



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



The Presentation of the Lord 2nd February 2025

Pope Francis opened the Holy Year in St Peter's in Rome at Christmas. Over the next few weeks we will be sharing excerpts of the Holy Father's document on the Holy Year:

“Since we are justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing in the glory of God... Hope does not disappoint, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (Rom 5:1-2.5). In this passage, Saint Paul gives us much to reflect upon. We know that the Letter to the Romans marked a decisive turning point in his work of evangelisation. Until then, he had carried out his activity in the eastern part of the Empire, but now he turns to Rome and all that Rome meant in the eyes of the world. Before him lay a great challenge, which he took up for the sake of preaching the Gospel, which knows no barriers or confines. The Church of Rome was not founded by Paul, yet he felt impelled to hasten there in order to bring to everyone the Gospel of Jesus Christ, crucified and risen from the dead, a message of hope that fulfils the ancient promises, leads to glory and, grounded in love, does not disappoint.

- *Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 2*

Pope Francis' Intention for February:

For vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

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.

FRIDAY CLUB

Our next session will be at 2.00pm to 4.30pm in Westleigh on Friday 7th February. On this occasion we will be entertained by a lively group of singers drawn from a locally based prestigious choir. They will entertain us with a medley of well loved popular light music which we are welcome to join in with. This concert will be followed by a session of our ever popular bingo and our usual free raffle. As usual all parishioners and friends are welcome.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE

We apologise to those who have made card payments to the parish, which have been debited later than expected. We have raised the issue with DONA (the service provider) and are trying to resolve the problem. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

On Saturday 8th February our parish library of Christian books, upstairs in Westleigh, will be open from 10.00am till 12noon. Everyone is welcome to browse and enjoy free coffee and cake.

FATIMA PILGRIMAGE 2025

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. If you are interested and want more information please speak to a member of our clergy or contact the parish office.

LET US PRAY: LIGHT (FEBRUARY SESSIONS)

Following on from the success of the LET US PRAY: ADVENT meetings, the team is again offering an hour of quiet time to sit in fellowship and contemplation. With the help of readings, reflection, prayer and gentle music we can listen to God and discern what his presence means for us and for our world today. Each session will be offered twice: on the first Tuesday afternoon of each month and then on the third Thursday evening each month. You are welcome to choose which time suits you better.

The first session will link with Candlemas (2 February) on the theme of LIGHT to be held on:

- Tuesday 4th February from 2.00pm - 3.00pm in Westleigh
- Thursday 20th February from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Westleigh

Please contact Anne at anneoc980@hotmail.com if you want to know more.

NEW DATE: ROMULUS CONCERT

You are warmly invited to Romulus Singers' Charity Concert: 'Amid The Falling Snow' on Sunday 9 February 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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON QUIZ - HOLY ANGELS

Sunday afternoon Quiz – 3-5pm on 23rd February, at Holy Angels Church Hall, Hale Barns. The Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) have organised a General Knowledge Quiz, led by master quizzer John Moran, so people of different faiths can relax together. Children are welcome. Entry: £5 per adult (children, free). Teams will be organised on the day, and light refreshments offered. Please contact Dominique D'Arcy if you have any questions or would like to book places mdodarcy@gmail.com

FEBRUARY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

Say the Live Simply prayer (<https://cafod.org.uk/pray/prayer-resources/livesimply-prayers>)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - Sunday 9th and 23rd February 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** - Meets 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 13th & 20th February (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 8th and 22nd February (every fortnight). Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat is a spiritual guide to help you develop your prayer life, grow in your spiritual life, find a way to a more profound love for Christ, and participate in the Holy Mass with greater fervour. Magnificat is a monthly publication designed for daily use, to encourage both liturgical and personal prayer. It can be used to follow daily Mass and can also be read at home or wherever you find yourself for personal or family prayer. You can subscribe to Magnificat via the Catholic Herald website <https://catholicherald.co.uk/magnificat/>

VACANCY

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Diocese with the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team. Further details can be found on the Diocesan website, Latest Vacancies - Diocese. Completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Closing date 21 February 2025.

DISCOVER CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING – AN ONLINE COURSE FOR PARISHES

Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) invites you to join Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction, a dynamic online course designed specifically for parishioners, staff, and volunteers. Whether you're new to Catholic Social Teaching or looking for a refresher, this course will inspire and empower you to bring your faith to life. It consists of 5 one hour Zoom sessions every Tuesday in March and Tuesday 1st April. You will learn the key principles of Catholic Social Teaching in an accessible and engaging way; hear real-life stories from CSAN members working on the frontlines of poverty and exclusion, bringing theory to life and be inspired to put your faith into action within your parish and community. The course is £95 for all five sessions. This includes a copy of Raymond Friel's "Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction for Schools, Parishes, and Charities." Click [here](#) to learn more and register your place. For any questions, feel free to reach out to Bernadette at bernadette.durcan@csan.org.uk

LOURDES ROADSHOW

In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To help raise the profile of the pilgrimage and to answer any questions parishioners might have, they have organised two roadshows for those who are interested in joining our annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The first roadshow will be on 1st February 2pm-4pm at Our Lady & St John's, Heswall, Wirral, and the second roadshow will be on 15th February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. Information and register of interest cards will be available, and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY

Father Pat Munroe will celebrate Holy Mass on Tuesday 11th February for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Hospitality members are invited to join him at 7.00pm at St Hugh and St John, West Timperley WA14 5NB. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

CONFIRMATION

Confirmation Meeting this **Sunday 2nd February 4.30-6.30**. Candidates will be learning about the Gifts of the Holy Spirit and discussing who inspires them. All candidates to meet their families at 6.15pm to attend Mass or to get collected at 6.30pm.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Patrick Dreniw and Aubrey Gillis 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 Peter Walsh (Australia), Patricia Mary Farmer nee Robinson, Ellis Folkard, John Kenner, Francis Swift, Angela Perkin and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include James Ainsworth, 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, Gavin Hill, Hayley Hill, Nick, Hennis, Gavin Hill, 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, Carol 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, Dave Renshaw, Rose, Stuart Royle, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, David Ryan and Frank, Mary Ryan, Melinda Ryan, Camille Sanders, 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

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 26th January 2025 £ 2014.92 plus standing orders.
Many thanks to parishioners for their generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 2nd February <i>The Presentation of The Lord</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Chris Condon (Anniversary) Helen Fazh (RIP) Andrew Monk Clive Miller (RIP)
Monday 3rd February <i>St. Werburgh</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00 19:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brien McDermott <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Reception of Ellis Folkard
Tuesday 4th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 13:15	No BV Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ellis Folkard (RIP) Funeral Service for Ellis Folkard
Wednesday 5th February <i>St. Agatha</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Myles & Anne Somers (RIP)
Thursday 6th February <i>St. Paul Miki & Companions</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Bob Wood (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Paul McBride (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 7th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tony Redhead (Memories) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> John Maloney (Birthday Memories)
Saturday 8th February <i>Optional Memorials: St. Jerome Emilliani, St. Josephine Bakhita,</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> Sr. Therese Regan (Anniversary) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Members of the Burke Family
Sunday 9th February <i>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Alonz Thomas (Birthday Remembrance) Andrew Ball (Anniversary) Ann & Roy Lewis (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

FEBRUARY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 2ND SVP

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 3

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

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