



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Happy Mother's Day

Today we give thanks for all Mothers, for the love they give every day.

We pray too for all those Mums who are no longer with us and those who are grieving for them.

Fourth Sunday of Lent 30th March 2025

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

During the Holy Year, we are called to be tangible signs of hope for those of our brothers and sisters who experience hardships of any kind. I think of prisoners who, deprived of their freedom, daily feel the harshness of detention and its restrictions, lack of affection and, in more than a few cases, lack of respect for their persons. I propose that in this Jubilee Year governments undertake initiatives aimed at restoring hope; forms of amnesty or pardon meant to help individuals regain confidence in themselves and in society; and programmes of reintegration in the community, including a concrete commitment to respect for law.

This is an ancient appeal, one drawn from the word of God, whose wisdom remains ever timely. It calls for acts of clemency and liberation that enable new beginnings: "You shall hallow the fiftieth year and you shall proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants" (Lev 25:10). This institution of the Mosaic law was later taken up by the prophet Isaiah: "The Lord has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour" (Is 61:1-2). Jesus made those words his own at the beginning of his ministry, presenting himself as the fulfilment of the "year of the Lord's favour" (cf. Lk 4:18-19). In every part of the world, believers, and their Pastors in particular, should be one in demanding dignified conditions for those in prison, respect for their human rights and above all the abolition of the death penalty, a provision at odds with Christian faith and one that eliminates all hope of forgiveness and rehabilitation. In order to offer prisoners a concrete sign of closeness, I would myself like to open a Holy Door in a prison, as a sign inviting prisoners to look to the future with hope and a renewed sense of confidence.

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 10

Pope Francis' Intention for March:

For families in crisis. Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

LENT AT ST VINCENT'S

- ♦ **Stations of the Cross** - every Friday at 6.30pm in church led by a parish group or member of the clergy
- ♦ **Lent Reflections** - Anne O'Connor, has compiled a [Lent reflections 2025 document](#), available on the [J&P section](#) of the parish website with a series of readings, reflections and prayers.
- ♦ **Lenten Alms** - our Lenten Alms this year will be donated to St Anne's Hospice (wallbox in the church porch).
- ♦ **LENTEN TALK: FAITH IN ACTION** - Thursday 3 April 7.30-9pm, Westleigh (see item below for details)
- ♦ **DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES** allow us, during Lent, to go to the different Churches in our Deanery and gather together with those outside of our own parish community. These take place on Wednesdays: 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration; 7.00pm Mass followed by refreshments. 2nd April at Sacred Heart and **9th April here at St Vincent's**.

PUTTING FAITH INTO ACTION: CAFOD'S GLOBAL WORK

On Thursday, 3 April, at 7:30-9pm in Westleigh Parish Centre (WA14 2BP), the CAFOD/Justice and Peace group at St Vincent's, in collaboration with CAFOD and the Diocese of Shrewsbury, warmly invites you to a special talk on CAFOD's international work and the Catholic Social Teaching that underpins it.

Over the years, your generosity has played a vital role in supporting CAFOD's mission. This event is an opportunity to learn more about how your contributions are making a difference and how charitable love takes shape in real, tangible ways to support vulnerable communities around the world.

We are delighted to welcome Francis Stewart, a member of CAFOD's Theology team, and Diana Trimino, CAFOD's Head of Latin America and the Caribbean Region, as our speakers.

No need to book, but for any questions please contact alisonrsharrock@gmail.com

FRIDAY CLUB

Our next session will be Friday 4th April 2-4pm in Westleigh. We will be showing the acclaimed 2019 film of the Rice/Lloyd Webber musical 'Joseph & His Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'. All parishioners & friends welcome.

WASHING OF FEET - MAUNDY THURSDAY

We would be very grateful for volunteers who are willing to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday at the 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please sign the list in the porch to offer your services. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS, GOOD FRIDAY

The children of the Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday (18 April) at 11am with a practice beforehand at 10am. We are looking for children who are confident readers, children to hold the Stations and children to sing in the choir. This year we would like some adults to help us too. We are looking for people to welcome and distribute the order of service, some adults to help direct the children and to help with Veneration of the Cross. If your family would like to be involved please ring or message Anna Croughan on 07512315286.

DIGITAL NOTICEBOARD

As a parish we struggle to find sufficient space on the existing notice boards for everything we would like to display. For this reason, we are planning to invest in a digital notice board to increase our capacity to display information. The cost of the noticeboard we have identified as suitable costs £2500. If anyone is in a position to make a donation towards the noticeboard it would be very gratefully received. Please forward any donations to the parish office – labelled 'Digital noticeboard'.

LENT SERIES OF TALKS

Lent Series of Talks on **Faith, Hope and Love** with Mrs Natalie Orefice and Fr David Irwin at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. At **7pm on 1st April**. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526826.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 13th and 27th April 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— 10th and 24th April (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 5th and 26th April. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Weekly Offertory Envelopes for next year are available for collection at the back of church. For those using the Gift Aid scheme, there are individually named boxes in alphabetical order. Gift aid is simple, gives a substantial boost to the parish finances, costs you nothing extra and is completely confidential. The parish can claim back a refund of the tax on your offerings. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way please contact Michael Swarbrick on 07957 630230 or michael@swarbrick.co.uk.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING MINUTES can be found on the [parish website](#) and at the back of church.

EASTER CARDS: a limited number available from the sacristy for 75p. Profits will go to St Anne's Hospice.

PARISH REGISTER

Our **Welcome Leaflets** available in the Porch are always taken but very few get returned to register family details! If you have taken one please complete and return.

New Parishioners, please let the parish office have your details i.e. names, address, contact number and email (and for children their dates of birth) so that you can be registered as a Parishioner.

Existing parishioners, if you have changed address, changed your telephone contact number or changed your email address, please let the parish office have your updated details to keep the records up-to-date.

AIG TOUR OF ST. MARY'S, BOWDON

The Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) invites you to a guided tour of St Mary's Church in Bowdon on Wednesday 7th May, starting at 7.30pm. Revd Andrew Knight, the new vicar is our host, and the tour itself is led by a local historian; light refreshments will be provided. To book your place, or ask questions, please contact Dominique at mdodarcy@gmail.com or 07791 619 897 before 1st May (for catering purposes).

LOCAL U3A MEMBERSHIP TOPS 1,000

U3A is a nationwide network of registered charities that enables those in the third age of life and others to remain both physically and mentally active. Social isolation can have a major bearing on our spiritual well-being and health – especially in later years. Membership of our local area U3A has recently gone above 1,000 and includes many of our own parishioners. The local branch offers more than 90 activity groups with the opportunity to socialise regularly and make new friends. It charges an annual admin fee of just £12. Find out more <https://hale.u3asite.uk/>

SMC / Mount St Mary's Alumni Mass in Leeds Sunday 6th April 11am, St Anne's Cathedral. All welcome.

VACANCIES

- ♦ The Governors of Holy Family Catholic Primary School, Sale Moor, wish to appoint an outstanding, visionary and aspirational Headteacher for September 2025. For more information please visit <https://www.holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk/job-vacancies/> <<https://www.holyfamilysalemoor.co.uk/job-vacancies/>>
- ♦ Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Baguley (M23 1HP) is seeking to appoint an Administrator/Finance Officer. Further information can be found on the school website <https://www.sacredheart-baguley.manchester.sch.uk/page/vacancies/144322> or by telephoning the school 0161 998 3419.

MARCH LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE Use Fairtrade products, including cleaning products where possible.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Louis Kean and Niamh Conroy 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 Roy Clancy, Francis Evans, James Bradley, Anthony Burns 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, Marie Ford, 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, John O'Donnell, 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, Steve 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, Joceph Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Peter Walsh, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, Harry Wood and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
Sheila Carr: 0161 928 7432

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 23rd March £2125.08 plus standing orders.
Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 30th March <i>Fourth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30	Matthew Joseph, Alphonz, Alex & Rosily Joseph, (Birthday intentions)
	10:00	Colm & Rosa Holden
	11:30	Nancy Mannion (ann)
	18:30	The Dunleavy Family (intentions)
Monday 31st March <i>Ferial</i>	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Requiem Mass for Francis Bernard (Frank) Evans
	18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 1st April <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV	Sarah Fish (intentions)
	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Alice Bickers (Mothers Day Thoughts)
Wednesday 2nd April <i>Optional Commemoration: St Francis of Paola</i>	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Mark J Hunter (RIP)
Thursday 3rd April <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV	Helena Conroy (RIP)
	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Deceased members of the Maher, O'Sullivan & Dayley families
	18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 4th April <i>Optional Commemoration: St Isidore</i>	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Mary McGee (Donegal) (RIP)
		NO Confessions after Mass
	13:30	Wedding of Alicia Owen and Sean Eden
	18:30 19:00	<i>Stations of The Cross led by The Children's Liturgy Team</i> Tracy Fearon
Saturday 5th April <i>Optional Commemoration: St Vincent Ferrer</i>	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	11:00-12:00	<i>Confessions</i>
	12:15	Edwin Mathew (19th birthday)
	16:30-17:15	<i>Confessions</i>
	17:00 17:30	<i>Rosary</i> Michael McEvoy (ann)
Sunday 6th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30	Thomas Alex & Sebastian Benedict (special intentions and thanksgiving)
	10:00	For the People of the Parish
	11:30	Sheila Brennon (RIP)
	18:30	Anne Dolan (ann)

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

APRIL RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 6th - SVP and 15th - CAFOD

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 4

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

Deacon: Deacon Joseph Fawcett-Wood

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