



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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The Fifth Sunday of Lent 17th March 2024

Pope Francis' Message for Lent 2024 (continued)

In Lent, we find new criteria of justice and a community with which we can press forward on a road not yet taken. This, however, entails a struggle, as the book of Exodus and the temptations of Jesus in the desert make clear to us. The voice of God, who says, "You are my Son, the Beloved" (Mk 1:11), and "You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex 20:3) is opposed by the enemy and his lies. Even more to be feared than Pharaoh are the idols that we set up for ourselves; we can consider them as his voice speaking within us. To be all-powerful, to be looked up to by all, to domineer over others: every human being is aware of how deeply seductive that lie can be. It is a road well-travelled. We can become attached to money, to certain projects, ideas or goals, to our position, to a tradition, even to certain individuals. Instead of making us move forward, they paralyze us. Instead of encounter, they create conflict. Yet there is also a new humanity, a people of the little ones and of the humble who have not yielded to the allure of the lie. Whereas those who serve idols become like them, mute, blind, deaf and immobile (cf. Ps 114:4), the poor of spirit are open and ready: a silent force of good that heals and sustains the world.

To be continued...

LENT AT ST VINCENT'S

- ◇ Stations of the Cross every Friday at 6.30pm
- ◇ Lent Service 7pm Good Friday 29th March
- ◇ Visit our [Justice and Peace / CAFOD](#) page on the parish website for Lent resources
- ◇ 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.

WANTED! NEW MEMBERS OF THE PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

The Parish Pastoral Team exists to work with the clergy to share the Gospel message and further the mission of Christ and His Church in our parish community. We are looking to renew the membership of the team. We invite parishioners to nominate people to serve on the team. Please ask the person if they are willing to serve. With their agreement please forward their name to the parish office for consideration.

PPT Minutes are available on our [website](#) and at the back of church. If you would like to raise an issue or item for the PPT to discuss at their next meeting please email it to the parish office by 7th April.

DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES

A Station Mass is usually held during Lent. The people of a local area gather to celebrate Mass in one place (Station). The tradition is rooted in Pope St Gregory the Great gathering people to celebrate Mass in one of the Roman churches associated with one of the martyrs of the early Church. There are two elements to the Station Mass - pilgrimage and gathering as many people as possible in one place to pray. **The next Station Mass will be held at Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns WA15 0HG at 7pm on Wednesday 20th March preceded by the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation beginning at 6pm.** Everyone from the parish is very warmly invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION

The first session for our young people preparing for their Confirmation takes place at 7pm - 9pm on Thursday 21st March at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College.

The Mass of Commitment for our Confirmation candidates is at the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 24th March. We have over 80 young people preparing for Confirmation so this Mass will be very busy; please be advised to arrive in good time.

DO YOU HAVE A PLAYSTATION OR XBOX TO GIVE AWAY?

As you will be aware we now have games at Tea and Coffee after the 10am Sunday Mass. We are wanting to have a permanent PlayStation or Xbox in Westleigh for this activity and so wondered if anyone had a spare games consol that they would be happy to donate to the parish please. If you do please speak to Fr Godlove about it or email the parish office. Thank you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES WITH THE DIOCESE 2024

Fr Jonathan & 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 for more details. This does not preclude anyone from going on the Diocesan Pilgrimage as an individual. Brochures and booking forms are available at 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. The pilgrimage dates are: Fri 26 July to Thurs 1 August (by air) & 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.

COFFEE MORNING

Dear Parishioners, we are proud of our beautiful church of St Vincent de Paul. But we need help! Please join us for a coffee morning in Westleigh on Thursday 21 March between 10.00am and 12 noon to meet the teams and find out what we do. You will be made very welcome. For further details please contact Lorna Barton: 0161 425 9281; 07961 471980; lornacbarton@gmail.com

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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 10th & 24th March 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 14th & 27th March
- ◆ 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

PENCIL CASES FOR WEST AFRICA

Doesn't it feel good when you begin to get ready for a new school year? Don't worry, September is still some time away. But the Marist Sisters, working as Headteachers and Social Workers in The Gambia and Senegal, have invited us to donate new pencil cases filled with new items such as pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers, erasers, crayons, etc so that they can distribute them to the needy and refugee children with whom they work. If you would like to donate, please buy a new pencil case, fill with new items as listed above and place it in the box at the back of church.

WESTLEIGH CLEAROUT

In response to our Health and Safety audit we have cleared out everything stored under the stairs in Westleigh. We are using this as an opportunity to have a general clear out of Westleigh. If any parishioner has anything stored there please can they clear it out or let us know why it needs to be stored there. Anything not cleared by 10th April is liable to be thrown away. We appreciate your help in this process.

BTINTERNET EMAIL ADDRESSES

A number of parishioners have said that they are not receiving the newsletter by email. After investigation we have discovered these are btinternet email addresses and the emails are going into the Junk folder. Please save our parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk into your contacts to hopefully avoid this happening. **Please also remember that neither the parish office nor Fr Jonathan nor Fr Godlove will ever ask you for donations of any kind via email. If you receive such an email it is a scam and please report it as soon as possible.**

JUSTICE AND PEACE / CAFOD

Please visit the [Justice and Peace / CAFOD page](#) to read the ACAT, NW NJPN & Mouth Peace newsletters.

FURTHER THREAT TO THE UNBORN OF ABORTION UP TO BIRTH

In the next couple of weeks an attempt is to be made to widely decriminalise abortion up to the birth. This amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill is being made by Diana Johnson MP and parliamentarians will be under pressure to support the amendment on grounds of compassion for mothers who seek to abort their unborn child beyond the legal limits. The effect would be to withdraw legal protection from the unborn. It is important to make our voice heard in support of the unborn child. Please contact your Member of Parliament to ask that they oppose the decriminalisation of abortion up to birth. The [Right to Life website](#) has details under 'Take Action' and the website of the [Society for the Protection of Unborn Children](#) has helpful information under 'Resources.' The [Right to Life website](#) also has details of an alternative amendment by Caroline Ansell MP to reduce the legal limit for abortion from 24 to 22 weeks on the basis of the increased survival rates for babies being born at 22 and 23 weeks.

CANTORES OEUMENICA - 'OLIVET TO CALVARY'

This takes place on Palm Sunday 24th March 2024 at 4pm in Holy Angels Church. 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/>

VACANCIES

School Chaplain at Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College to work 36.25 hours per week, term time only. For the job description and application forms please visit www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies Closing date is 9.00am Tuesday 9th April, interviews 22nd April.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Patricia Ravening, Ann Bogle, Manuel Felipe Bermudez, Julian Pegna, Raymond Starkey, Nancy Roscow & all those whose anniversaries occur around 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, 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, Katie Holmes, Philip Horsnall, Lucy Hunter, James 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 Tovey, 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

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 10th March £1822.19 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 17th March 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Simon De Maria (RIP) Charles, Sarah, Sven and Lloyd For the People of the parish Franz Blum (ann)
Monday 18th March 2024 <i>Commemoration of Saint Cyril of Jerusalem</i>	08:00 08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	Athanasius Amungwa (RIP) Mass in Spanish <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Nancy Roscow <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 19th March 2024 <i>St Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Michael Higson <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Margaret Gill
Wednesday 20th March 2024 <i>Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Millie Cotterill (RIP) <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 21st March 2024 <i>Thursday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11.00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Mary Ray (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Raymond Starkey <i>Eucharistic Adoration (with Confessions)</i>
Friday 22nd March 2024 <i>Friday of the Fifth Week of Lent</i>	08:45 10:30 11:00 12:15 12:45 18:30 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Requiem Mass for Patricia Ravening NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Denise Mortimore (ann) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Gary Connell (RIP)
Saturday 23rd March 2024 <i>Commemoration of St Turibius of Mongrovejo</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Eve & Arnold Crowther (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> For the people of the parish
Sunday 24th March 2024 Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Fiona Buckley (ann) John James McGowan (ann) Alice Bridget Collins (ann) Dermot Dunleavy (RIP) Mass of Commitment for Confirmation candidates

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 MARCH: 17th - SVP

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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