



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 21 January 2024

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120.

In virtue of their baptism, all the members of the People of God have become missionary disciples (cf Mt 28:19). All the baptised, whatever their position in the Church or their level of instruction in the faith, are agents of evangelisation, and it would be insufficient to envisage a plan of evangelisation to be carried out by professionals while the rest of the faithful would simply be passive recipients.

The new evangelisation calls for personal involvement on the part of each of the baptised. Every Christian is challenged, here and now, to be actively engaged in evangelisation; indeed, anyone who has truly experienced God's saving love does not need much time or lengthy training to go out and proclaim that love. Every Christian is a missionary to the extent that he or she has encountered the love of God in Christ Jesus: we no longer say that we are "disciples" and "missionaries", but rather that we are always "missionary disciples."

If we are not convinced, let us look at those first disciples, who, immediately after encountering the gaze of Jesus, went forth to proclaim him joyfully: "We have found the Messiah!" (Jn 1:41). The Samaritan woman became a missionary immediately after speaking with Jesus and many Samaritans came to believe in him "because of the woman's testimony." (Jn 4:39). So too, Saint Paul, after his encounter with Jesus Christ, "immediately proclaimed Jesus" (Acts 9:20; cf. 22:6-21). So what are we waiting for?

Pope Francis' Intention for January:

For the Gift of Diversity in the Church: We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals within the Catholic Church.

During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth; Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

PARKING

A number of our neighbours have expressed concerns about parking particularly around Mass times. Please park sensitively with respect for our neighbours and never illegally.

CONFIRMATION 2024 - CURRENT YEAR 8

We are pleased to let you know that we are now beginning the Confirmation Programme application process for all those currently in **Year 8 or above**. If you would like to join this Confirmation Programme, which takes place in March and April 2024, please complete and return the [application form](#) along with the other documents requested. The form can be found on our website in the '[Notice board](#)' section or can be collected from church. Please return the completed form and supporting documents by Sunday 28th January to the parish office in the presbytery.

YOUR CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME NEEDS YOU!

Calling all Confirmed adults and students in Year 12 or 13.....or perhaps your child received their Confirmation last year and you enjoyed our programme? We are looking for committed Catechists and Young Leaders to help support our Confirmation programme for this year. The sessions will take place on four Thursdays (provisionally booked for 21st March, 11th, 18th and 25th April) 7-9pm along with a full-day retreat to Savio House. If you are interested in volunteering for this, feel free to contact the Parish office or Suzanne Edwards on 07879 891 395 or email suhflewis@hotmail.com for more information.

FRIDAY CLUB

'All parishioners and friends are cordially invited to come along (free of charge) to the next session of the FRIDAY CLUB at Westleigh on Friday 2nd February from 2.0 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

There will be an opening session of Bingo, followed by light refreshments and the showing of the classic Laurel & Hardy film 'Way Out West' (in full colour)'.

PARISH RETREAT AND WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER – 18 TO 23 FEBRUARY

A team from the Jesuit Institute will be offering our parish retreat with one-to-one individually guided prayer in addition to evening workshops (20 and 21 Feb) open to the whole parish. Places for the guided prayer are limited, so watch out for further details and information on how to sign up next week. We will also be speaking at all Masses next week. Any questions, ask Canon Jonathan or email the office, who will forward to one of the parish coordinators.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO HOLY ISLAND AND DURHAM - 10-12 APRIL

We are organising a parish pilgrimage to Holy Island and Durham, including a visit to Ripon Cathedral, on Wednesday 10th to Friday 12th April 2024 and everyone is very welcome to come along. Accommodation will be at the Holiday Inn, Gosforth Park in Newcastle: £225 per person for twin/double room or £270 per person for single room (8 rooms available) which includes half board, ensuite bathrooms and use of the extensive leisure facilities including a swimming pool, sauna and steam room. For further details and to get a booking form please speak to Fr Jonathan. A deposit of £75 to be paid by Wednesday 31st January and the balance paid by 17th March. More details can be found on the poster and leaflets at the back of church.

A PRESENTATION OF RELIGIOUS ARTEFACTS - 8TH FEBRUARY

This presentation will take place in Westleigh on Thursday 8th February 7.30 – 9.30pm. Representatives from seven faith groups will share the personal significance of a religious artefact they have selected. Light refreshments will also be offered. This event is offered by the Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) to deepen our understanding of other faiths, all are welcome. If you would like to attend, please contact Carolyn Jones cjpjones43@gmail.com / 0161 4456935, or register at www.eventbrite.com/e/795160655927?aff=ebdsshios

FAMILY BINGO NIGHT AT BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD COLLEGE THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

This event is for students, families and the wider community. Entrance tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for children, which will include a FREE game. Tickets can be purchased on the door. Doors will open at 6:30pm with 'Eyes Down' at 6:45pm. Food/Refreshments will be on sale, all funds raised will go towards St Luke's Hospice. A raffle will also be held – if you are able to donate a prize for this it would be greatly appreciated.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 14th & 28th January at the 10am Mass
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday, with video games (FIFA and car racing), table tennis and other games, all for parents and children.
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh 4th and 18th January
- ◆ 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

LOURDES BY JUMBULANCE - 30th May to 8th June and 15th to 24th August

There are two pilgrimages to Lourdes by Jumbulance in 2024 from Shrewsbury Diocese departing from Wirral and Chester. A Jumbulance is a 'Jumbo-Ambulance' with beds, spacious seating, an accessible toilet and kitchen. We can take very sick or disabled pilgrims including those needing palliative care. We stay in a four star hotel with excellent facilities to care for them and recruit a team of nurses and helpers to do so. The experience for younger helpers is good for the CV, especially those considering a career in health or social care. The cost is £1,095, nurses and young helpers under 25 in FTE, pay half and support those who cannot afford the full amount. Visit our website and read Bev's story. www.across.org.uk/?s=A For further information contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphy2002@yahoo.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 17TH-24TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Fr. Pat Munroe will be spiritual leader to pilgrims interested in a Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady in Bosnia Herzegovina, 17th-24th September 2024. Eight days at £695. Single Supplement is available. There is an information meeting on Tuesday, 23rd January at Hugh's Church 7.45 pm (Mass 7.00pm) WA14 5HL. For Fr. Pat's reflection on Medjugorje visit <https://www.sthughandstjohnimperley.co.uk/m/index.htm>

RETRouvaille – DO YOU NEED A NEW SPARK IN YOUR MARRIAGE?

Retrouvaille has helped many couples find new hope, nourishment and growth in their marriages. If you want to uncover or reawaken the love, trust and commitment that brought you together and work through difficult times in your marriage contact Retrouvaille confidential for more information. There is no group therapy or group work. Our next programme commences with a Virtual weekend on 8 - 11 February 2024 or there is a Face to Face weekend in Welwyn Garden City on 14-16 June 2024. Call or text 07887 296983, email retrouvailleukinfo@gmail.com or visit www.retrouvaille.org.uk

CREATIVE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

A free Creative Bereavement Support Group is starting on 31st January for 22 weeks at Inch Arts in Altrincham. The group will explore how creativity can be used to support wellbeing following bereavement. It is open to adults who have experienced bereavement at any time. No previous experience of art or creative skill is required and this will be a safe environment where people can go at their own pace and explore thoughts and feelings that may flow from the activities. Numbers are limited to 12 spaces in order to facilitate individual attention and tuition. Each session will begin at 11.45am for a 12 noon start and finish around 1.15pm. There is no charge, but please book your place in advance by using the Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/creative-bereavement-group-tickets-791010933997?aff=oddttdtcreator>. Please email sara.fixter@fullcirclefunerals.partners with any questions.

VACANCY

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information see <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

JANUARY'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Buy ethical clothing

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Koa Xu-Mills who was recently baptised here. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Jeremiah 'Dermot' Dunleavy, Marianne Martin, Theresa Hession, Mary Ray, Sydney Platt & 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, Anne Dolan, , 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, Amelia Kennedy, Anne Killeen, Thomas Killeen, Elizabeth and Henry Kluck, Marcin and Teresa Kluck, Neil Lancaster, David Lawley, Betty Leeson, Willy Leeson, Klaudia Linert, Bob Lloyd, Chloe Logan, Laura MacGinn, Margaret, Erin Marks, Claire McAllister, Martin McConnell, Rupert McDermott, Scott McEvoy, 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, Richard Sheryll, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Teye, 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
Sheila Carr: 0161 928 7432

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 14th January 2031.94 plus standing orders.
The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025

Mass Schedule

Sunday 21st January 2024 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Raymond Ball (birthday memories) Michael Moore (ann) Annette Hopper-McGowan (RIP) Andrew Francis Ball (ann)
Monday 22nd January 2024 <i>St Vincent</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tom Duffy (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 23rd January 2024 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Patrick Mannion (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Chloe Logan and Logan Family intentions
Wednesday 24th January 2024 <i>St Francis de Sales</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Maureen Kelly (RIP)
Thursday 25th January 2024 <i>The Conversion of St Paul</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Margaret Nixon <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> William Anthony Dillon <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 26th January 2024 <i>Ss Timothy and Titus</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 12:45 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Patrick Cain intentions <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Chris Riley
Saturday 27th January 2024 <i>Optional memorial: St Angela Merici</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Nora Berry (ann) <i>Confessions</i> Michael Roylance (birthday memories)
Sunday 28th January 2024 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	John Ryan (RIP) Luke and Evelyn Dillon For the people of the parish Bernard Harrison

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - 10am Mass on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

BOWDON VALE MASSES 10am Tuesday and Thursday

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION - as above and by request

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN JANUARY: 14th Pax Christi and 21st SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays year B, weekdays cycle 2; Psalter Week 3

PARISH CLERGY

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

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