



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Sixth & Seventh Sundays in Ordinary Time

**16th and 23rd
February 2025**

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

Saint Paul is a realist. He knows that life has its joys and sorrows, that love is tested amid trials, and that hope can falter in the face of suffering. Even so, he can write: "We boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Rom 5:3-4). For the Apostle, trials and tribulations mark the lives of those who preach the Gospel amid incomprehension and persecution (cf. 2 Cor 6:3-10). Yet in those very contexts, beyond the darkness we glimpse a light: we come to realise that evangelisation is sustained by the power flowing from Christ's cross and resurrection. In this way, we learn to practise a virtue closely linked to hope, namely patience. In our fast-paced world, we are used to wanting everything now. We no longer have time simply to be with others; even families find it hard to get together and enjoy one another's company. Patience has been put to flight by frenetic haste, and this has proved detrimental, since it leads to impatience, anxiety and even gratuitous violence, resulting in more unhappiness and self-centredness.

Nor is there much place for patience in this age of the Internet, as space and time yield to an ever-present "now". Were we still able to contemplate creation with a sense of awe, we might better understand the importance of patience. We could appreciate the changes of the seasons and their harvests, observe the life of animals and their cycles of growth, and enjoy the clarity of vision of Saint Francis. In his Canticle of the Creatures, written exactly eight hundred years ago, Francis saw all creation as a great family and could call the sun his "brother" and the moon his "sister". A renewed appreciation of the value of patience could only prove beneficial for ourselves and for others. Saint Paul often speaks of patience in the context of our need for perseverance and confident trust in God's promises. Yet, before all else, he testifies to God's own patience, as "the God of all patience and encouragement" (Rom 15:5). Patience, one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, sustains our hope and strengthens it as a virtue and a way of life. May we learn to pray frequently for the grace of patience, which is both the daughter of hope and at the same time its firm foundation.

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 4.

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 hope that the issue has been resolved. Thank you for your continued generosity to the parish. If you would prefer to donate via setting up a Standing Order please email the parish office for details.

10.00AM MASS OFFERTORY PROCESSION

At 10.00am Mass on the first Sunday of each month we are looking for families (the more generations the better!) to join a rota to take up the gifts at the Offertory. If you would like to join the rota then please speak to Anna Croughan or Ruth Holland after Mass or email the parish office.

PARISH WALK—SATURDAY 22ND FEBRUARY

The next walk led by Eithne McClean. It is a 2 ¼ hour easy walk on quiet lanes and footpaths around Lindow common. It is mainly flat with two short inclines and no stiles. There are muddy sections and several footbridges with a step up and down at each end. Lunch will be at the Plough and Flail, Paddock Hill, Mobberley, Knutsford WA16 7DB. Meet at 10.00am at Westleigh. We will then 'car share' to the 'Plough and Flail, to park and book our lunch. The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814 420969 or email: - helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place.

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.

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.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON QUIZ – 3-5PM, 23RD FEBRUARY, AT HOLY ANGELS CHURCH HALL, HALE BARNES.

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 email Dominique D'Arcy at mdodarcy@gmail.com to book your place(s).

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING WED 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.



VACANCY

The Governors of St James' Catholic High School, Cheadle, wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in April 2025 or sooner. For information: <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs>

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - Sunday 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
- ♦ **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 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.

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)
Monday 17th February <i>Optional Memorial: Seven Founders of the Order of Servites</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jo Gallagher (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 18th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Tommy and Jany O'Donnell <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Yearsley Family (intentions)
Wednesday 19th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Nancy Roscow (ann)
Thursday 20th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	NO MASS <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Francis Geoffrey Farrell <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 21st February <i>Optional Memorial: St Peter Damian</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thomas Biesty (ann) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Caterina Scattone (ann)
Saturday 22nd February <i>Chair of St Peter</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> Eileen Shaw (30 year ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Ann Susan Drinkwater (ann)

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 a copy of Fr. Pat's Reflection on pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 2024.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Jaccy Fairbrother, Patrick King, Francis Geoffrey Farrell 'Geoff', Patricia Mary Farmer nee Robinson, John Kenner, Francis Swift, 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

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 9th February 2025 £2134.45 plus standing orders.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 23rd February <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Tricia Daly (RIP) Advay Avner (birthday intentions) Eric and Agnes Brown (birthday memories and ann)
Monday 24th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Marshall Bickers (birthday memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 25th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Sarah Fish (intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Michael Ahern (RIP)
Wednesday 26th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jose Mathew & P.P. Mathew (RIP)
Thursday 27th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Michael Gruszecki (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jaime Burke (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 28th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Margaret Ainscough (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> William O'Sullivan (RIP)
Saturday 1st March <i>St David</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> Eileen Mortimore (ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> For the People of the Parish
Sunday 2nd March <i>Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Henry Foster (special intention) Giovanni Puzo (RIP) Marjorie Woodward (RIP) Fr Denis Maher

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 2 & 3

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

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FEBRUARY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

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

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