



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 6th October 2024

In our gospel this Sunday, Christ presents us with the opportunity to reflect upon the sources of unity and division in the spiritual life. Principally, what unites us with God and with each other is Charity. That which separates us from Christ and creates division in his body the Church, is the reality of sin. First, we are united to God in Charity through our baptism when God's love is poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who is given to us (Rom 5,5). This same Holy Spirit is the communion of love that exists between the Father and the Son in the perfect unity which is the Holy Trinity. Moreover, not only is divine charity poured out into our souls at baptism, but our soul is cleansed of original sin which divided us from God and one another. As such, through our baptism we are united to each other in charity as brothers and sisters in Christ and as members of his body. These unitive bonds of love are strengthened further by the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Through worthy reception of our Lord's body and blood, we are united with him in the most intimate union possible, this side of heaven. As St. Augustine of Hippo remarked in one of his Easter sermons, "we become what we receive". It is also through our communion in Christ's body and blood, that we become united in charity with one another. This is so because by consuming Christ's body, we become his body, which is the Church. In this sense, we can say that it is Eucharist that makes the Church. That our union with one another in this sacrament, is a union forged in love is undeniable, because the Holy Eucharist re-presents Christ's passion and death, the greatest act of love in human history. It is in our communion with God and with each other that we discover the purpose of our creation, spoken of in our first reading. Moreover, it is in Christ's abiding presence in the Holy Eucharist that we realise that "man is never alone" because through it He is "with us always, even to the end of the age" (Mt 28, 20).

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.

MONDAY, 7TH OCTOBER, FEAT OF THE HOLY ROSARY, A DAY OF FASTING AND PRAYER FOR PEACE

On the anniversary of the Hamas attack on Israel, Pope Francis has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace. He himself will recite the Rosary publicly at the Papal Basilica of St Mary Major in Rome. In response to the Holy Father's call all parishioners are invited, (who are able and according to their state of health), to fast and pray for this intention. In union with the Holy Father, there will be opportunities to pray the Holy Rosary for peace, in church, at 8am, (Joyful mysteries); 10:30am, (mysteries of Light); 5:30pm, (Sorrowful mysteries); 8:pm, (Glorious mysteries). Everyone is invited to join in all or part of the public recitation of the Rosary for peace.

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2025

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.

'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 is 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. CAFOD collectors will be at the back of church this weekend, 5/6 October to receive any donation envelopes if you would like to support the work that they do. You can also give online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. There are electronic versions of most of our Family Fast Day parish resources available here at cafod.org.uk/parish.

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. Please note that these programmes are all fully booked.

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

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

Please visit the website Notice for the [September PPT minutes](#) and copies are available at the back of church.

PRAYERS FOR PEACE ON OCTOBER 7TH AT 7PM

The Altrincham Interfaith Group suggested at its recent meeting that people of all faiths might take 2 minutes' silence to pray for peace at this time and, if they wish, to place a lighted candle in a window at home or at their place of worship.

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

NEXT PARISH WALK - SATURDAY 19TH OCTOBER

The circular trail at Marbury Country Park is approximately 5.5 miles long, and we will be parking at the main car park (CW9 6AT, via Marbury Lane). Parking is £1.50 for 3 hours. The walk is generally flat and mostly paved, though there may be some muddy sections due to the recent wet weather. We will meet at 10:00 am at Westleigh and 'car share' to Marbury Country Park. Travel time is around 22 minutes. We will then drive to Cock O' Budworth (CW9 6HB) for a meal after the walk, which is booked for 1:00 pm 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 12/10/2024. 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.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Irenaeus Centre for Spirituality in Liverpool is facilitating the 'Life in the Spirit Seminars' from 15 October–19 November, on Tuesday evenings 7–8.30pm. You are invited to take this opportunity to meet Jesus and recognise the work of the Holy Spirit in your life. It is the gift of the Holy Spirit that kicks our faith into life. For those unable to attend in person, we can participate as a group(s) in our own local venues and homes on Zoom. We will be able to watch the presentation, and the sharing will take place at our own venues, known as 'Hubs'. If you are interested in taking part, or if you want further information, please contact Eddie Drozdziak at eddiebrozdziak@gmail.com so that we can assess numbers and arrange venues and groups.

VACANCIES

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 Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

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.

OCTOBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Consider having regular 'unplugged' days - no TV, phones or computers.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Seamus Scanlon and Isaac Bailey 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 Hilda Lewis, Keith Robertshaw, Christina Myers 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, Bernard Collins, 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, 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, Joseph 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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Mass Schedule

Sunday 6th October <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	S. Jose (special intention) Jimmy Igoe (ann and birthday intentions) For the People of the Parish Jim McNairney (ann)
Monday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rev Fr Peter Philips & Abraham Shaba (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 8th October <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11.00 12:15	Anne McDermott (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sheila Scotson (ann)
Wednesday 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	11.00 12.15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Starkey (ann)
Thursday 10th October <i>Optional Memorial: St Paulinus of York</i>	8:45 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00 -19:00	Fr. George Malecki (RIP) - Mass in Spanish NO MASS <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brian and Elizabeth Carroll (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 11th October <i>Optional Memorial: St John XIII</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Joe Holleran (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> John De Maria
Saturday 12th October <i>Optional Memorial: St Wilfrid</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 14:30 16:30-17:15 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Lorriane Flynn (ann) Wedding of Rebecca Najafi & James Moorhouse <i>Confessions</i> Dunkley Family
Sunday 13th October <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Theresa Thomas, Alex Thomas & Thomas Alex (birthday intentions) Salima Ladka (intentions) Mary Hyam (100th birthday anniversary) 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

OCTOBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 6th - CAFOD & 20th 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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