



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Today's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 5:12-16

Psalm 118

Revelation 1:19-11a, 12-13, 17-19

John 20:19-31

Sunday Missal (page 424)

Divine Mercy Sunday Second Sunday of Easter 27th April 2025

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

I ask with all my heart that hope be granted to the billions of the poor who often lack the essentials of life. Before the constant tide of new forms of impoverishment, we can easily grow inured and resigned. Yet, we must not close our eyes to the dramatic situations that we now encounter all around us, not only in certain parts of the world. Each day we meet people who are poor or impoverished; they may even be our next-door neighbours. Often they are homeless or lack sufficient food for the day. They suffer from exclusion and indifference on the part of many. It is scandalous that in a world possessed of immense resources, destined largely to producing weapons, the poor continue to be "the majority of the planet's population, billions of people. These days they are mentioned in international political and economic discussions, but one often has the impression that their problems are brought up as an afterthought, a question which gets added almost out of duty or in a tangential way, if not treated merely as collateral damage. Indeed, when all is said and done, they frequently remain at the bottom of the pile". Let us not forget: the poor are almost always the victims, not the ones to blame.

- *Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 15*

Pope Francis' Intention for April:

For the use of new technologies. Let us pray that the use of new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our time.

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This Sunday, 27th April, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be said at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

FRIDAY CLUB

Our next session is Friday 2nd May 2.00pm - 4.30pm in Westleigh. Our afternoon programme will include a showing of the Fred Astaire/Judy Garland classic musical 'Easter Parade'. All parishioners and friends welcome.

NEXT PARISH WALK—SATURDAY 3RD MAY IN HIGHER POYNTON

The walk is 4.5 miles and is a mixture of woodland and open fields. There is one stile on the walk and a number of normal walking path gates. There is a set of steps on leaving the Middlewood Way, one short steep section with some steps up a hill and a couple of gentle inclines. Meet at St Vincent's Westleigh car park at 9:50am to pool cars for a prompt departure at 10:00am. Please ensure you have appropriate walking shoes/boots. Parking will be at The Boar's Head and lunch needs to be ordered in advance as this is the early Spring Bank Holiday weekend. Please email Chris Howes cjhowes54@gmail.com to confirm you'll be taking part in the walk. If you are staying for lunch at the pub, please include your lunch order. The menu for the Boar's Head can be found [here](#).

PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 9TH MAY 8PM

Join us for a parish quiz night, in Westleigh on Friday 9th May at 8pm. Teams of 6, entry fee £3 per person, with a cash prize for the winning team! Either enter as a team or make new friends and be allocated to a team on the night. Numbers are limited, so please sign up and pay your entry fee via the parish office by Tuesday 6th May to reserve your place. John Moran will once again be our quiz master, with questions on a variety of topics to suit everyone, so come along and bring your bottle for what promises to be another great night!

PARISH DAY TRIP TO SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL TO CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE YEAR

On Wednesday 6th August we are planning a parish day trip to Shrewsbury Cathedral for a tour, Mass, light lunch and a Jubilee Pilgrim Liturgy. The day will cost £30 which includes all activities, a light lunch and transport. If you are interested in joining the trip please sign the poster at the back of church or email the parish office.

DIOCESAN MARRIAGE MASS 2025

A Mass for couples celebrating a significant anniversary, or those newly married, will be celebrated at Holy Angels, WA15 0HG on Sat 21st June at 12 noon followed by a buffet lunch. If you would like to apply for an invite from the Bishop email parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk with details of couple's name, address and the significant anniversary being celebrated.

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE SOUTH MANCHESTER YOUNG ADULTS

On April 26th at 7.00pm., the Young Adults invite St Vincent's parishioners to attend our meet-up. We will discuss our pilgrimage to Rome and its impact on us. This is an excellent way for the parish to get to know some young adults and ask any questions they may have.

WALKING PILGRIMAGE FROM ST VINCENTS, ALTRINCHAM—SATURDAY 10TH MAY

South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group (18-35) is going on a walking pilgrimage from St Vincent's to St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport on Saturday 10th May. The main route involves approximately 11.5km of walking, with shorter and longer routes available. Register your interest on the sign up form: <https://forms.gle/ucEZXMA2bcvXUugU6> For more information, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com or check out the poster on Instagram [@southmanccatholicya](#)

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 27th April, 11th and 25th May 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— 8th and 22nd May (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 26th April. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan, Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation, for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help. When: 7th June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm. Where: Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church WA15 0HG. To register or for more information please contact jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org / 07517 906435.

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT—SUNDAY 11TH MAY

You are warmly invited to the Romulus Singers' Concert: 'BEING HUMAN' on Sunday 11th May, 3.00pm in Holy Angels Parish Hall. A return of our cream tea concert featuring "Being Human", a set of 10 songs by Kate Rusby, arranged by Kate Shipway, on the theme of what it is to be human. Tickets £15 (£7 student/child). To guarantee a place at this popular event, please book in advance at Romulus-singers.co.uk/being-human or 07531 266443.

MARRIAGE HELP AVAILABLE

Retrouvaille is a worldwide program which helps couples struggling with elements of their marriage. Perhaps a couple have stopped communicating and don't know how to restart or perhaps different jobs or hobbies have led to the couple living as 'married singles'. A weekend meeting will take place 20th - 22nd June in Welwyn Garden City, Hertfordshire, giving a chance for couple to rekindle their relationship. Although the majority of participants are Catholic the program is suitable for all. To find out more log on to www.retrouvaille.org.uk or phone 07887296983.

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).

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH (NEHEMIAH 8:10)

All are welcome to join for a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments.

CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA ON TUESDAY 13TH MAY 2025 FROM 7PM TO 9PM

You are welcome to an evening of hearing the message of Fatima, hymns, Eucharistic Adoration, Marian devotion, and veneration of the Relics of Saints Jacinta & Francisco. Beginning with Holy Mass at 7pm at Sacred Heart and St Teresa's Catholic Church, SK9 1LD. Parking on Green Lane from 6.30pm & in the Rex Car Park, SK9 1NX - see poster.

PRO-LIFE COFFEE MORNING AND Q&A WITH MARCH FOR LIFE TEAM & SPECIAL GUEST, RACHEL MACKENZIE

Come along to a pro life themed coffee morning in the Salford Cathedral hall on Saturday 10th May after the 10am Mass. Enjoy a hot drink with a biscuit/cake and ask any pro life questions to our friendly team from March for Life UK and Rachel's Vineyard at the live Q&A session.

VACANCIES

Loreto Grammar School is seeking to appoint a Lay Chaplain to work with young people, helping them in their spiritual direction. For more information please visit <https://www.loretogrammar.co.uk/812/vacancies>

The Convent of St. Emilie, Bowdon requires care assistants providing care to a small community of religious sisters. Flexible hours: day, night & weekends shifts. Contact the Convent 0161 9282119 for application form and information.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to Dominic Markham and Tara Quigley-Curror who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Margaret Sharrock, Jean Howarth 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, Peter Heywood, 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, Tomlinson family, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Joseph Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Peter Walsh, Janina Wardzinska, Joan Watson, 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

Holy Places Collection 18th April £920.38
Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 27th April <i>Second Sunday of Easter</i> <i>Divine Mercy Sunday</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 14:00 15:00 15:15 15:30 18:30	Jamshid Aminian (RIP) Molly & Sean McRae (wedding anniversary) For the children receiving First Holy Communion today Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions Praying of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Benediction Holy Sacrifice of the Mass For the People of the Parish
Monday 28th April <i>St George</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Phyllis McGrath (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 29th April <i>St Catherine of Siena</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	NO Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Shrewsbury Seminarians & Discerners
Wednesday 30th April <i>Optional Memorial: St Pius V</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sarah Hrybyk (ann)
Thursday 1st May <i>Optional Memorial: St Joseph the Worker</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	NO Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Angela Perkin (RIP) NO 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration (NO Confessions)
Friday 2nd May <i>St Athanasius</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Hetty & Rohill (intentions) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Requiem Mass for Pope Francis
Saturday 3rd May <i>Ss Philip and James</i>	10:00 11:30 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:30-17:15 17:00 17:30	St Vincent's School First Holy Communion <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Michael Wain (birthday memories) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> For the People of the Parish
Sunday 4th May <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Nicholas Joseph Jervis (ann) Thomas O'Connor (RIP) Nora Reddington Vincent Gillespie (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

MAY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 4TH CAFOD

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 2

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

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