



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Pentecost Sunday

19th May 2024

Pope Francis on the Holy Spirit

The older theologians used to say that the soul is a kind of sailboat, the Holy Spirit is the wind which fills its sails and drives it forward, and the gusts of wind are the gifts of the Spirit. Lacking his impulse and his grace, we do not go forward. The Holy Spirit draws us into the mystery of the living God and saves us from the threat of a Church which is gnostic and self-referential, closed in on herself; he impels us to open the doors and go forth to proclaim and bear witness to the good news of the Gospel, to communicate the joy of faith, the encounter with Christ. The Holy Spirit is the soul of mission. The events that took place in Jerusalem almost two thousand years ago are not something far removed from us; they are events which affect us and become a lived experience in each of us. The Pentecost of the Upper Room in Jerusalem is the beginning, a beginning which endures. The Holy Spirit is the supreme gift of the risen Christ to his apostles, yet he wants that gift to reach everyone. As we heard in the Gospel, Jesus says: "I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to remain with you forever" (Jn 14:16). It is the Paraclete Spirit, the "Comforter", who grants us the courage to take to the streets of the world, bringing the Gospel! The Holy Spirit makes us look to the horizon and drives us to the very outskirts of existence in order to proclaim life in Jesus Christ. Let us ask ourselves: do we tend to stay closed in on ourselves, on our group, or do we let the Holy Spirit open us to mission?

Pope Francis' Intention for May:

For the Formation of Religious Seminarians: We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel

During Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe; Human Life.; Seafarers.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - NEXT PROGRAMME 2024

We congratulate the young people who are currently making their First Holy Communion this May. We are now beginning the preparation for our young people in Year 3 and above, who are parishioners but not at a Catholic school, who would like to make their First Holy Communion. If you would like your child to prepare for their First Holy Communion, please email the parish office to request a prayer booklet. We ask that the young people complete this booklet and attend Mass regularly between now and September. In September you will be invited to apply for a place on the programme which takes place between September and ending with the First Holy Communion in December.

CONFIRMATION - NEXT PROGRAMME 2024/2025

We congratulate the 90 young people who were Confirmed last week in our church. We will start the next Confirmation programme for the Year 8 and above young people in our parish in September 2024. Please look out for more information about this programme.

WANTED—ALTAR SERVERS

If you have recently received your First Holy Communion, would you like to become an altar server? If so, please speak to one of our priests or email the parish office. 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.

NEW PRAYER GROUP

Emmaus Prayer Group - Fr Jonathan would like to start a prayer group to pray the Scriptures and intercede for the parish and the parishioners. He invites you to join him at Westleigh on Monday nights from 7pm-8pm beginning on Monday 3rd June. Everyone is very welcome, no one will be asked to speak unless they want to or to do anything embarrassing unless they want to! This group is simply for anyone who wants to pray whether they are a beginner, intermediate, advanced or incompetent prayer, that means everyone in this parish. Why not give it a go? Fr Jonathan looks forward to welcoming you.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA - JUNE 2025

After the success of our recent pilgrimages to Walsingham and Holy Island, we are now planning a parish pilgrimage to Fatima, taking place from the 9th to 13th June 2025. The cost per person in a twin/double room is £650 and for a single room is £700. The pilgrimage is organised by Ann Tipper with Northern Star Travel and we will fly as a group from Manchester Airport. If you are interested in finding out more about this pilgrimage please come along to a meeting in Westleigh at 7pm on Thursday 27th June 2024.

PARISH WALKING GROUP - SATURDAY 18TH MAY

The next walk starts and ends at the Golden Pheasant, Plumley where we can park. The address is the Golden Pheasant, Plumley Moor Road, Plumley, Knutsford, WA16 9RX. We meet at 10.00am at Westleigh. We will then 'car share' to Plumley. The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814 420969 or email:- helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place and to pre-order your meal.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN

Next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st of May at 7:30pm in 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5月21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)

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

The PPT minutes (8th May) are available to read on our [website](#) and copies are available at the back of church.

VIDEO GAME ENTHUSIAST REQUIRED

Are you a video game enthusiast? Help is needed in setting up the video games in Westleigh for use after the 10am Mass on a Sunday. Should you be able to assist please speak to Fr. Godlove or e-mail the parish office.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 26th May 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—23rd May
- ◆ 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

RCIA BAPTISMS

At the 11.30am Mass on Sunday 19th May, a few adults who have been on our RCIA programme this last year will be baptised. Please keep them in your prayers.

MAY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

Try to reduce water wastage in the home: Only boil as much water as you need and avoid leaving the shower on unless you are in it.

DI VOCI WOMEN'S CHOIR SUMMER CONCERT

Di Voci Women's Choir invite you to their Summer Concert 'A Tree of Song' featuring cellists Eva Jones and Elena Edwards at St George's Parish Church, Altrincham, WA14 4TT on Saturday 18th May at 2.30pm.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL—OPEN DAY 2024

Loreto Grammar School is holding its annual Open Day on Saturday, 29th June 2024. Further information is available at www.loretogrammar.co.uk under 'Admissions', 'Open Day 2024—for year 7 entry in September 2025'.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL—ALUMNAE TEA AND CAKES

Loreto Grammar School is holding Alumnae Tea and Cakes on Saturday, 29th June 2024 between 1:30pm—3:30pm for any former Loreto students who would like to attend. For catering purposes please RSVP to alumnae@loretogrammar.co.uk

INTERFAITH TEA PARTY

The Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) invites you to join them for afternoon tea on Sunday 19th May from 3-5pm at Blessed Thomas Holford's. Dr Mona Dillon will give a talk on the Bahá'í understanding of 'Different religions, one purpose'. There are a handful of tickets left, please contact your AIG contact Dominique at mdodarcy@gmail.com to reserve yours (see poster at the back of church).

VISIT OF PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE & FATIMA RELICS

On Saturday 15th June, from 10.00am-4.00pm, the World Apostolate of Fatima will visit the parish of Our Lady & St Christopher, Romiley, with the relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco and the Centenary Pilgrim Statue of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The statue was blessed at the Chapel of the Apparitions in Fatima. Pope St John Paul II invited us to receive the light of Fatima. The Fatima message of reparation, repentance and peace is still relevant to us today. The day includes Mass, Confession, film on the story of Fatima and Investiture and Enrolment of the Brown Scapular for those who wish to receive it. Please bring a packed lunch – hot and cold drinks provided. Please see poster in porch for full details.

VACANCY

Blessed Thomas Holford Catholic College is seeking to recruit a School Chaplain. For information please visit <https://www.bthcc.org.uk/vacancies>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Beau Colas, Albert Connolly, Ethan Kumar and Harry Pollitt 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 Brenda Brown & all those whose anniversaries occur around this time including Bernard Coffey and Rafael Gomez .

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, Susan Brennan, Jane Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, Olivia Cashmore, John Cawfield, Margaret Chisnall, 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, 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, Maria, 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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Mass Schedule

Sunday 19th May 2024 Pentecost Sunday	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Simon De Maria (RIP) Nancy Roscow (RIP) RCIA Adults For the People of the Parish
Monday 20th May 2024 <i>Mary, Mother of the Church</i>	08:00 08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	Awoweh Desmond (RIP) Mass in Spanish <i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Paul Barnes (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 21st May 2024 <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> David Kane (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Frank Heenan
Wednesday 22nd May 2024 <i>Optional Memorial: St Rita of Cascia</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rita Lomax (RIP)
Thursday 23rd May 2024 <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Eternal High Priest</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00-18:45	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> John Yearsley (intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Louis Thomason (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions</i>
Friday 24th May 2024 <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</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> Angela Harris (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> The Hancock Family
Saturday 25th May 2024 <i>St Bede the Venerable</i>	11:30 11:30-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Seamus Glynn Wedding of Chloe Rosalind O'Driscoll & George Bizzell <i>Confessions</i> James Auroze (RIP)
Sunday 26th May 2024 The Most Holy Trinity	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Freda and Alf Tanner John O'Gara Deceased Vincentians 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 & by request

RETIRING COLLECTIONS IN MAY: 5th CAFOD and 19th- 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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