



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church  
Altrincham



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## Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 29th September 2024

We can take away two important lessons from the gospel for this Sunday. First, we see just how much God values our freedom and the immense significance of every human action in the eyes of God. Jesus indicates some human actions are of such magnitude that they have eternal consequences. Our dignity as human beings made in the image and likeness of God is rooted in our ability to respond freely to God's love, freely and generously given. The second important point to take from the Gospel is that there are many people who either do not know Jesus, or who have received a smaller share in his gifts and blessings than us in his Church, who are 'better people' or do more to extend his Kingdom than we do. We know this to be true by simply thinking about the people we know or have met. This point is further reinforced by the events that take place in our first reading. Although Eldad and Medad were not among the seventy elders chosen to receive a share in God's Spirit through the mediation of Moses, God himself gave them a share in this blessing and immediately they responded by proclaiming his word. Firstly, this shows us that whilst God's power is principally and ordinarily at work through the mediation of the Church, Christ's body (in the first reading, Moses who is a type of Christ is the chosen mediator) and God's power still exists and works outside the visible confines of the Church. Secondly, we can ask ourselves a question: would we respond as generously and quickly to God's promptings as Eldad and Medad? Whilst we ought to be humbled by all of this, we should also ask to receive the virtue of magnanimity, to recognise and strive to live in accordance with the exalted vocation that God has bestowed on us his Church. Being baptised and enlightened by Christ and being members of His Church, we have a greater share in God's knowledge and therefore access to realities that others do not. Yet, because we have greater gifts, we also have greater responsibility, and it is of this that Jesus is trying to remind us in the Gospel: "To the one that more is given more is expected" (LK 12:48).

### **Pope Francis' Intention for October**

For the a Shared Mission: We pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

### **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.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2025

In 2025 we will be arranging two parish pilgrimages:

**York Pilgrimage:** Monday 24th to Wednesday 26th March 2025. A pilgrimage to York following in the footsteps of St Margaret Clitherow which will include a visit to Harrogate, celebrating Mass at the Bar Convent and a visit to Thirsk. The cost for 2 nights half board will be £225 per person for a twin or double room and £270 for a single room (limited availability). If you are interested in attending this pilgrimage, please email or call the parish office.

**Fatima Pilgrimage:** Monday 9th to Friday 13th June 2025. We still have places available for our pilgrimage to Fatima. 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. Please contact the parish office by email or phone to request a booking form.

## 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.

## 'FRIDAY CLUB'

Our next get-together will be on Friday 4th October at Westleigh 2pm to 4.30pm. In addition to the usual refreshments and free raffle we will be showing the classic Audrey Hepburn film "Breakfast at Tiffany's". All parishioners and friends are welcome.

## CAFOD'S FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL – HARVEST(FRIDAY 4 OCTOBER)

CAFOD are working hard to help relieve climate and conflict struggles in over 40 countries supporting people such as David, a young man in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, who is carving a better future for his family with carpentry skills he learned in a CAFOD-funded training centre. This weekend please collect a CAFOD Family Fast envelope from the church entrances and return it to the collectors on 5/6 October and you'll fund training, tools, equipment and safe spaces so more people like David can learn new skills and fulfil their God-given potential. You can also give online at [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope). There are electronic versions of most of our Family Fast Day parish resources available here at [cafod.org.uk/parish](https://cafod.org.uk/parish).

## LIBRARY OPEN MORNING

Our parish library began in 2000, so, if you haven't visited it yet, do come along on Saturday 28th September between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon, upstairs in Westleigh. Borrowing from our wide range of Christian books is free as are coffee/tea and home-made cake.

## PREPARATION FOR SACRAMENTS

Please pray for the young people of our Parish who have begun their preparation for First Holy Communion, Confirmation and RCIC. We ask that you keep the young people and their families in your prayers.

First Holy Communion - Session 1 is at 5.45pm Monday 30th October in Westleigh

Confirmation - Session 2 is at 4.30pm Sunday 6th October in Westleigh.

Please note that these programmes are both fully booked.

## PLAYSTATION ASSISTANCE

Are you a PlayStation enthusiast? We are looking for someone who is able to assist in setting up the PlayStation after 10am Mass on Sundays in Westleigh. Please speak to Fr Godlove or email the parish office if you can assist.

## ST. VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING

St Vincent's Catholic Primary School open morning is on Thursday 17 October. St Vincent's welcomes prospective parents to see the school and nursery in action. There will be a presentation about St Vincent's giving information about the school and the application process. This will be followed by a tour. Please let your family and friends know about the open morning. St Vincent's is an inclusive community which values and celebrates diversity. All are very welcome to come along and apply for a place. If you would like to come along, please see their website to register for one of their tours on the admission webpage. St Vincent's Catholic Primary School Trafford: Admissions [stvincents.trafford.sch.uk](https://stvincents.trafford.sch.uk)

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ Children's Liturgy - 13th and 27th October 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— 10th and 24th October
- ♦ 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

### SVP DISTRICT FESTIVAL

On Saturday October 5th, the SVP will be holding an afternoon festival at St. Joseph's Church Hall, Sale, from 1pm. Although the event lasts all afternoon, anyone interested in the work of the SVP is welcome to come along for part of the day; and the guest speaker, Vince McAllister, will give a 40 minutes presentation on the Mini Vinnies, SVP Youth Camps and Food Banks from 2.40pm to 3.20pm. There will be opportunities to chat to SVP members throughout the day. No booking is necessary but you may wish to let the SVP know on 0161 941 3498 if you intend to come to give us an idea of numbers.

### 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](http://www.romulus-singers.co.uk/goodnightmoon) for full details and to buy tickets.

### VISIT MY MOSQUE

As part of the national "Visit my Mosque: Sharing Stories" initiative, the Altrincham Hale and Muslim Association (AHMA) invite you to join them this Saturday 28th September from 2.30-4pm, for talks, a mosque tour and drinks at the Islamic Cultural Centre, 56-62 Grove Lane, Hale WA15 8JG, Please confirm your place here: [events@ahma.co.uk](mailto:events@ahma.co.uk)

### VACANCY

The Governors of St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated Teacher of Religious Education to begin in January 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs>

### LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL: SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Loreto Grammar School warmly invites students currently in Year 11, who would like to explore our rich and ambitious offer, to attend our open evening on **Thursday 17th October, 5:30-8pm**. Loreto Grammar is an all girls Catholic Grammar School founded in the vision of Mary Ward. We are a happy community where our results ranked us 23rd nationally for our A Level results this year. More details can be found on our website <https://www.loretogrammar.co.uk/215/welcome-to-loreto-grammar-sixth-form>, no pre-registration needed just come along on the evening.

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

### OUR PARISH FAMILY

**We welcome into God's Family** Sofia Sillence and Edith Lau who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Congratulations to** Frances Reilly and Joseph Hogan who were married here recently.

**Requiescant in Pace** Please pray for those who have died recently including Patricia Samuels, Elaine McPherson, Keith Robertshaw, Liam Higgins 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 Pangelis, Krzysztof Pietrzak, Paul Raybede, Reece, Glen Reed, Jackie Reed, Mark Reed, 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

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#### MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 22nd September £1886.03 plus standing orders.

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# Mass Schedule

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| Sunday<br>29th September<br><i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                       | Sheila Sands (ann)<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Angela Prior<br>Susan McGowan (Birthday Memories)                                                                                          |
| Monday<br>30th September<br><i>St Jerome</i>                            | 11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                               | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Mary & Stephen Rooker (intentions)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                                                                             |
| Tuesday<br>1st October<br><i>St Theresa of the Child Jesus</i>          | 10:00 BV<br><b>11.00</b><br><br>12.15                 | Dr Fred Fomm (RIP)<br><b>Funeral Service for Patricia Samuels</b><br><b>NO Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</b><br>Albert Roylance (ann)                                                  |
| Wednesday<br>2nd October<br><i>Guardian Angels</i>                      | 11.00<br>12.15                                        | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Michael Mottram (birthday intentions)                                                                                                          |
| Thursday<br>3rd October<br><i>Ferial</i>                                | 10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00 -19:00            | Margaret Flargy (intentions)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><b>Requiem Mass for Elaine McPherson</b><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>               |
| Friday<br>4th October<br><i>St Francis of Assisi</i>                    | 11:00<br>12:15<br><br><b>13:30</b><br>18:30<br>19:00  | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Barry Welsh (ann)<br><b>NO Confessions after Mass</b><br><b>Wedding of Lauren Thornton and David Horrocks</b><br><i>Rosary</i><br>Mary Shovlin |
| Saturday<br>5th October<br><i>St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska</i>   | 11:00<br>11:00-12:00<br>12:15<br>16:30-17:15<br>17:30 | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Deceased members of the Murphy and Guino families<br><i>Confessions</i><br>Theresa Hession (birthday)                    |
| Sunday<br>6th October<br><i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>  | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                       | S. Jose (special intention)<br>Jimmy Igoe (ann and birthday intentions)<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Jim McNairney (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

**OCTOBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS:** 6th - CAFOD & 20th SVP

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

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

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