



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 15th September 2024

Who do you say I am?

In Mk 8, 27-35, Jesus asks two big questions: a broad one, and a specific one. He begins with 'Who do [people] say I am?' (Mk 8, 27); and moves on to the personal question of 'Who do [you] say I am?' (Mk 8, 29). Both questions are addressed to us today. Who do people say Jesus is? And for us, who is Jesus? If we listen to the loud and secularised voice of the world, Jesus almost means nothing. However, as people of faith, Jesus is everything. This conviction should not end as a matter of faith alone. It should and must be accompanied by concrete and congruent actions. This is highlighted in the second reading (Jm 2, 14-18) where we are told that 'Faith is like that: if good works do not go with it, it is quite dead' (Jm 2, 17). It was this combination of faith and actions that led to the disciples being called 'Christians' (Acts 11, 26), because they lived out their faith. We too, are called to live out our faith in every sphere of our lives.

In line with who Jesus is to us, and the vitality of consistently and personally living out our faith, Pope Francis in his April 20th 2015 address, highlights that, 'it is more important than ever to emphasise the spiritual and religious dimension of human life. In a society increasingly marked by secularism and threatened by atheism, we run the risk of living as if God did not exist. People are often tempted to take the place of God, to consider themselves the criterion of all things, to control them, to use everything according to their own will. It is so important to remember, however, that our life is a gift from God, and that we must depend on him, confide in him, and turn towards him always.' It is therefore our 'responsibility to help preserve the religious sense of the men and women of today, and that of our society, by our witness to the sanctity of God and human life. God is holy, and the life he has given is holy and inviolable.'

Pope Francis' Intention for September

For the Cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climatic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

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

Students & Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; The Harvest; The Fruits of Human Work; and the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice & Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their Families.

SVP PULPIT APPEAL - 14/15th SEPTEMBER

This weekend there will be a brief pulpit appeal by the SVP at each Mass with members keen to chat with parishioners afterwards on the front lawn, weather permitting. There is continually a need for new members and helpers and please feel free to help yourself to information without obligation.

NEXT PARISH WALK - SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

The walk on the Wirral is around 5 miles long and we will be parking at the Cottage Loaf pub, 338 Telegraph Rd, Thurstaston, Wirral CH61 0HJ. The walk has some road walking, sandy tracks and bare rock, field paths and two stiles. Ascent up to 345 ft for a view over the dee estuary. We meet at 10.00am at Westleigh, then 'car share' to the Cottage Loaf. Travel time around 53 minutes. The pub is booked at 13.30pm for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814420969 or helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place and to pre order your meal by 09/06/2024. Disclaimer: Please note that all participants will be responsible for their own safety during the walk. The organisers will not be liable for any injuries or damages that may occur during the walk. Please ensure that you have appropriate footwear, clothing, and equipment for the walk

PRAY AND REFLECT SERVICE 20th SEPTEMBER - PEACE & RECONCILIATION IN PALESTINE & ISRAEL

The World Council of Churches invites faith-based communities around the world to join in a Week of Prayer for Peace in Palestine and Israel from 16 to 22 September. As our parish response, there will be a short service of prayer, reflection and music to pray for peace and reconciliation in the Holy Land, following the 7pm Mass on Friday 20 September. All are welcome. If you don't plan to attend the Mass, please arrive at 7.30pm.

WELCOME SUNDAY - 21/22 SEPTEMBER

Next weekend we will celebrate our annual Welcome Sunday at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 21st and at all Masses on Sunday 22nd September. This is an opportunity to come together as a parish community. After Mass there will be a chance to stay and chat with other parishioners whilst enjoying light refreshments. Please encourage other parishioners to come along. If you are able to assist with serving refreshments after Mass please sign your name and contact number on the sheet on the notice board in the porch or contact Ruth Holland : 07828 861934.

RED MISSIO BOXES

The Missio boxes will be collected during the next few weeks. Last year, St Vincent's gave over £9000 to this mission. Thank you to all our box holders and those who give directly to Missio.

ST VINCENT'S RAINBOW UNIT - 7TH ALTRINCHAM - HELPERS NEEDED

Many of you will already be familiar with our Rainbow Unit. Perhaps your daughter has already enjoyed being a Rainbow with us or maybe you are hoping that your daughter will be able to join us. Although we currently have a wonderful team supported by a parent rota enabling us to give our Rainbows a fabulous experience we are always seeking to expand and develop our team. Would you be interested in becoming a Unit Helper and giving just one hour of your time each week? There is no necessity for you to have a daughter actually attending Rainbows or even to have been a Rainbow in the past. If not yourself, maybe a female relative or friend would be interested in joining us to have some fun. We are also looking for someone to become involved in some very basic Book Keeping - this person could be male or female and no experience is necessary. If you would like more information please call our Unit Leader Julia Stockton 07719725758 or email Julia.Stockton@btconnect.com

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT

On Saturday 5 October 7.45pm. Romulus Singers invite you to their autumn concert, "Goodnight Moon", in Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns. Tickets cost £12 (Adult), £5 (Child/Student) and can be purchased in advance using our online ticketing system or on the door. Visit www.romulus-singers.co.uk/goodnightmoon for full details and to buy tickets.

SEPTEMBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Share cars and offer lifts to others where possible.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 22nd September 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.
- ◆ Emmaus Prayer Group - 7-8pm Mondays in Westleigh
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh— 26th September
- ◆ 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

MARIPOSA COFFEE MORNINGS

As part of the Mariposa Connections Loneliness Prevention Action, the Lady of the Vale Nursing Home invites anyone over 65 who requires companionships for a regular get together on alternate Thursdays starting on 12th September. These will take place at the Lady of the Vale Nursing Home, Grange Road, Bowdon, WA14 3HA from 11-12pm and will include a chance to meet other people and also a hot drink and a biscuit or two!

MANCHESTER GRACE MISSION, 25-27 OCTOBER 3-DAY HEALING & DELIVERANCE RETREAT

This 3 day retreat taking place at St Hilda's, Northenden, Our Lady's, Moss Side and St Ambrose, Manchester will be led by international preacher, Br Sajith Joseph, Grace Community Global, a protestant pastor, along with Fr Pat Deegan, Fr Joel Yeboah and Jesus' Meals UK. Please follow this link to view the full [agenda](#). For details and registration email mission2024@jsmeals.co.uk ; text / WhatsApp 07783715773 / 07540989617/ 07950651115.

VISIT TO THE RELICS OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS

The Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis will be visiting St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20 and 23 September 2024. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirdo, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. Registration for veneration is now open and can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>

SCREENING OF 'UNPLANNED'

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) are holding a screening of 'Unplanned', a gripping film about one woman's journey from director of a Planned Parenthood abortion clinic to advocating for the unborn. This thought-provoking true story contains life-and-death encounters, a courtroom battle, and spiritual transformation that speaks hope and compassion into the political controversy that surrounds this issue. When? Sunday 15th September at 6.30pm. Where? Holy Angels Parish Hall, Wicker Lane, Hale Barns, Altrincham, WA15 0HG. The event is free with refreshments provided. Please note this is only suitable for those aged 15 and over. Any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY AGM

The AGM will be held at St Columba's Church (Newman Room), Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday 28 September at 2pm. All members of the Hospitality are invited to attend. Please forward any items to be discussed under AOB to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk by Saturday 14th September.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Mabel Dickson, Xander Lord and Xenna Lord 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 and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include James Ainsworth, Helen Altson, 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, Freddie Fenton, Vicky Gosnold, Stella Gould, Jane Grimshaw, Niel Halsall, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Thomas Higginbotham, Hayley Hill, Katie Holmes, Lucy Hunter, James Ireland, Martin Jones, H Khan, H & R Kelly, Nancy 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, John Shuttleworth, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Jocephon Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 8th September £1900.64 plus standing orders. The CAFOD Sudan Appeal collection totalled £1016.53
Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 15th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of The Parish Simon Harris (Anniversary) Dr. Maria Ariyaratnam (RIP) Sam Bottomley (RIP)
Monday 16th September <i>Ss Cornelius, P, M & Cyprian, B, M</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Laura Kilmartin (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 17th September <i>Optional Memorial: St. Robert Bellarmine</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Bill McCoy (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Paul Davies (RIP)
Wednesday 18th September <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Marshall & Alice Bickers (Anniversary)</i>
Thursday 19th September <i>Optional Memorial: St. Theodore of Canterbury St. Janarius</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00 -19:00	Kenny Bowen (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Veronica Starkey (Anniversary) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 20th September <i>Ss Andrew Kim TaegOn Paul ChOng Ha-sang & Companions</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00 20:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Flo May (RIP) Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Fr. Billy Donnelly Pray & Reflect - Peace in Palestine & Israel
Saturday 21st September <i>St. Matthew</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Ann Wardle Wedding of Frances Reilly & Joseph Hogan <i>Confessions</i> Joe Hession
Sunday 22nd September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	S. Jose (Special Intentions) Susan McGowan (Birthday Remembrance) For the People of The Parish Margaret Moran (RIP)

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 SEPTEMBER: SVP - 15th

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year B, Weekdays Cycle 2; Psalter Week 4

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

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