



# Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



## The Baptism of the Lord 12th January 2025

The words spoken by God the Father to his Son, Jesus, “you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased” (Lk 3, 22) are words addressed to us also. Every time the Father looks upon us, he sees his beloved son Jesus, since we too have become sons in the Son, because the Father predestined us to adoption as Sons through Jesus Christ (Eph 1, 5). Moreover, the Holy Spirit that descended on Jesus in bodily form, was poured out into our hearts through our baptism, so that we may cry out, Abba Father (Rom 8,15). Through this great sacrament, we become beloved sons and daughters of the Father. Through the sacrament of baptism which springs forth from the pierced side of Jesus on the Cross and gains its power from his crucifixion (as do all seven sacraments), the grace of God has appeared bringing about the possibility of salvation for all people (Titus 2, 11). We have been baptised into the essential mysteries of our faith, the death and resurrection of Christ, and we could thus say that through our baptism, eternal life, which we will experience in heaven has already begun. As we read in St. Paul’s letter to the Ephesians, “the Spirit is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it” (Eph 1, 14). Therefore, St. Paul can also say in his letter to Titus, “so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life” (Titus 3, 7). This should all be a cause for rejoicing because it shows us that God has given us all we need, so that our hope of eternal life might be fulfilled. From us, what is required is cooperation with the abundant graces he has made available and then our hope of eternal life will become possession of what we have hoped for. Therefore, at the beginning of this New year, this Jubilee Year, let us renew our commitment with the help of God’s grace to live according to the promises we made at our baptism. Amen.

### **Pope Francis’ Intention for January**

For the right to an education: Let us Pray for migrants, refugees and those affected by war, that their right to an education, which is necessary to build a better world, might always be respected.

### **During Ordinary Time (Winter) and up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:**

Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who work to Combat it: The Unemployed.

## BRIDGE CLUB

If anyone is interested in joining our Bridge Club on Mondays at 2pm there are places available. If you need any help with your Bridge, there are two teachers available to assist. The cost is £2.50 including tea and coffee. Just come along to Westleigh. You are more than welcome. The Bridge Club will resume on Monday 13th January.

## CAFOD AND J&P FACEBOOK GROUP

The CAFOD and Justice and Peace group has a Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/cafodjpaltrincham> [facebook.com] where we post relevant items on CAFOD and J&P events and campaigns. If you are a Facebook user, please consider following the group.

## ROMULUS SINGERS' CHARITY CONCERT

You are warmly invited to ROMULUS SINGERS' CHARITY CONCERT: 'Amid The Falling Snow' on Sunday 12 January 3.00-4.30pm in Holy Angels Parish Hall, Hale Barns in aid of Caritas Cornerstone day centre which supports the homeless in Manchester. Tickets £10 (£5 student/child) available online at <http://www.romulus-singers.co.uk/falling-snow> or on the door. A varied programme including works by Will Todd, Enya, Chris de Burgh and even Beyonce - followed by light refreshments. All proceeds will support the essential work of Cornerstone.

## SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Calling all young adults aged 18-35! South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group meets fortnightly on Saturdays at St Vincent's, Altrincham following the 5.30pm Vigil Mass. After Mass there is an opportunity for Adoration & Confession, then we move over to Westleigh for a talk, social time and food. To stay updated, follow us on Instagram [@southmanccatholicyoungadults](https://www.instagram.com/southmanccatholicyoungadults) or email us at [southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com](mailto:southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com) We also have a WhatsApp group – if you'd like to join, please email or DM us.

## PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2025

We still have places available on our two parish pilgrimages this year. If you are interested and want more information please speak to a member of our clergy or contact the parish office.

**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 £775. 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.

## ST. VINCENT'S WALKING GROUP

The next St Vincent's walking group walk is on Saturday 18/01/2025. The walk is around Lymm. We will be parking at the Jolly Thresher, 229 Higher Lane, Lymm WA13 0RN. The walk has two stiles. We meet at 10.00am at Westleigh. We will then 'car share' to the Jolly Thresher. The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814420969 or email:- [helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk) to reserve a place and to pre order your meal, by 11/01/2025.

## THANK YOU FROM CORNERSTONE

Caritas Diocese of Salford wish to acknowledge and thank you for your donation of toiletries that have been donated by the parishioners of St Vincent de Paul Church. Please know that this practical support will be appreciated by someone experiencing poverty and homelessness in Manchester / Bury.

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - Sunday 12th and 26th January 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.
- ♦ **Playgroup** - Every Monday and Friday in term time from 9.30am - 11.30am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Bridge** - Every Monday at 2.00pm in Westleigh (paused for Christmas, returns 13th January)
- ♦ **SVP** - Resumes 6th January. Meet fortnightly on Mondays at 7pm in Westleigh.
- ♦ **Emmaus Prayer Group** - 7-8pm Mondays in Westleigh. Everybody welcome, please just come along.
- ♦ **Brownies** - Tuesdays in term time at 5.45-7.15pm in Westleigh
- ♦ **Rainbows** - Wednesdays in term time at 6-7pm in Westleigh
- ♦ **Knit and Natter** - 10am in Westleigh— Thursday 16th and 30th January (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 11th and 25th January (every fortnight). Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

## CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS - THANK YOU

A fantastic donation of £476.10 was raised by the parishioners for the Caritas at Christmas appeal. Your donations are appreciated. This money helps us to help those who are less fortunate within the diocese.

## PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

The [minutes](#) of the December PPT Meeting can be viewed via the Noticeboard page of our website and paper copies are available at the back of the church.

## NEW TO THE PARISH?

Are you new to the Parish? Have you registered your details? If not, please complete and return a 'New to the Parish' form, which can be found at the back of church and return to the Parish office or e-mail the Parish Office about registering.

## A YEAR OF HOPE:

### AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT

2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online. Register here for free: [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee)

## UNDERSTANDING OUR EVERYDAY BELIEFS

The Loreto Spirituality Centre in Llandudno offer a wide range of retreats, presented in different formats and durations, to help us deepen our faith. More details can be found on their website <https://loretocentre.org.uk/> or by calling 01492 878031 (Mon-Fri working hours or leave a message).

## MARY'S MEALS PARISH REP RECRUITMENT

School feeding charity, Mary's Meals, needs **your** help! We are looking to recruit some new Parish Reps to raise awareness of our mission and help us to reach more hungry children with food & hope for the future. This is a highly rewarding role, with a very low time commitment. Responsibilities include sharing information & giving updates on Mary's Meals to your parish community. We always welcome new volunteers to our growing family. Joining our network of church representatives is a fantastic way of putting action to help make a difference to the lives of children across the globe. For more info please contact Fran Lawson by email: [fran.lawson@marysmeals.org](mailto:fran.lawson@marysmeals.org) or call 0800 698 1212. Thank you for your support!

## JANUARY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

Consider where your fruit and veg have come from and whether the taste justifies the fuel to get them to you.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

***We welcome into God's Family*** Sophie Mei Taylor-He who was recently baptised here. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

***Requiescant in Pace*** Please pray for those who have died recently including John Kenner, Francis Swift, James Ireland 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, Peter Cresswell, Marjorie De Maria, Luke Dennett, David Michael Devine, Richard Doherty, Max Dunn, 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, Nick, Hennis, Katie Holmes, Lucy Hunter, 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, Brian Morris, 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, Stuart Royle, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, David Ryan and Frank, Mary Ryan, Melinda Ryan, Jacky Scaife, Richard Sheryll, John Shuttleworth, Julie Taylor, Ralph Taylor, June Telfer, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Joseph Tumpang, Peter Walsh, 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:  
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Sheila Carr:  
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### MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 29th December £1945.71 and 5th January 2025 £1575.96 plus standing orders.  
The retiring CAFOD collection for January totalled £621.30.

Many thanks to parishioners for their generosity.  
*The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025*

# Mass Schedule

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| Sunday<br>12th January<br><i>The Baptism of The Lord</i>                               | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                                    | Ada Langtree (anniversary)<br>Jim O' Connor (anniversary)<br>Margaret Godfrey (RIP)<br>For The People of The Parish                                                                                               |
| Monday<br>13th January<br><i>Optional Memorial:<br/>St Hilary</i>                      | 11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                                            | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Fr Tom Coonah (intentions)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                                                                                                      |
| Tuesday<br>14th January<br><i>Ferial</i>                                               | 10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15                                         | Ben Ellis (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><b>Requiem Mass for James Ireland</b>                                                                                                        |
| Wednesday<br>15th January<br><i>Ferial</i>                                             | 11:00<br>12:15                                                     | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Dermot Dunleavy (ann)                                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday<br>16th January<br><i>Ferial</i>                                              | 10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                                | David Conyard (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Matthew Lamey (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration (NO Confessions available)</i>                                                           |
| Friday<br>17th January<br><i>St Anthony</i>                                            | 11:00<br>12:15<br><br>18:30<br>19:00                               | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Shrewsbury Seminarians<br><b>NO Confessions after Mass</b><br><i>Rosary</i><br>Fr Denis Maher                                                                   |
| Saturday<br>18th January<br><i>Ferial</i>                                              | 11:00<br>11:00-12:00<br>12:15<br><br>16:30-17:15<br>17:00<br>17:30 | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Vocations for the Priesthood for our Diocese and those discerning a vocation<br><i>Confessions</i><br><i>Rosary</i><br>James Benson (ann) |
| Sunday<br>19th January<br><i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i><br><i>PEACE SUNDAY</i> | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                                    | William O'Sullivan (RIP)<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Brian Kelly (RIP)<br>Sheila McKay                                                                                                                     |

**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

## JANUARY RETIRING COLLECTIONS:

5th CAFOD and 19th Priests Retirement Fund

**MASS READING CYCLE:** Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 1

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

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