



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



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Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

10th November 2024

The gospel for this Sunday equips us to understand more fully the essential nature of the spiritual principle of detachment. This is fundamental if we are to enter more deeply into a relationship of loving union with Christ. The poor widow because she has little and is not attached to the little, she has, is able to give herself entirely to God. This is possible because she recognises, that there is nothing we have that we have not received from God (1 Cor 4, 7). In contrast, the scribes in the gospel are attached to the gifts they have received from God, and so misuse them, leaving them unable to unite themselves with him. In this sense, she fulfils the first commandment, whilst they do not. She loves God with all her heart, soul, mind and strength (Mk 12, 29). Like Christ, who gave us an example to follow, she possesses the interior freedom required to lay down her life. As such, like Christ because she has the love, which is much more than holocausts and sacrifices (Mk 12, 33), she can offer sacrifices with great love. Therefore, she fulfils the very purpose of religion modelled on the passion and death of Christ, the supreme act of worship offered to God the Father, the greatest act of love for our salvation. As Pope Pius XII outlined in his 1947 encyclical *Mediator Dei*, “the worship rendered by the Church to God must be, in its entirety, interior as well as exterior”. Worship must be exterior because of our bodily nature, it must be interior because love is of the heart, and the final end of Christianity is that man becomes like God, who is love itself. If we are to follow Christ’s example and unite love and sacrifice in our lives, we must like the widow rightly order our loves, by being attached to Christ and detached from the world and its many trappings. In order to do so, let us ask Christ to help us set our minds on the things that are above (Col 3, 2) so that our food may always be to do the will of the Father (Jn 4, 34).

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.

CHURCH BOILER REPLACEMENT

We are currently having new boilers installed in the church (the first replacement for over 30 years). Whilst the work is being done there will still be heat in the church but working at a reduced amount so it may feel a little cooler. Once the new boilers are in place it will be up to 45% more efficient, therefore reducing the gas used which is better for the environment and the bills!

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.

YORK PARISH PILGRIMAGE INFORMATION MEETING - **DATE CHANGE WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER**

Please note that we have had to change the date of this meeting. To find out more about our Pilgrimage to York (24th to 26th March 2025) please to a meeting at **6.30pm on Wednesday 27th November in church.**

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 22ND NOVEMBER

Please join us for a parish quiz night, which will take place at 8pm in Westleigh on Friday 22nd November. Teams of 6, entry fee £3 per person, with a cash prize for the winning team. Either enter as a team or make new friends and be allocated to a team on the night! Numbers are limited so please sign up and pay your entry fee via the parish office by 18th November to reserve your place! John Moran will be our quiz master, with questions on a variety of topics to suit everyone, so come along and bring your own bottle for what promises to be a great night!

ST VINCENT'S WALKING GROUP - SATURDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

The walk is just over 5 miles long and we will be parking at the Jolly Thresher, 229 Higher Lane, Lymm, Cheshire WA13 0RN. Meet at 10.00 at Westleigh and 'car share' to the Jolly Thresher. The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814420969 or helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place and pre order your meal, by 16/11/2024. 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."

LET US PRAY ADVENT: SAVE THE DATES

The Let us Pray team is organising a series of weekly sessions for Advent based on the four themes of Hope, Faith, Joy and Love. They aim to provide an oasis of peace to pray, rest, reflect and dream together as we prepare for the coming of Christ at Christmas. All are welcome.

- ◆ 4 one-hour sessions at Westleigh
- ◆ Sessions repeated – afternoon or evening, with coffee afterwards
- ◆ Tuesdays 2.00 to 3.00 all weeks (26 Nov, 3, 10, 17 Dec)
- ◆ Wednesday 7.30 – 8.30 first week (27 Nov)
- ◆ Thursdays 7.30 – 8.30 all other weeks (5, 12, 19 Dec)

SUNDAY MISSALS

The new Sunday Missals which include the new readings will be in church from the First Sunday of Advent. If you would like to purchase your own copy they are available from the sacristy for £9.95. As you will see it has been necessary to use the CTS Sunday Missal instead of the St Pauls Missal this is because the St Pauls Sunday Missal has not been produced this year. We will look to returning to the St Paul missal next year.

SOUTH MANCHESTER YOUNG CATHOLIC ADULTS GROUP AT ST. VINCENTS

We are excited to announce that a new fortnightly group for Young Adults will be starting on 16th November. Following the 5.30pm Saturday mass, the group will move over to Westleigh for a talk, food and social time. All young adults aged 18-35 wanting to delve deeper into their faith and find community are warmly welcomed to join us. For more information about the group, follow our Instagram page [@southmanccatholicyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/southmanccatholicyoungadults) or email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ Children's Liturgy - 10th & 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.
- ◆ Bridge - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh
- ◆ Knit and Natter - 10am in Westleigh— 7th & 21st November
- ◆ 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

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.

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2024

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

There will be a collection here at St Vincents 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.

ALF KEELING LECTURE - 12TH NOVEMBER AT HOLY ANGELS' CHURCH HALL, HALE BARNES

The Altrincham Interfaith Group invite you to this year's Alf Keeling Lecture on 12th November 7.30-9pm. James Holt, Associate Professor of Religious Education at the University of Chester, will address the question: "Where Did We Come From? Questions and Answers from Creation Stories". Light refreshments will be provided. The event is free. Please book your place online at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/where-did-we-come-from-questions-and-answers-from-creation-stories-tickets-1043772520707?aff=oddttdtcreator (for catering & seating). Questions: Dominique at mdodarcy@gmail.com

WINTER HEATING HELP

If you or someone you know needs assistance with winter heating bills—whether for financial support or help filling out claim forms—please call the SVP at 0161 941 3498 or speak with an SVP member.

SPUC - SCREENING OF AN IRISH ANGEL - SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 6.30PM

SPUC is holding a screening of 'An Irish Angel', a film about teen pregnancy and abortion in Northern Ireland AT Holy Angels Parish Hall. The production, supported by SPUC, won Best Independent Film at the 2023 Cannes World Film Festival. The event is free with refreshments provided. Please note that this is only suitable for those aged 15 and over. Any queries please contact Michael on 07810 791032.

MARY'S MEALS CHRISTMAS CONCERT - 23 NOVEMBER 7.30PM (DOORS OPEN 6.30PM)

Mary's Meals are hosting an evening of joyful music featuring The Sacred Heart Choir at St Bede's College, Alexandra Park Road, M16 8HX. Hear from Mary's Meals founder, Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, browse seasonal stalls and enjoy mulled wine and mince pies. All proceeds help Mary's Meals serve nutritious school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest countries. (please note this event will have a BSL interpreter). Tickets £12 (including refreshments) from averyjoyfulchristmas.eventbrite.co.uk or call 0800 698 1212 or email info@marysmeals.org

VACANCY - DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

Details of this role can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2130729>. For information and a pack please contact Liam Dowds, Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email at ldowds@emmausleadership.me

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Sebastian & Luka Collins, Evelyn & Oliver Waring, Atlas Owens and Daniel, Kimberley & Jade Hopkins 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 Iris Short, Jacqueline Robinson 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, Daniel Brennan, 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, 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, Kathleen Rock, 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, Joephon 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 3rd November £1823.60 plus standing orders.
The CAFOD Collection for 2/3 November was £1784.67. Thank you for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 10th November <i>Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Michael Hunt (RIP) Gerard Foley (RIP) For the People of the Parish Des & Kathleen Farry
Monday 11th November <i>St. Martin of Tours</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00 19:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Teresa McConnon (Anniversary) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Reception of body & Prayers for Jacqueline Robinson
Tuesday 12th November <i>St. Josaphat</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Raffi Hains (1st Birthday) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jacqueline Robinson (RIP)
Wednesday 13th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> William St. Leger (Anniversary)
Thursday 14th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00 -19:00	Claire Mooney (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Elaine McPherson (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 15th November <i>Optional Memorial: St. Albert The Great</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Cathy Hughes (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Deceased Members of the SVP District Council
Saturday 16th November <i>Optional Memorial: St. Edmund of Abingdon, St. Margaret of Scotland & St. Gertrude</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> Peter Buckley (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Michael Comber (anniversary)
Sunday 17th November <i>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Mary Olive (birthday anniversary) Steve Collinge (Special Intention) Enrolment Mass for St Vincent's School First Holy Communion pupils David Scaife (RIP) 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

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 4

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

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