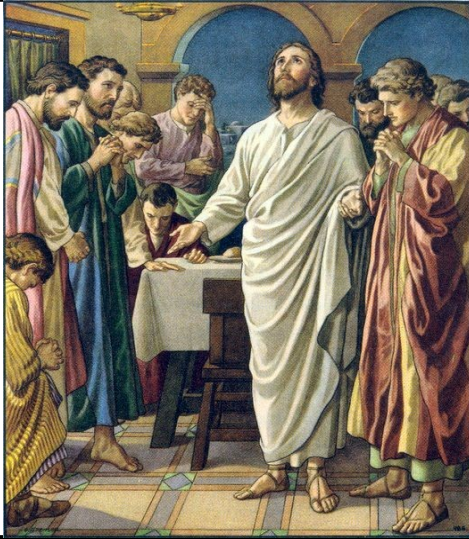




St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Seventh Sunday of Easter

12th May 2024

Pope Benedict on The Ascension

Let us return once more to the ending of Luke's Gospel.

Jesus led his followers into the vicinity of Bethany, we are told. "Lifting up his hands he blessed them. While he blessed them, he parted from them, and was carried up into heaven" (24:50-1).

Jesus departs in the act of blessing. He goes while blessing, and he remains in that gesture of blessing. His hands remain stretched out over this world. The blessing hands of Christ are like a roof that protects us. But at the same time, they are a gesture of opening up, tearing the world open so that heaven may enter in, may become "present" within it.

The gesture of hands outstretched in blessing expresses Jesus' continuing relationship to his disciples, to the world.

In departing, he comes to us, in order to raise us up above ourselves and to open up the world to God. That is why the disciples could return home from Bethany rejoicing. In faith we know that Jesus holds his hands stretched out in blessing over us. That is the lasting motive of Christian joy.

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 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.

CHURCH LIBRARY OPEN MORNING

Do you need a 'faith-lift'? Come to Westleigh, next door to church! on Sat 11th May, 10.00am- 12noon) for coffee and home-made cake and the opportunity to find a Christian book to give you a boost. (If you can't manage the stairs at Westleigh, coffee, cake and a list of all our books can be brought downstairs for you to make your choice).

NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD MISSION APPEAL

At the Masses this weekend, 11th/12th May, we welcome Barbara Charles from Network for a Better World, a lay missionary group which works for the relief of poverty with specific support for women and children in a rural mission parish in Southern Malawi. She will speak about the work of the organisation and how we can all be involved in the mission of the Church overseas. There will be a retiring collection in support of their work.

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. The walk is approximately 4.75 miles, with a handful of stiles and possibly muddy in places. 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)

RCIC BAPTISMS

At the 6.30pm Mass on Sunday 12th May, a few older children will be baptised who have been on our RCIC programme with Fr Godlove. Please keep them in your prayers.

RCIA BAPTISMS

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

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.

VISIT OF PIGRIM 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 Statute 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.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 12th & 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

MAY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Try to reduce water wastage in the home: Only boil as much water as you need; avoid leaving the shower on unless you are in it.

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT - SATURDAY 11 MAY AT 3PM

Romulus Singers invites you to their summer concert at Holy Angels Parish Hall for a programme of light music including a cream tea 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.

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).

A DAY FOR CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

You are invited to a day with the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Bishop Mark Davies for confirmation catechists and all those interested. It is a day exploring the Sacrament of Confirmation, best practice and an opportunity to network with catechists from across the diocese. The Mission for Catechesis Team and the Diocesan Youth Team will be in attendance to offer their support on the day. Join us on May 18th, 10am-4pm at St Mary's Parish. Centre, 65 Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX. To find out more, contact Natalie Orefice on 07730 526826 or natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or sign up here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-day-for-catechists-in-the-diocese-of-shrewsbury-tickets-851383700567>

YEAR OF PRAYER 2024

Come and join our online webinar with Sycamore. Pope Francis has asked that 2024 be a 'Year of Prayer', as a preparatory year for the Jubilee Year of 2025. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to get the most out of the prayer pathway on Sycamore! On Wednesday 15th May 7pm-8pm. Email Natalie Orefice for the link to join: Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

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 Thomas Blissett, Alissa Gallagher and Aiden Griffiths 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.

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, 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 Raybade, 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

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
Sheila Carr: 0161 928 7432

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 5th May £1836.71 plus standing orders.
The CAFOD Sudan emergency collection has raised £814.75 with £40 gift aid.
Thank you for your generosity.
The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025

Mass Schedule

Sunday 12th May 2024 Seventh Sunday of Easter	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the parish Tume Patrick (RIP) Kathleen Ann McMorran (RIP) RCIC children
Monday 13th May 2024 <i>Optional Memorial: Our Lady of Fatima</i>	08:45 11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alphons Alex & Rosily Joseph <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 14th May 2024 <i>St. Matthias, Ap</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Nancy Roscow (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Madeline O'Connor (RIP)
Wednesday 15th May 2024 <i>Wednesday of the seventh week of Eastertide</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary Slade (ann)
Thursday 16th May 2024 <i>Thursday of the seventh week of Eastertide</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00-18:45	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Kathleen Martin <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Raquel Pena (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions</i>
Friday 17th May 2024 <i>Friday 10th May</i> <i>Friday of the seventh 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> Patrick Surrey (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> William Wilkinson (RIP)
Saturday 18th May 2024 <i>Saturday of the seventh week of Eastertide</i>	10:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	St Vincent School First Holy Communion NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction NO Confessions Wedding of Chloe Gallimore and Huw Arthur <i>Confessions</i> Ena Glogovski (RIP)
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

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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