



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 16th June 2024

The Eleventh Sunday of the Year

Jesus came to proclaim and inaugurate the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom is the reign or rule of God: “the kingdom of God is ... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Rom 14:17). In today’s Gospel Jesus uses parables to proclaim the Kingdom. The images he uses are taken from agriculture. In the first image he describes the Kingdom as like a man throwing seed on his land. Other than throwing the seed and ensuring that the soil is sound the Sower cannot force the seed to grow. The seed grows night and day. In world where so much is controlled and we desire to control, the parable reminds us that we cannot control God and His Kingdom. We are called to play our part as the Sower who scatters the seed, but growth and the harvest belong to God. The second image that Jesus uses is the mustard seed. It is a tiny seed and yet it becomes the biggest bush. This reminds us that the Kingdom does not depend on size or numbers. The Kingdom may appear small, but it is powerful. This may encourage when we see that evil seems to attract so many and in the face of it the Kingdom seems so small. Despite its apparent smallness and weakness, the Kingdom of God is more powerful than any evil. Both parables remind of the importance of patience. The Sower must wait while the seed germinates and grows. It takes time for the mustard seed to become a great bush. These parables remind us that the hand of God is slow but sure. Jesus Christ is the King of the reign of God. He uses parables to proclaim the Kingdom because the Kingdom is a mystery that is something greater than our ability to grasp and parables and images enable us to enter the mystery of God and His Kingdom.

Pope Francis’ Intention for June:

For Migrants Fleeing Their Homes: We pray that migrants fleeing from war or hunger, forced to undertake journeys full of danger and violence; find welcome and new opportunities in the countries that receive them.

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.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024/2025

We are pleased to announce that the application process is now open for the Confirmation Programme which begins in September 2024 with monthly Sunday afternoon meetings, preparing for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2025. Please complete the [application form](#) along with the other documents requested, including the letter from the young person to Fr Jonathan as detailed in the letter with the form. The form can be found on our website in the '[Notice board](#)' section or can be collected from the back of church. Please return the completed form and supporting documents by Sunday 7th July to the parish office in the presbytery. Please note that there will be only 50 places available and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority to parishioners.

SUPPORT OUR NEW CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2024/2025

As noted above, an exciting new process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in September. We are looking to get more support in delivering this programme alongside our priests, Su Edwards and our current catechists, so if you feel you could offer some support whether it be as a Catechist, serving drinks and snacks or supporting the team in anyway, we would be keen to hear from you. If you feel you could offer some support please email parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk or speak to one of our priests. Thank you.

NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

For anyone interested in becoming an Altar Server, Fr. Godlove will be providing training at 5:12pm on Sunday, 23rd June, (including 18:30pm Mass). If possible please e-mail the parish office to register your interest however, you are welcome to just turn up.

PRAY AND REFLECT: THE GENERAL ELECTION - SEEKING THE COMMON GOOD

The Bishops of England and Wales have produced materials to help Catholics prepare for the General Election. In his introduction Cardinal Vincent Nichols says: "Gospel values inform how we look at the world as Christians. These values can also offer a different way of looking at politics, a way that puts the common good before self-interest. Throughout this election season we will be seeking answers which will help the poor, the marginalised, and the vulnerable. We seek a society in which all families can flourish and where we care for our common home, where we offer a welcoming hand to strangers in need, where we look out for those struggling to get on. We seek, therefore, political leaders who can reflect and share these values. As our parish response there will be a service of reflection, scripture readings, prayer and music in an atmosphere of gentle quiet as we listen to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. All welcome. 7pm Wednesday 19 June.

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 at prayer - that means everyone in this parish. Why not give it a go? Fr Jonathan looks forward to welcoming you.

REFUGEE DAY OUT - GAMES / TOY APPEAL

Revive Refugee Charity is organising a day out (using money raised by the parish from the Romulus Concert) for refugees on Saturday 22nd June with the help of Loreto Grammar. Sr Eileen is looking for toys/games in good condition ages 0 to 18! Please leave in box at back of church by Thursday 20th.

HAS YOUR ADDRESS CHANGED RECENTLY?

A Summer edition of the Vineyard will be available in late July. To ensure that the Parish Register is up-to-date, please urgently provide your new address. You can email it to the parish office. Many thanks.

THANK YOU -NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD

Barbara Charles, Secretary at Network for a Better World expresses her deep gratitude for the generosity of the parishioners for raising £1278.50 after their appeal. Thank you.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 23rd June 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— 20th June
- ◆ 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

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA INFORMATION MEETING - 27TH JUNE AT 7PM

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. If you cannot attend this meeting but are interested please email the parish office.

MARIAPOLIS - THURSDAY 25TH -SUNDAY 28TH JULY 2024

MARIAPOLIS, is a family friendly event/get together of people wanting to foster unity in our divided world. The event is organised through the Focolare Movement. The MARIAPOLIS is an event for people of all ages. It offers plenty of time for fun and relaxation in addition to its spiritual programs. This year's MARIAPOLIS will be held at Harper Adams University, Newport, Shropshire. It offers several residential options from full board to camping. It is also possible to just come for a day's participation or - for those who live near the venue - to travel each day (but be aware that there are activities in the evening as well). More information at: <https://www.focolare.org/gb/mariapolis-bookings-are-open-now/> To book please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/0UkVW1671LV> Alternatively contact Gerry Murphy: murphygerry@hotmail.com / 07729 541996.

AN EVENING WITH DR BILL KEIMIG - MONDAY 24TH JUNE 7.30PM

On Monday 24th June at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns WA15 0HG, Dr Bill Keimig, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the USA, will lead an evening filled with laughter, inspiration and wisdom as he shares his insights and experiences of parish renewal and leading RCIA. This is open to all and especially to volunteers, catechists and those who are curious! This promises to be a fantastic evening, so please sign up early via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757>. For any further details please contact Natalie Orefice, Diocesan Mission Catechist natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or telephone 07730 526826.

IGNITE 2024 - 23RD-26TH AUGUST

Ignite is a Catholic Teens Conference for Year 9 to Year 13 taking place 23rd to 26th August 2024 at Worth School, Crawley, RH10 4SD. For more information please pick up a leaflet at the back of church or visit www.jesuyouth.co.uk

PLEASE HELP 'LET'S END POVERTY'

Caritas Shrewsbury are part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, at the General Election? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>

JUNE LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE - Install a water butt in your garden instead of using a hosepipe.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Oscar Pickering and Isaac Bilas who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Klaire Labador and Chester Martinez who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Sr Elizabeth Boyle, Margaret, Marcella, Clara Branklin, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include James Ainsworth, Michael Anderson, Robert Anderson, Maria Ariyaratnam, 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, Eliza Jenkins, 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, Marie Utton, 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
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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection June 9th 1740.65 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 16th June 2024 <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Susan McGowan (ann) Marshall Bickers (Fathers Day remembrance) Albert Roylance (Fathers Day remembrance)
Monday 17th June 2024 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 11:00 BV 11:00 12:15 13:30 18:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Feast of St. Emily</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eileen Leckie (ann) Wedding of Klaire Labador and Chester Martinez <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 18th June 2024 <i>Ferial</i>	08:45 10.00 BV 11:00 12.15	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> No Mass due to Feast of St. Emily <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alban Timmons (RIP)
Wednesday 19th June 2024 <i>Optional Memorial: St Romuald</i>	08:45 11:00 12.15 19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brigit Biesty (ann) Pray and Reflect - General Election
Thursday 20th June 2024 <i>Optional Memorial: St Alban</i>	08:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00-19:00	<i>Morning Prayer of the Church</i> Elizabeth McGowan (Get Well) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Kathleen Chhirema (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration with Confessions</i>
Friday 21st June 2024 <i>St. Aloysius Gonzaga</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> Adrian Hulme (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Brian Hassall (RIP)
Saturday 22nd June 2024 <i>SS John Fisher, B & Thomas More</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:00 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Mr. P. J. Kennedy (ann) Sri Lankan Mass <i>Confessions</i> Mr. P. J Kennedy (ann)
Sunday 23rd June 2024 <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Mildred (Milly) Stewart (ann) Bruce Hotter (RIP) Christine Duffy (ann)

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 JUNE: 16th- 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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