



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th September 2024

He has done all things well.

In today's Gospel (Mk 7, 31-37), the above words are used by those around Jesus to describe him because of their unbounded admiration of why and how he did what he did. As followers of Christ, we are encouraged to follow suit by doing all things well. This time of the year presents an ideal opportunity to live out this Christ-like example in and around our surroundings because many of us are, or will be returning from the summer holidays and would be moving back to our 'normal' lives. After resting and replenishing our physical, psychological and spiritual batteries over the holidays, we are called to 'do all things well' in our daily activities. This means working well, for "to work is to participate in the work of God. Work is a form of love and a path to sanctity" (General Audience, May 1, 2013). Thus, whether we are returning to school, off to university for the first time, starting a new job or returning to our usual place of work; cooking, cleaning, gardening, looking after our grandchildren, etc, let us put in our best such that we emulate our Lord in 'doing all things well'.

At times what we do would be recognised by others, and at other times, it'll be discreet. However, the publicity or discretion of our actions/work should not stop us from aiming to give in our best. In the aforementioned Gospel passage, our Lord healed the deaf man by 'taking him aside in private.' His aim was not to receive praise for the good work he did. If anything, he 'ordered them to tell no one about it' (Mk 7, 36). Let us therefore open our ears to hear the Word of God, and use our talents to serve Him in and through the people we come across in our daily lives. In summary, let us put in our best, such that God can say of us that we have done things well!

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.

WELCOME BACK!

At this time of year we enjoy welcoming parishioners back from summer holidays and we wish all our children, young people and teachers a good start to their new academic year. We are pleased to inform you that this Sunday 8th September we restart Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass and our Children's Liturgy at the 10am Mass. Thank you to all those who support, deliver and organise these activities for all parishioners to enjoy. Our annual Welcome Sunday will take place the weekend of 22nd September when everyone is invited to stay for refreshments after all the weekend Masses.

FRIDAY CLUB

The new season opens on Friday 6th September in Westleigh from 2.00pm to 4.30pm. The programme will start with a session of Bingo followed by a film 'The Bishop's Wife', a comedy which has been suggested by one of our members. The proceedings will end with the usual free raffle. All parishioners and friends are welcome.

CAFOD - SUDAN CRSIS APPEAL - RETIRING COLLECTION SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal after Mass or at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it. Thank you for your generosity and prayers. You can also text CAFODSUDAN to 70450 to donate £10.

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 - 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.

SVP PULPIT APPEAL

Next weekend (Sept.14/15th.) 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.

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. In addition, 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

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 8th and 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.
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh— 12th and 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
- ◆ Rainbows— Wednesdays in term time at 6-7pm 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!

PAUSE FOR HOPE

St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lance, Chester, invites you to an Ecumenical Service at 3pm on Sunday 15th September to pause for hope and pray for all those affected in any way by cancer. No tickets are required, please just come along. For more information visit www.pauseforhope.org.uk

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.

FOUNDATION GOVERNOR—BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Blessed Thomas Holford is looking for a new Foundation Governor who will be appointed by the Diocese of Shrewsbury. If you are interested in supporting your local Catholic school please email blessedthomas.admin@trafford.gov.uk to find out more about the school and the application process.

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 advocate 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. All most welcome. 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.

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Eliza Jenkins, Yi Nam Ho, Yi Ching Ho, Orla Daly, Zachary Jin and Sebastian Jin who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Dominik Grudzinski & Agnieszka Hancock and David Beranek & Susanah Branney who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Mary Josephine Marr, Bernadette Kathleen Kay, Kasia Sankowska 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, Jocelyn 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 25th August £1704.03 & 1st September £1816.28 plus standing orders. Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 8th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Thomas Alex & Sebastian Benedict (Thanksgiving) Vincent Connaughton (80th birthday) Fr Anthony Cogliolo (RIP) For the People of the Parish
Monday 9th September <i>Optional Memorial: St. Peter Claver</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Barbara Lee <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 10th September <i>Optional Memorial: St. Ambrose Barlow</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Ollie Muloony (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Frank Kenny (Get Well)
Wednesday 11th September <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Myles & Annie Somers (RIP)
Thursday 12th September <i>Optional Memorial: Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00 -19:00	Paul Yearsley (Birthday Intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary Hyam (100th Birthday Anniversary) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 13th September <i>St. John Chrysostom</i>	11:00 12:15 13:30 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John De Maria (Anniversary) NO Confessions after Mass Wedding of Eimear Donnelly & James Torr <i>Rosary</i> George & Ann Farrow (Repose of the Souls)
Saturday 14th September <i>Exaltation of The Holy Cross</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Christina & Patrick Myers (50th Wedding Anniversary) <i>Confessions</i> Yearsley Family Intentions
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 Sam Bottomley (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: CAFOD Sudan appeal - 8th & SVP - 15th

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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