



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th February 2024

Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation, *Evangelii Gaudium*, 99.

Our world is being torn apart by wars and violence, and wounded by a widespread individualism which divides human beings, setting them against one another as they pursue their own well-being. In various countries, conflicts and old divisions from the past are re-emerging. I especially ask Christians in communities throughout the world to offer a radiant and attractive witness of fraternal communion. Let everyone admire how you care for one another, and how you encourage and accompany one another: "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (Jn 13:35). This was Jesus' heartfelt prayer to the Father: "That they may all be one... in us... so that the world may believe" (Jn 17:21). Beware of the temptation of jealousy! We are all in the same boat and headed to the same port! Let us ask for the grace to rejoice in the gifts of each, which belong to all.

Pope Francis' Intention for February:

For the Terminally Ill: We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

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.

FR ROBERT'S THANKSGIVING MASS AND PRESENTATION

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.

PAULA YEARSLEY

After nearly three years working alongside Alice as parish secretary, Paula has decided that now is the right time to move on to another job. We thank Paula for her kindness, hard work and sense of humour (especially necessary when working with clergy). We wish her all the very best in her new job and we are glad that Paula will continue to be a parishioner here. Paula's departure also gives us the opportunity to thank Alice for all her continuing hard work. We will be advertising for a new parish secretary to job share with Alice in due course.

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 Feb in Westleigh for all those wanting to take part in the guided prayer, with a closing meeting at 7.30pm on Fri 23 Feb. 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 the back of church or speak to one of our priests. The closing date for booking the guided prayer is Fri 9 Feb; places are limited and are starting to fill up, so please make sure you get your form to the parish office in good time.

CALLING ALL HOME COOKS!

If you are able to help during the parish retreat week (18th – 23rd Feb) by providing a lunch or dinner for 6 people it would be greatly appreciated. Please sign up on the form at the back of church. The meals will take place in the presbytery and you would be welcome to join them or if you prefer you can just deliver the meal!

ENGAGED COUPLES EVENING

Our priests look forward to meeting with all the couples getting married at St Vincent's this year following the 7pm Mass on Friday 9th February 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.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING

All are welcome to visit the parish library on Saturday 10th February, 10am to 12noon, in Westleigh. FREE Christian books to borrow (and no fines!). FREE coffee, tea and home-made cakes.

PRIESTS' RETIREMENT FUND

Next weekend, 10th/11th February, the retiring collection will be for the Priests' Retirement Fund.

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SUPPER - 14TH MARCH

Our next parish social is on Thursday 14th March in Westleigh. Full details, including menu, are displayed at the back of church with reply slips. Please return completed slips, with payment of £28.50, in an envelope for the parish office. This can be handed into the sacristy or posted through the presbytery door. Please return slip and payment by 1st March, bookings cannot be taken after this date due to catering requirements.

FEBRUARY'S LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Shop locally whenever possible to support small local businesses and avoid air-freighted produce.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 11th & 25th February at the 10am Mass
- ◆ Tea and Coffee after 10am Mass every Sunday, with video games (FIFA, tennis etc), table tennis and other games, all for parents and children.
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh 1st and 15th February
- ◆ 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

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

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; for those detained at the Manchester Airport immigration centre, contact the Manchester Immigration Detainee Support Team (MIDST) on 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

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 0161 4456935, or register at www.eventbrite.com/e/795160655927?aff=ebdsshios

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2024

Brochures and booking forms are available on the pilgrimage website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or call 07773 324264, or if you are aged 16–22 please email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org to join the youth section of our pilgrimage. This year our pilgrimage dates are: Fri 26 July to Thurs 1 August (by air) and Thurs 25 July to Fri 2 August (by coach) and for our young people Wed 24 July to Fri 2 August. If you are a first time pilgrim or a returning pilgrim we look forward to you joining us in Lourdes this year.

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

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY

You are invited by the Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate Mass for the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, at St Mary's, Crewe CW1 2JP on February 10th at 12 noon. Light refreshments will be available after Mass.

VACANCIES

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

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School wish to appoint a full-time Site Manager. For an application pack and further details please email recruitment@stvincents.trafford.sch.uk Closing date 28th February.

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Baguley (M23 1HP) are seeking to appoint a School Business Manager to begin as soon as possible. Further information can be found on the school website. <https://www.sacredheart-baguley.manchester.sch.uk/page/vacancies/144322>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Selena Gately, Shirley Coffey, Simon De Maria, Betty Pollard, Mary Smith & 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, Stephen Birchall, Helen Boardman, Jane Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, John Cawfield, Michael Cornwell, Peter Cresswell, Marjorie 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, David Scaife, Richard Sheryll, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Jocephen 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 28th January £2069.00 plus standing orders.
The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025

Mass Schedule

Sunday 4th February 2024 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the people of the parish Eveleen Gough (RIP) John Lonergan (RIP) Agnes and Eric Brown
Monday 5th February 2024 <i>St Agatha</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dermot Dunleavy (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 6th February 2024 <i>St Paul Miki & Companions</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Terence Hargreaves (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Salvatore Stefani
Wednesday 7th February 2024 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mark Hunter (ann)
Thursday 8th February 2024 <i>Optional Memorial: St Jerome Emiliani and St Josephine Bakhita</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Patrick Mannion <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anne & family <i>Eucharistic Adoration (with Confessions)</i>
Friday 9th February 2024 <i>Ferial</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> Sr Therese Murphy <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Holy Rosary for Peace</i> Kevin O'Hara (RIP)
Saturday 10th February 2024 <i>St Scholastica</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Frank O'Donnell (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Katherine Brewer (RIP)
Sunday 11th February 2024 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Ernest Sands (ann) Raymond Ball (ann) Ann Lewis and James Burke For the people of the parish

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 FEBRUARY: 4th - CAFOD ; 11th - Priests' Retirement Fund;
25th - CAFOD Lenten Family Fast collection

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2; Psalter Week 1

PARISH CLERGY

Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon **Assistant Priest:** Fr. Godlove Amungwa

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