



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

**17th November
2024**

This Sunday's gospel invites us to look forward towards the end of the world. From a liturgical point of view, this is the case because the Church is approaching the end of its year, ushering in the season of Advent. Here we will wait with patient and hopeful expectation for the coming of Christ, not in power and glory as at the end of time (Mk 13, 26), but in the humility and lowliness of human flesh. Like in his incarnation where Christ makes us into his new creation (2 Cor 5, 17), he will bring about a new heaven and a new earth at the end of the age, after the first heaven and the first earth have passed away (Rev 21, 1). From a Christological perspective, this gospel reiterates what we hear in the prologue of the fourth gospel, where we see Christ described as the eternal word (Jn 1, 1). Yet, even more pertinently, Christ wants us to understand that he is the true light (Jn 1, 9). All other sources of light, which are just a participation in the light of Christ will be darkened, so that there will be nothing that can draw us away from Christ the true light of the world (Jn 8, 12). This apocalyptic theme ought not to give rise to a sense of doom but be a source of encouragement for us on our journey. The blessed in heaven no longer have any need of lamplight or sunlight, for the Lord their God will be shining on them, and they will reign for ever and ever (Rev 22, 5). None of this is in any sense divorced from the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass that we participate in together every Sunday. As the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy of Vatican II, *Sacrosanctum Concilium* emphasises, the Mass has an eschatological (end-times) dimension. As the priest says at every Mass, "and so with all the angels and saints we praise you, as without end we acclaim, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory". We are united at every Mass with all the angels and saints, only now we require external signs, but later at the eschatological banquet in God's heavenly kingdom we will behold the Lamb of God, because we shall be like him and see him as he really is (1 Jn 3, 2).

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.

NOT DEAD YET UK

Not Dead Yet UK is a network of people with disabilities and terminally ill people who oppose assisted suicide. It is noteworthy that not one organisation of people with disabilities has called for or supports the Bill currently before parliament. They have sent us postcards to send to our local MP, Connor Rand, opposing the Bill. Not Dead Yet UK strongly encourages you to complete one of these postcards asking our MP to vote No to the Bill on the 29th November. Please complete a postcard before leaving Mass and leave it in the box provided, it will then be posted.

BE COMPASSIONATE - Statement by the Bishops of England, Wales and Scotland

A copy of this Be Compassionate [Statement](#) regarding the assisted suicide Bill can be found on our website and paper copies are at the back of church.

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.

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!

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.

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 preorder 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, Peace, 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)

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.

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

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

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.

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 Paul Missal because the St Paul Sunday Missal has not been produced this year. We will look to returning to the St Paul missal next year.

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.

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

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.

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 mrajones@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 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 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, 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, 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, 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

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 10th November £1540.87 plus standing orders.

Thank you for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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
Monday 18th November <i>Optional Memorial: Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alan Taylor (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 19th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Tom Lavin (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dr Joseph John Kaczmarczyk (birthday intentions)
Wednesday 20th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mr Joe Kennedy (RIP)
Thursday 21st November <i>The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00 -19:00	Tom & Kathleen Rooney (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sarah Hrybyk (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 22nd November <i>St Cecilia</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction & Confessions</i> Tomlinson Family & Friends (intentions) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Peter Gough (ann)
Saturday 23rd November <i>Optional Memorial: St Clement & St Columban</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> Mass for All the Deceased Members of the Parish <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> For the People of the Parish
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)

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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