



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Third Sunday of Easter

14th April 2024

Pope Francis, Regina Caeli address 1 April 2024

The Gospel (cf. Mt 28:8.15) shows us the joy of the women at the Resurrection of Jesus: the text says they abandoned the tomb with “great joy”, and “ran to tell His disciples” (v. 8). This joy, which is born precisely from the living encounter with the Risen One, is a powerful emotion, which impels them to spread and to tell what they have seen.

Sharing joy is a wondrous experience, which we learn from a very young age: think of a child who gets a good mark at school and cannot wait to show his or her parents, or a young person who achieves their first success in sport, or a family in which a child is born. Let us try to remember, each of us, a moment so happy that it was even difficult to put it into words, but which we wished to tell everyone about immediately!

So, the women, on Easter morning, live this experience, but in a much greater way. Why? Because the resurrection of Jesus is not just wonderful news or the happy ending of a story, but something that changes our lives completely, and changes it forever! It is the victory of life over death, this is the Resurrection of Jesus. It is the victory of hope over despondency. Jesus broke through the darkness of the tomb and lives for ever: His presence can fill anything with light. With Him, every day becomes a step in an eternal journey, every “today” can hope for a “tomorrow”, every end a new beginning, every instant is projected beyond the limits of time, towards eternity.

Brothers, sisters, the joy of the Resurrection is not something far away. It is very close, it is ours, because it was given to us on the day of our Baptism. Since then, we too, like the women, can meet the Risen One and He says to us, as He did to them: “Do not fear!” (v 10). Brothers and sisters, let us not give up the joy of Easter!

But how can we nurture this joy? Like the women did: by encountering the Risen One, because He is the source of a joy that never ceases. So, let us hasten to seek Him in the Eucharist, in His forgiveness, in prayer and in lived charity! Joy, when it is shared, grows. Let us share the joy of the Risen One. And May the Virgin Mary, who at Easter rejoiced in her risen Son, help us to be joyful witnesses.

Pope Francis' Intention for April:

For the Role of Women: We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of Media; Survivors of Abuse; the Church; Human Work.

NEW VICAR GENERAL

Bishop Mark has appointed Canon Jonathan as one of the Vicars General of the Diocese. The Vicar General assists the Bishop in the governing of the Diocese. Canon Phil Moore who is one of the other Vicars General of Shrewsbury Diocese is recovering from a serious illness for which he needs space and time. Therefore, Bishop Mark has appointed Canon Jonathan to work alongside the other Vicar General, Canon Michael Gannon. This involves new Diocesan responsibilities for Canon Jonathan but he will continue to undertake this while continuing as Parish Priest here. The Bishop is aware that he is Parish Priest of one of the largest parishes in the Diocese. Please keep Canon Jonathan in your prayers.

YOU CAN HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are grateful to the parishioners that recently agreed to become members of our Parish Pastoral Team. We are still keen to gain a couple more members. If you feel that you or someone you know would be suitable for this role in helping to make a difference to our parish community please email the parish office or speak to one of our priests.

PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL AND PALESTINE - 7PM TUESDAY 30TH APRIL IN CHURCH

In his Easter Message (Urbi et Orbi) Pope Francis said: "My thoughts go to the victims of the many conflicts worldwide, beginning with those in Israel and Palestine." He continued: "May the risen Christ open a path of peace for the war-torn peoples of those regions." As our parish response to the current situation there will be a candlelit service at 7pm on Tuesday 30 April to pray for lasting peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land. Please join us for this short time of quiet prayer and reflection. All welcome.

CONFIRMATION

Our Confirmation candidates' next session is this Wednesday 17th April (not Thursday as it has been on previous weeks) 7-9pm at Blessed Thomas Holford school.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

At the 12.15pm Mass on Saturday 20th April, our First Holy Communion children (those not at St Vincent's school) will be making their First Holy Communion. We wish them a very special day. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH QUIZ - FRIDAY 10TH MAY

Please join us for a parish quiz at 8pm in Westleigh on Friday 10th May. Teams of 6, entry fee £3 per person, with a cash prize for the winning team. Either enter as a team or make new friends and be allocated to a team on the night! Numbers are limited so please sign up and pay your entry fee via the parish office by 6th May to reserve your place! John Moran will be our quiz master, with questions on a variety of topics to suit everyone, so come along and bring your own bottle for what promises to be a great night!

WALL BOXES

The Lenten Alms for Wellspring Charity for the Homeless in Stockport and St Francis Leprosy Charity produced £347.80 which will be split 50%. Thank you for your generosity.

The boxes are now for CAFOD, Caritas, SVP and Trafford Food Bank and any offerings are gratefully received. Besides money donations for Trafford Foodbank, they are also grateful to receive any of the following: Coffee, Instant mash, Tinned ham, Tinned vegetables, Custard, Sponge puddings, Tinned fruit, Rice pudding, Pasta sauce, Jam, Tinned spaghetti, Treats, chocolates etc, Tea, Rice, Cereals, Cordial, Toiletries, Antibacterial cleaning spray/cloths, Washing powder/liquid, Pet food. As usual they have plenty of Pasta, Soup and Beans. Please place items in the Foodbank box on the table at the back of church, thank you.

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT - SATURDAY 11 MAY AT 3PM

Romulus Singers invites you to their summer afternoon concert at Holy Angels Parish Hall, Hale Barns for a programme of light music including a cream tea served in the interval. Come and enjoy a glass of non-alcoholic fizz, scone with jam and cream, tea/coffee and, of course, some lovely music! Tickets for the concert should be purchased in advance using our online ticketing system. Visit www.romulus-singers.co.uk/my-spirit for full details and to buy tickets.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - 14th and 28th April 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 11th & 25th April
- ♦ 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

MANCHESTER MARATHON

This Sunday 14th is the Manchester Marathon which goes through Altrincham so a lot of roads near our church are closed. For road closure details visit <https://www.manchestermarathon.co.uk/road-closure-info/>

CAFOD / JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP

All welcome to join the next parish CAFOD/J&P group meeting in Westleigh at 7:30-9pm, Tuesday 16th April.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We have had a request from two Ukrainian refugees who would benefit from having bicycles to get to work and any medium sized clothes and size 42 footwear. If anyone could help please email the parish office. These would be very gratefully received.

OUR PARISH CENTRE, WESTLEIGH

Over the last year we have invested and continue to invest in ensuring that Westleigh, our parish centre, provides an excellent facility for our parishioners and the community. We wanted to remind you that you can hire out any of the rooms in Westleigh (large room downstairs and smaller meeting rooms upstairs) for meetings, parties, celebrations etc. If you are interested in finding out more about hiring out Westleigh please email Mary Mackenzie at svpwestleigh@outlook.com

CAP TALK

On Tuesday 23rd April, 6.30pm in Holy Angels Parish Hall. A speaker from CAP (Christians Against Poverty) is visiting to talk about the impact of poverty and how, as Christians, we can respond with hope, love and faith. There will be biblical insights into the topic of UK poverty alongside a personal experience of someone living with poverty. All welcome.

PILGRIMAGE TO SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO AND ASSISI

Fr Stephen Woolley and St Joseph's and Holy Family, Sale invite you to join this pilgrimage which takes place 22-28 September 2024. To reserve a place visit www.pilgrimagepeople.org or call 0800 6123423. More details on poster at back of church.

CLIMATE CHANGE - WHAT CAN PEOPLE OF FAITH DO?

Altrincham Interfaith Group invites you to this meeting at Wellington School, WA15 7RH on Thursday 19th April at 7pm-9pm. This meeting will give tips on how to minimise energy consumption both in the home and public buildings including places of worship. AIG hopes you will come along and bring along friends who might also be interested. Anything we can do to slow down global warming is surely vital to the future of our planet. Please contact Carolyn Jones at cjpjones43@gmail.com or 0161 445 6935 for admission. More details of the event are available on the poster on the church noticeboard..

APRIL LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Reduce water wastage.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Theodore Ellis and Camille & Imogene Carding who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers. Congratulations to Laura Marsden, Daniel Mayer, Ka Shun Chui, Ewen Garrod, Wing Kin Ho, Hong Yee Leung & Tsz Kwan Ng who were baptised and received into the church this Easter.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Sister Mary Margaret O'Neill, Jonathan Grace, Joe Holleran, Peter Hutchinson & 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, John Breen, 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, Barbara Lee, 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, 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, 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 7th April £1807.03 plus standing orders.

CAFOD Collection 6th/7th April £654.83.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 14th April 2024 Third Sunday of Easter	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Joseph Anthony Lloyd (RIP) Thomas O'Connor (ann) For the People of the parish Frances O'Hagan (RIP)
Monday 15th April 2024 <i>Monday of the third week of Eastertide</i>	08:45 12:15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem for Johnathan Grace <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 16th April 2024 <i>Tuesday of the third week of Eastertide</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Agnes and Eric Brown (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Frank Hitchen (ann)
Wednesday 17th April 2024 <i>Wednesday of the third week of Eastertide</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Joe Holleran
Thursday 18th April 2024 <i>Thursday of the third week of Eastertide</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Jospeh Anthony Lloyd (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Peter Hutchinson <i>Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions</i>
Friday 19th April 2024 <i>Friday of the third week of Eastertide</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> Tom Duffy (birthday memories) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Mick Sweeney & Karen Sweeney (ann)
Saturday 20th April 2024 <i>Saturday of the third week of Eastertide</i>	11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> First Holy Communion <i>Confessions</i> Thomas (Tommy) Stewart (ann)
Sunday 21st April 2024 Fourth Sunday of Easter	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Paul Rederick Thompson (ann) Dermot Dunleavy (RIP) John McKeown (RIP) 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 APRIL: 7th CAFOD and 21st - SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2; Psalter Week 3

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

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