



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Second Sunday of Lent

25th February 2024

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 (continued)

The exodus from slavery to freedom is no abstract journey. If our celebration of Lent is to be concrete, the first step is to desire to open our eyes to reality. When the Lord calls out to Moses from the burning bush, he immediately shows that he is a God who sees and, above all, hears: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey" (Ex 3:7-8). Today too, the cry of so many of our oppressed brothers and sisters rises to heaven. Let us ask ourselves: Do we hear that cry? Does it trouble us? Does it move us? All too many things keep us apart from each other, denying the fraternity that, from the beginning, binds us to one another.

During my visit to Lampedusa, as a way of countering the globalisation of indifference, I asked two questions, which have become more and more pressing: "Where are you?" (Gen 3:9) and "Where is your brother?" (Gen 4:9). Our Lenten journey will be concrete if, by listening once more to those two questions, we realise that even today we remain under the rule of Pharaoh. A rule that makes us weary and indifferent. A model of growth that divides and robs us of a future. Earth, air and water are polluted, but so are our souls. True, Baptism has begun our process of liberation, yet there remains in us an inexplicable longing for slavery. A kind of attraction to the security of familiar things, to the detriment of our freedom.

To be continued...

LENT AT ST VINCENT'S

- ◇ Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30pm
- ◇ 6th March Deanery Station Mass at St Vincent's at 7.30pm, Confessions from 6pm
- ◇ Lent Services at 7pm on Wednesday 13th March and 7pm Good Friday 29th March
- ◇ Visit our [Justice and Peace / CAFOD](#) page on the parish website for Lent resources
- ◇ Walk With Me Lent Booklets available for £1 from the sacristy
- ◇ Lenten Alms wall box donations will be shared between [The Wellspring Charity for the Homeless](#) based in Stockport and for the international [St Francis Leprosy charity](#)

Pope Francis' Intention for March:

For the New Martyrs: We pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents & Wanderers.

WEEK OF GUIDED PRAYER RETREAT IN DAILY LIFE

Thank you to the team from the Jesuit Institute who guided us through this week. Thank you to the parishioners on the Spirituality Group who worked hard to organise this week. Thank you to all those who so generously provided meals. Fr Jonathan is sure everyone who participated in the week will agree that it was a wonderful and fruitful week and an excellent start to Lent.

HAPPY 80TH BIRTHDAY TO FATHER JOHN RAFFERTY

We wish Fr John a very happy birthday as he celebrates the special occasion of his 80th birthday this Thursday. We thank him for all he has given and continues to give to the parish.

FR ROBERT'S THANKSGIVING MASS, PRESENTATION AND SHARED TABLE

This Sunday we have Fr Robert's Thanksgiving Mass at 6.30pm followed by a celebration in Westleigh with a shared table. Everyone is very welcome to attend, if you are able to bring some food to donate to the shared table we would be very grateful. Thank you for your generosity for this special parish occasion.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH THE DIOCESE 2024

Fr Jonathan and Fr Godlove will be joining the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer. Fr Jonathan would be interested in taking a group from our parish to join the Diocesan Pilgrimage. If this appeals to anyone please speak to Fr Jonathan who will give more details. This however does not preclude anyone from going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage as an individual (see below).

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.

WANTED - ALTAR SERVERS

Did you previously altar serve at St Vincent's and might consider returning to this role or are you thinking that you might like to become an altar server? If so please speak to one of our priests or email the parish office because we are very keen to have more altar servers at our Masses. This is a very important and special role which we know you will enjoy and gain a lot from. Fr Godlove will provide full training and support for you to return to or become an altar server. Please think about supporting our parish in this way, thank you.

FRIDAY CLUB - 2PM 1ST MARCH

Everyone is very welcome to come along to our next Friday Club in Westleigh at 2pm on 1st March. We will be offering bingo and singing from the St Vincent's Primary School Mini Vinnies and choir.

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.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 27th of February at 7:30pm at Westleigh. Everyone is welcome. Please contact Nati Chang natiwenyuchang@gmail.com or Sha Hu annachrist999@yahoo.com

"與耶穌同行" 下次聚會時間是2月27日星期二晚上7:30,地點在教堂旁的活動大廳Westleigh, 歡迎大家參加。

請聯絡 張玫鈺 (natiwenyuchang@gmail.com) or 胡沙 (annachrist999@yahoo.com)

PARISHIONERS IN WYTHENSHAW HOSPITAL

If you or anyone you know is in Wythenshawe hospital and would like to be seen by a priest please let one of our priests know or email the parish office and we will ensure that this is arranged. Please don't assume that we know someone is in hospital. Due to GDPR the hospital cannot give us this information.

MARCH LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Try not to leave appliances on standby.

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

CAFOD/JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP'S next meeting is Tuesday 27th in Westleigh at 7:30-9pm.

PARISH SECRETARY VACANCY

As mentioned in last weekend's newsletter we now have a vacancy for a Parish Secretary to work alongside Alice as her Job Share. Flexible working hours: approximately 12 hours per week over 3 days (Monday-Friday) 9am-1pm (days and times may vary). Hourly rate: £14.50. For further details please see the Diocesan Website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> Applications in the form of a CV and covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 1st March.

THE POPE'S TEACHING ON THE ENVIRONMENT

Our CAFOD/Justice and Peace group invites you to come and explore 'Laudato Si' and other elements of the Pope's teaching on the environment. Lent is the perfect time to find out more about what the papal documents actually say, what their theology is, and how that shapes the social teaching of the Church on care for the world and care for the poor. No previous knowledge or preparation is needed. There will be two sessions in Westleigh during Lent: 5 March and 12 March; with a follow-up session after Easter. The sessions are suitable for anyone over 16 and will last about an hour, starting at 7.30pm. There's no need to register, but for more information, please contact Alison Sharrock on alisonrsharrock@gmail.com or 07906261107.

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

ST AMBROSE PREP OPEN EVENING

St Ambrose Prep welcome you to their Open Evening on the 29th February where you can meet the Head, Ms Heron and go on a tour of the school where you will hear from the children about their experience of a nurturing, loving Catholic family community where they thrive and achieve. To register your interest, or for more information please call 0161 903 9193 or email secretary@stambroseprep.co.uk

CANTORES OEUMENICA - 'OLIVET TO CALVARY'

Cantores Oeumenica are Presenting "Olivet to Calvary" on Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at 4pm in Holy Angels RC Church WA15 0HF. The Soloists both have a background of Glyndebourne Opera and all are accompanied by the International Organist Jonathan Scott. Entry is FREE with a retiring collection for charity. ALL donations will go to the named charities. For further details, including directions to venue, follow this link <http://cantoresoec.org/>

CAN YOU GIVE TIME AND SKILLS TO HELP PEOPLE SEEKING ASYLUM

The Vine, located in the Methodist Church in Hale (Hale Road) hosts a number of activities for asylum seekers housed at the Ashley Hotel in Hale: Wednesdays: wellbeing and craft sessions, Fridays: English lessons, Saturdays: dance classes and offer use of their cooking facilities, and child minding (whilst parents take part in the classes!) If you are interested or would like to find out more about volunteering, either on a regular basis, or 'when you can' Please contact Reverend Kevin [Jaquiss at kevin.jaquiss@gmail.com](mailto:Jaquiss@kevin.jaquiss@gmail.com)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Oliver & Oscar Howson, Sophia Hill and Camilla Kyte 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 Anne Dolan, Nancy Roscow, 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, Kames Ireland, 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, 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, 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 11th £1344.92 & 18th February £1940.32 plus standing orders.
The SVP is grateful for the donations totalling £475.16 in last week's retiring collections.
The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025

Mass Schedule

Sunday 25th February 2024 Second Sunday of Lent	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Eileen Shaw (ann) Mary Leach (RIP) Luke Howe (RIP) For the People of the Parish Mass of celebration for Fr Robert
Monday 26th February 2024 <i>Monday of the second week of Lent</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eamonn Kennedy <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 27th February 2024 <i>Commemoration of St Gregory of Narek, Abbot and Doctor of the Church</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> John Walsh <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rita Hutton
Wednesday 28th February 2024 <i>Wednesday of the second week of Lent</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> James Joseph Kavanagh (ann)
Thursday 29th February 2024 <i>Thursday of the second week of Lent</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> John Foley (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr John Rafferty (80th birthday) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (with Confessions)</i>
Friday 1st March 2024 <i>Saint David (Feast)</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> Eileen Mortimore (ann) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Stations of the Cross led by the Spirituality Group</i> Marshall Bickers (birthday memories)
Saturday 2nd March 2024 <i>Saturday of the second week of Lent</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Fr Michael Cupit (birthday anniversary) <i>Confessions</i> Dunkley family
Sunday 3rd March 2024 Third Sunday of Lent	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	James Lonergan (RIP) Keith McCann (RIP) For the people of the parish Mary Hyam

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 2

PARISH CLERGY

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

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