



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th February
2025

Below we continue to share excerpts of the Holy Father's document on the Holy Year:

Hope is born of love and based on the love springing from the pierced heart of Jesus upon the cross: "For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life" (*Rom* 5:19). That life becomes manifest in our own life of faith, which begins with Baptism, develops in openness to God's grace and is enlivened by a hope constantly renewed and confirmed by the working of the Holy Spirit.

By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives. Christian hope does not deceive or disappoint because it is grounded in the certainty that nothing and no one may ever separate us from God's love: "Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril or the sword? No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord" (*Rom* 8:35.37-39). Here we see the reason why this hope perseveres in the midst of trials: founded on faith and nurtured by charity, it enables us to press forward in life. As Saint Augustine observes: "Whatever our state of life, we cannot live without these three dispositions of the soul, namely, to believe, to hope and to love".

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 3

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.

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:

- Thursday 20th February from 7.30pm - 8.30pm in Westleigh

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

ST PATRICK'S NIGHT SUPPER - THURSDAY 20TH MARCH

The next parish social will be a St Patrick's Night Supper in Westleigh from 7pm on Thursday 20th March. Top Table caterers will be providing a delicious meal for £30. All the details are on the poster at the back of church with the booking slips. Please return completed slips, with payment of £30, in an envelope for the parish office. This can be handed into the sacristy or posted through the presbytery door. Please return slip and payment by 9th March. Bookings cannot be taken after this date due to catering requirements.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

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

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 quizzier 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

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK FOR 2025 RUNS BETWEEN THE 7TH-14TH OF FEBRUARY

Please pray for all marriages during this week. You will find some resources on the [diocesan website](#), in particular a [novena for marriage week and prayer](#). The Novena has also been arranged in Booklet form and can be downloaded and printed off as needed. There is also a link to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, to the message from Bishop Bosco MacDonald, who is the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life

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 22nd February (every fortnight). Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH FROM 9:15AM.

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School or Nursery please come along to our next open morning event for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 12th March 2025. Please visit the admissions page of our website www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to book a place or scan the QR code.



PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE

You are invited to a 7 night pilgrimage to Medjugorje, flying from Manchester and staying in a 4* hotel. Cost £749 per person sharing. Single room £879. Organised by Northern Star Travel with Fr. Pat Munroe as Spiritual leader. Further information contact Northern Star at info@northernstartravel.com or 0161 773 2115 and pat.munroe@btinternet.com 07711 428970. You are welcome to request copy of Fr. Pat's Reflection on pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 2024.

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

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

FEBRUARY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Jaccie Fairbrother, Patrick King, Francis Geoffrey Farrell 'Geoff', 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, Mary Good, 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, Anna Perry, 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, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, Harry Wood and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding

Representatives

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 2nd February 2025 £2052.92 plus standing orders.
The SVP is grateful for donations of £703.89 in last week's retiring collections & £411.30 in the wall box
Many thanks to parishioners for their generosity.
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Mass Schedule

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
Monday 10th February <i>St Scholastica</i>	10:00 11:00 12:15 18:00	Funeral Service for Angela Perkin <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr Joe Doherty CSSR (intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 11th February <i>Optional Memorial: Our Lady of Lourdes</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Christina Myers (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ernest Sands
Wednesday 12th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> David Hyan and Baby Louis (ann)
Thursday 13th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Barbara Jefferson (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Yearsley (intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 14th February <i>Ss Cyril, MK and Methodius</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Hilda Lewis (RIP) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Matthew Laley (RIP)
Saturday 15th February <i>Ferial</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> Rita and Michael Lomax <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Mary Theresa Teehan (RIP)
Sunday 16th February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Thomas Alex (special intention and thanksgiving) For the people of the parish Annette McNichol (RIP) Christina Myers (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

FEBRUARY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 2ND SVP

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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