, situated in a future that will never arrive; his Kingdom is present wherever he is loved and wherever his love reaches us. His love alone gives us the possibility of soberly persevering day by day, without ceasing to be spurred on by hope, in a world which by its very nature is imperfect. His love is at the same time our guarantee of the existence of what we only vaguely sense and which nevertheless, in our deepest self, we await: a life that is 'truly' life.

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

We continue to remember deceased relatives and friends at all Masses in November and you are welcome to add names to 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.

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](#).

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.

FRIDAY CLUB FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

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 7.45pm. The remaining three weeks' services will commence 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

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.

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.

HOLY FACE PRAYER CARDS AND MEDALS

Prayer Cards and Medals are available for collection from the Sacristy.

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ 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.

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.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2023 "Without the support, I simply wouldn't still be here."

We will hold a collection here on 1st/2nd December. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. You can also donate online: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Trish Spencer.

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 ANGELS BRING MESSAGES OF LOVE

Would you like to help brighten someone's day this Christmas? Knit a Christmas angel using this simple pattern <http://www.christmasangel.net/wp-content/uploads/2014/09/Christmas-Angel.pdf> 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. Please bring your angels to church by the end of November or phone Anne for collection on 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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Thomas Cooper-Roby and Fox Matthews who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Patricia Richardson, Francis 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, 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 12th November £1366.98 plus standing orders. Amendment to CAFOD collection: 4/5 Nov £661.98.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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)
Monday 20th 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> Dr Joe Kaczmarczyk (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 21st November 2023 <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:00 BV 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> No Mass due to Requiem at 12:00 <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Sister Margaret Mary Connell Bernard Casson (birthday memories)
Wednesday 22nd November 2023 <i>St Cecilia</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Gough (ann)
Thursday 23rd November 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Clement & St Columban</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Paul Boardman (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tommy & Jany O'Donnell (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 24th November 2023 <i>Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions</i>	08:45 11:00 12:00 12:45 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Pat Sachs <i>Confessions</i> <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Rene Brandon (ann)
Saturday 25th November 2023 <i>Optional Memorial: St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> David Shard (ann) Wedding of Jody Hunter & Conor Johannsen <i>Confessions</i> Manuel Kanagasuntherie (special memories)
Sunday 26th November 2023 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	08:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Peter Collard (ann) Sheila Hassall (RIP) For the people of the parish John Kilroe (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 1

PARISH CLERGY

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

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