



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe 24th November 2024

In coming to understand more about who Jesus is, we begin to recognise more fully some fundamental truths about ourselves as human beings, and the reality of the kingdom of God. As we know from earlier chapters in the fourth Gospel, Christ is the Word (Jn 1, 1), and he is also the truth (Jn 14, 6). Yet, Jesus is not merely the Truth and the Word, but he is the Eternal Word and Eternal Truth. We hear this in (Mt 24, 35) “heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away, and in Jn 17, 17 “consecrate them in the truth, your word is truth”. What this tells us about human nature, is that in being created in and through God’s eternal word (Jn 1, 3), who is also truth, we are made in such a way that we are open to what is true. A question that may follow from this, is that if all are made in such a way as to be open to receiving the truth, why does everyone not understand and believe in Jesus Christ? The answer is: because Jesus’ is not only human but also divine. His message is not merely natural, so we require the supernatural gift of faith to assent to his teaching. As such, we could say those who are of the Truth (Jn 18, 37) are those who have faith. For those who believe, we can be certain what is revealed to us by Jesus is true, because the Jesus who reveals it, is himself the Truth. As a result, because we are created with an openness to what is true, and given the supernatural gift of faith to understand it, we are made capable of hearing his voice (Jn 18, 37). Here, we recognise the authenticity of what the scriptures say about Jesus, “the voice of the Lord full of power, the voice of the Lord full of splendour (Ps 29, 4). In learning about the nature of the king who is Jesus, and we who are His Church, the subjects whom he rules we are better placed to understand the reality of his kingdom. Since, Christ who is king is also eternal truth, it is no surprise to hear him say his kingship is not of this world (Jn 18, 36), because here there is no lasting city (Heb 13, 14), and he now reigns in the glory he had with the Father before the world was made (Jn 17, 5). This is why Christ often refers to his kingdom as the kingdom of heaven. As one of the Fathers of the Church, John Chrysostom explains beautifully, “my (Christ’s) Kingdom, that is, the power and authority which makes me a king, is not of this world, that is, it does not have its origin in earthly causes and human choice, but it is from another source, from the Father, just as I am God from God, I am King from King”.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

“WITHOUT THE SUPPORT, I SIMPLY WOULDN'T STILL BE HERE”

There will be a collection here at St Vincent's at Masses on 23rd and 24th November. Thank you for your generosity and support. 100% of your donations will go to those in the most vulnerable situations within the Diocese ensuring they receive crisis food vouchers and practical support as quickly as possible when it is most needed. You can also donate online at: www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk. If you are aware of someone in need of assistance, please speak to Trish Spencer, DCEO - 0151 6521281.

NOVEMBER REMEMBRANCE

Throughout November we will be remembering deceased relatives and friends at all Masses. Slips of paper are available in the porch for you to write a name on and place in the basket in front of the Altar. Please do not put money in the basket, thank you.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH - 12.15PM SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

At this Mass we will remember all deceased members of our parish, especially those who have died in the last year. Everyone is very welcome to attend with family and friends!

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Our next parish library Open Morning is on Saturday 23rd November between 10am and 12noon, upstairs in Westleigh. Just drop in to choose some Christian reading for Advent and enjoy free coffee and homemade cake.

LET US PRAY ADVENT: first session – HOPE

The first of the Let us Pray series for Advent this week is based around the theme of Hope. Please join us in Westleigh on Tuesday 26th at 2pm or Wednesday 27th at 7.30 pm to enjoy an hour's oasis of peace to pray, rest, reflect and dream together as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. Subsequent sessions will be held on Tuesdays at 2pm, repeated on Thursdays at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome.

CHRISTMAS CARDS AND ADVENT CALENDARS

These will be on sale in church after the 5.30pm Vigil & Sunday Masses. All proceeds will be given to Cornerstone.

ADVENT DAY BY DAY BOOKLETS

The Advent Day by Day booklets are available to be purchased from the sacristy for £1.15. There are booklets for adults, junior and infant children. The new Sunday Missal is also on sale for £9.95 in the sacristy.

ADVENT ALMS

Our Advent Alms charity this year is St Ann's Hospice, Heald Green. St Ann's Hospice provides specialist care for people impacted by life-limiting illness, including patients, families and loved ones. To support the work that they do, you can donate via the wall box in the church porch. Thank you for any support you can give.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE - JOIN THE CHOIR!

The St Vincent's annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 22nd December at 3pm. Similar to previous years, we are forming a scratch choir to which anyone of any age is welcome to join, with no previous singing or musical experience required. Rehearsals are 4-5.15pm on Sunday 1st, 8th and 15th December and will take place in the church. There will be a further rehearsal at 2pm on the day, before the Carol Service starts at 3pm. Attending at least 2 rehearsals would be helpful. We look forward to seeing and singing with you!

PARISH PASTORAL MEETING MINUTES

The [minutes](#) of the recent PPT meeting are available on the parish website and at the back of church.

NOVEMBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Turn off computers, printers and other electrical appliances when not in use.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 24th November 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. Everybody welcome, please just come along.
- ◆ Young Adults Group (18-35years) - every fortnight. Next gathering is Saturday 30th November. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh— 5th & 19th December
- ◆ 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

CHRISTMAS WREATH MAKING AFTERNOON - FRIDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

We're holding a Christmas wreath making afternoon on Friday 29th November 1-4pm in Westleigh. The cost will be £30, and refreshments will be provided. Led by Anne Kennils, you'll be able to design and make your own Christmas wreath to decorate your front door during the festive season. Anne will provide all the components needed to make your wreath but, if possible, please bring your own secateurs/scissors, and you may want to bring additional greenery from your garden to add to your wreath. Please ensure you have reserved your place by Friday 22nd November, with all money to be paid in advanced via the parish office.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN

Our next 'Journey with Jesus in Mandarin' meeting will take place on Friday, December 6th, at 7:30 PM at Westleigh. Everyone is warmly invited to join us.

Please contact Nati Chang (natiwenyuchang@gmail.com) or Sha Hu (annachrist999@yahoo.com)

“我們下一次的‘與耶穌同行’中文聚會將於12月6日星期五下午7:30在Westleigh舉行。誠邀大家參加。

請聯絡 張玟鈺 (natiwenyuchang@gmail.com) or 胡沙 (annachrist999@yahoo.com)

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR REFUGEE CHILDREN

If you can, please could you buy a gift for a child aged 3 to 12 (gender neutral educational, crafts etc) or £15 voucher for an older child and drop it at Westleigh on **Saturday 30th November** between 2.30pm and 5.30pm for wrapping (please do not wrap your gift). If you can't make that please give to Christina O'Connor, Katherine Smith or Sr Eileen before December 7th.

Fr Christmas is doing an emergency landing at Revive Christmas party on December 7th!

ADVENT REFLECTIONS AT HOLY ANGELS, HALE BARNS

The Diocese invite you to a series of talks and Reflection in Advent at 7pm on Wednesday 4th, 11th and 18th in the parish hall at Holy Angels Church. For more information see the poster in our church porch or contact natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org / 077305 526826.

URGENT HELP NEEDED - RAINBOWS ST VINCENT'S GROUP

Thank you to Julia Stockton who has led our Rainbows group for many years. Julia is retiring from this role in July 2025. Currently there are no new volunteers for this Rainbows group and so they urgently ask for new volunteers otherwise the Rainbows group will have to close. Please see the letter at the back of church about this and for information about the role. If you are interested please contact Julia.stockton@btconnect.com or 07718 725758.

VACANCIES

Site Manager at Saint Ambrose College, Hale Barns - Details of this full time role can be found at www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk and for an informal conversation please contact Adrian Jones (Business Support Manager) on 0161 980923 or mrjones@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Ming Wai Kimberley, Chor Wai Karina, & Ting Wai Kaitlin Cheung, Tsz Lok Kingsley, Pak Yin Karen & Pak Hei Jacob Lau, Hei Yee Chung, Iris Rui Xin Lau and Joseph Michael Raines 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 Warren Walton, Margaret Chisnall, Kathleen Rock, Iris Short, Jacqueline Robinson, Roy Lewis 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, Jackie Body, Laura Body, John Breen, Daniel Brennan, Susan Brennan, Jane Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, Olivia Cashmore, John Cawfield, Margaret Chisnall, Peter Cresswell, Marjorie De Maria, Luke Dennett, David Michael Devine, Max Dunn, Ken Dwyer, Ross Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, Peter Elliott, Freddie Fenton, John Gardener, 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, Ava Kendrick, 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, 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, Jacky Scaife, Richard Sheryll, John Shuttleworth, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Joeph 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
Sheila Carr: 0161 928 7432

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 17th November £2219.50 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

The SVP is extremely grateful for last week's donations totalling £389.36.

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025

Mass Schedule

Sunday 24th November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Peter Collard (ann) Fr Jonathan Cotton (RIP) Karl Kuhwald (ann) Patricia Samuels (RIP)
Monday 25th November <i>Optional Memorial: St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Iris Short <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 26th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 14:00	John Maloney (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brian Wordsworth (RIP) Let Us Pray: Advent Retreat (in Westleigh)
Wednesday 27th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 19:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Christina Myers (RIP) Let Us Pray: Advent Retreat (in Westleigh)
Thursday 28th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00 -19:00 19:30	The deceased members of Murphy & Guino families <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Quinn (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i> Let Us Pray: Advent Retreat (in Westleigh)
Friday 29th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction (No Confessions)</i> Louis Gervis, Mary Gervis & Michael Gervis (ann) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Paul Goodstadt (RIP)
Saturday 30th November <i>St Andrew</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> David Shard (ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Deceased members of the Kennedy & Keaveney families
Sunday 1st December <i>First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	John Scotson (ann) Alice Bickers (birthday memories) For the People of the Parish David Fenton (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

NOVEMBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS:

3rd - CAFOD; 10th - Clergy Education & Training Fund; 17th - SVP; 24th - Caritas at Christmas Appeal

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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Pope Francis' Intention for November

For anyone who has Lost a Child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or a daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

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.

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