



**St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church**  
Altrincham



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## **The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th January 2024**

### **Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, Evangelii Gaudium, 121.**

All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives.

In your heart you know that it is not the same to live without him; what you have come to realise, what has helped you to live and given you hope, is what you also need to communicate to others. Our falling short of perfection should be no excuse; on the contrary, mission is a constant stimulus not to remain mired in mediocrity but to continue growing. The witness of faith that each Christian is called to offer leads us to say with Saint Paul: "Not that I have already obtained this, or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own" (Phil 3:12-13).

### **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.

## **FATHER ROBERT AND FATHER GODLOVE**

As announced at all the Masses last week, after 4 happy and fruitful years, Fr Robert is leaving to take up an appointment as an Assistant Priest in Wythenshawe. We thank Fr Robert for his wonderful contribution to the parish over the last 4 years and we wish him well in his new appointment and our prayers go with him. I am delighted to let you know that Bishop Mark has formally renewed Fr Godlove's appointment as Assistant Priest here at St Vincent's. Fr Robert will return for a Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm on Sunday 25th February followed by refreshments in Westleigh - everyone is welcome. On this occasion we would like to make a presentation to Fr Robert. If you would like to make a contribution to show your appreciation for Fr Robert's ministry here please place a cheque (payable to 'St Vincents Stipend') or cash in an envelope marked 'Fr Robert's Presentation.' Please place the envelope either in the offertory basket or through the presbytery door. If you would like to make your contribution by bank transfer please email the parish office for account details.

## **CONFIRMATION 2024 - CURRENT YEAR 8**

If you are in Year 8 and above and would like to join the Confirmation Programme, taking 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 [suhflew@hotmail.com](mailto:suhflew@hotmail.com) for more information.

## **FRIDAY CLUB**

All parishioners and friends are invited to come along (free of charge) to the next session of the FRIDAY CLUB in Westleigh, Friday 2nd February from 2.00pm to 4.15pm. 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 and evening workshops open to the whole parish. There will be an introductory meeting at 4.30pm on Sunday 18 February in Westleigh for all those wanting to take part in the guided prayer, with a closing meeting at 7.30pm on Friday 23 February. The time commitment for the guided prayer is one hour per day over the week, to fit round your other commitments. There will also be two evening workshops open to all:

- 7.30pm Tuesday 20 Feb: Images of God
- 7.30pm Wednesday 21 Feb: Discernment and Decision-making

See the leaflet and booking form available at all Masses this weekend or speak to one of the Parish 'Let us Pray' team, who will be outside church after all Masses. The closing date for booking the guided prayer is Fri 9 Feb; places are limited, so book early!

## **SAVE THE DATE - ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SOCIAL**

Our next parish social will be on Thursday 14th March in Westleigh, details to follow. Everyone welcome.

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

There are a few places left for the parish pilgrimage to Holy Island and Durham. Accommodation (half board) at the Holiday Inn, Gosforth Park, Newcastle: £225 per person for twin/double room or £270 per person for single room. 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.

**JUSTICE AND PEACE** On our parish website you can read the [January NW NJPN Bulletin](#).

**JANUARY'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE:** Buy ethical clothing

## **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

## CONFESSIONS ON THURSDAYS AT 6PM

From 1st February until Easter we will be offering Confessions at 6pm on Thursday, during Eucharistic Adoration. If this time seems popular we will consider making this a permanent time for Confessions.

## REVIVE FUNDRAISING CONCERT

The Romulus Singers led by musical director Kate Shipway gave a wonderful choral performance on Sunday 14th, treating the audience to a mix of sacred and secular works. Some songs were built around the theme of the world's treatment of refugees. Sister Eileen McConnon's vote of thanks brought home the plight of some of the asylum seekers she has worked with locally. £1150 was raised to support the work Revive. A huge thank you to everyone who helped.

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR LOCAL REFUGEE AND ASYLUM SERVICES.

Anyone wishing to provide time or practical support to local asylum seekers through reading and speaking English, visiting or other activity, some local contacts are: for the asylum seekers housed at the Ashley Hotel in Hale: [kevin.jaquiss@gmail.com](mailto:kevin.jaquiss@gmail.com); for those detained at the Manchester Airport immigration centre, contact the Manchester Immigration Detainee Support Team (MIDST) on [visitors@MIDST.org.uk](mailto:visitors@MIDST.org.uk).

## ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 6TH MARCH 2024

If you would like to look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School please come along to our open morning for prospective school and nursery parents, Wednesday 6th March. To reserve a place on one of the 4 slots available: 9:15am, 9:45am, 10:15am & 10:45am, please email [admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

## A PRESENTATION OF RELIGIOUS ARTEFACTS - 8TH FEBRUARY IN WESTLEIGH

Everyone is welcome to this presentation, arranged by Altrincham Interfaith Group to deepen our understanding of other faiths, on Thursday 8th February 7.30 – 9.30pm. Representatives from 7 faith groups will share a personal significance of a religious artefact. To attend contact Carolyn: [cjpjones43@gmail.com](mailto:cjpjones43@gmail.com) 0161 4456935, or register at [www.eventbrite.com/e/795160655927?aff=ebdsshios](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/795160655927?aff=ebdsshios)

## DIOCESAN CHOIR FESTIVAL – 'SING A NEW SONG'

You are invited to come along and sing as part of a diocesan choir. Learn music throughout the day and lead the singing for Mass at 5pm, on Saturday 24 February, 10.30am-4.30pm with Mass at St Anthony's, Dunkery Road, Woodhouse Park, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR. Tea and coffee will be provided, please bring a packed lunch. £5 per person, payable on the day. To book visit <http://tinyurl.com/diocesenchoirfestival> by Friday 16 February. For more information contact [reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:reception@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

## VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20S & 30S) 26-28 May 2023, LIVERPOOL

This weekend, organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), will give you the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life, why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come on Saturday. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at [fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit their website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org)

**VACANCY** Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College seek to appoint a [full-time teacher of Core RE](#).

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

**Requiescant in Pace** Please pray for those who have died recently including Mary Smith, Dermot Dunleavy, Marianne Martin, Theresa Hession & 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, Shirley Coffey, 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 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.

### Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966  
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### MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 21st January £1598.61 plus standing orders.  
The SVP is grateful for the donations of £202.02 in last week's retiring collection and  
£399.92 in the parish wall box.  
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# Mass Schedule

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| Sunday<br>28th January 2024<br>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time      | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                       | John Ryan (RIP)<br>Luke and Evelyn Dillon<br>For the people of the parish<br>Bernard Harrison                                                                                                                                       |
| Monday<br>29th January 2024<br><i>Ferial</i>                       | 08:45<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                      | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Pat Owen<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                                                                                                   |
| Tuesday<br>30th January 2024<br><i>Ferial</i>                      | 08:45<br>10.00 BV<br>11:00<br>12.15                   | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br>Katherine Brewer<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Alice Bickers (ann)                                                                                                    |
| Wednesday<br>31st January 2024<br><i>St John Bosco</i>             | 08:45<br>11:00<br>12.15                               | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Giovanna Scattone                                                                                                                          |
| Thursday<br>1st February 2024<br><i>Ferial</i>                     | 08:45<br>10:00 BV<br>11.00<br>12:15<br>18:00          | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br>Auntie Angela<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Baby Louis (ann)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration (with Confessions)</i>                                                       |
| Friday<br>2nd February 2024<br><i>The Presentation of the Lord</i> | 08:45<br>11:00<br><b>11:45</b><br><br>18:30<br>19:00  | <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><b>Requiem Mass for Dermot Dunleavy</b><br><i>No Confessions after Mass</i><br><i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i><br>Vocations to the Priesthood |
| Saturday<br>3rd February 2024<br><i>St Werburgh</i>                | 11:00<br>11:00-12:00<br>12:15<br>16:30-17:15<br>17:30 | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Sydney Platt (RIP)<br><i>Confessions</i><br>The Burke Family                                                                                                |
| Sunday<br>4th February 2024<br>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time       | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                       | For the people of the parish<br>Eveleen Gough (RIP)<br>John Lonergan (RIP)<br>Agnes and Eric Brown                                                                                                                                  |

**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

We will hold the Priests' Retirement Fund collection the weekend of 10th/11th February.

**MASS READING CYCLE:** Sundays Year B, weekdays cycle 2; Psalter Week 1

## PARISH CLERGY

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

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