



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Today's Readings:

Isaiah 43:16:21
Psalms Ps 126
Philippians 3:8-14
John 8:1-11

Sunday Missal (page 311)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

6th April 2025

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

Signs of hope should also be shown to the sick, at home or in hospital. Their sufferings can be allayed by the closeness and affection of those who visit them. Works of mercy are also works of hope that give rise to immense gratitude. Gratitude should likewise be shown to all those healthcare workers who, often in precarious conditions, carry out their mission with constant care and concern for the sick and for those who are most vulnerable.

Inclusive attention should also be given to all those in particularly difficult situations, who experience their own weaknesses and limitations, especially those affected by illnesses or disabilities that severely restrict their personal independence and freedom. Care given to them is a hymn to human dignity, a song of hope that calls for the choral participation of society as a whole.

Signs of hope are also needed by those who are the very embodiment of hope, namely, the young. Sadly, they often see their dreams and aspirations frustrated. We must not disappoint them, for the future depends on their enthusiasm. It is gratifying to see the energy they demonstrate, for example, by rolling up their sleeves and volunteering to help when disasters strike and people are in need. Yet it is sad to see young people who are without hope, who face an uncertain and unpromising future, who lack employment or job security, or realistic prospects after finishing school. Without the hope that their dreams can come true, they will inevitably grow discouraged and listless. Escaping into drugs, risk-taking and the pursuit of momentary pleasure does greater harm to them in particular, since it closes them to life's beauty and richness, and can lead to depression and even self-destructive actions. For this reason, the Jubilee should inspire the Church to make greater efforts to reach out to them. With renewed passion, let us demonstrate care and concern for adolescents, students and young couples, the rising generation. Let us draw close to the young, for they are the joy and hope of the Church and of the world!

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 11 & 12

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 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).
- ♦ **DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASS** - Wednesday 9th April at St Vincents. 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration; 7.00pm Mass followed by refreshments in Westleigh.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING

Free coffee and cake will be served in our parish library, upstairs in Westleigh, on Saturday 12th April from 10am till 12 noon. All are invited to view, borrow, return or donate Christian books. Do come along.

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 07512 315286.

LET US PRAY GROUP - PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS

The Let us Pray group invites you to Prayers around the Cross on Good Friday from 7-8pm. This parish tradition is now in its fourth year. Join us as we watch and wait together in church for an hour of shared prayer and silent reflection. 'The cross speaks to us of the supreme love of God and invites us, today, to renew our faith in the power of that love.' Pope Benedict XVI, Good Friday-The Colosseum-2011

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'.

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.

ST JOSEPH'S MEN'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

St Joseph's are organising a 7-a-side football tournament to raise funds for the ongoing, much needed, restoration works at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport. St Vincent's are entering a team but they need some support which includes a referee, a few stewards and then some people to come along to support and cheer them on. This will be held on Bank Holiday Monday 26th May, 9.30am-2.45pm at Cheadle Catholic School in Cheadle Hulme. What better way to spend a Bank Holiday - bring a picnic and support your parish. If you are willing to help in anyway please let Fr Godlove know or email the parish office.

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.

PARISH EASTER CARD

Please take home one of the Parish Easter cards which are at the back of church. It gives you details of all the services during Holy Week and the Easter Triduum.

THE CHRISM MASS will be held at 7pm on Wednesday 16th April at St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, M22 0WR.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY!

The Diocese is excited to launch the new social media platforms to keep you updated on news, events, and faith-filled content from across the Diocese of Shrewsbury! Follow us for inspiring stories, parish updates, and ways to grow in your faith. Follow us on:

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Instagram: @shrewsdiocese

Twitter/X: @shrewsdiocese

Website: www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Join our online community and be part of the journey as we share the beauty of our Catholic faith together!

Like, follow, and share to help spread the word.

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).

VACANCY

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.

APRIL LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE Print double-sided to save paper.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Carmel Williams, Roy Clancy, 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, 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, Anthony Tomlinson, Christopher Tomlinson, Leo Tomlinson, Philip Tomlinson, Christy Toye, Joe Traynor, Joseph 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
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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 30th March £1934.76 plus standing orders.
Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 6th April <i>Fifth Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Thomas Alex & Sebastian Benedict (special intentions and thanksgiving) For the People of the Parish Sheila Brennon (RIP) Anne Dolan (ann)
Monday 7th April <i>Optional Commemoration: St. John Baptiste de la Salle</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Vocations to the Priesthood <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 8th April <i>Tuesday of the Fifth week of Lent</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Alec Mulholland (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Josephine Stockton (ann)
Wednesday 9th April <i>Wednesday of the Fifth week of Lent</i>	11:00 12:15 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for James Bradley Henry Foster (special intentions) Deanery Lenten Station Mass
Thursday 10th April <i>Thursday of the Fifth week of Lent</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Haydn Carr - Pollock (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sarah Hrybyk (Birthday Memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 11th April <i>Optional Commemoration: St. Stanislaus</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Madeline Cauchi (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Stations of The Cross led by CAFOD / Justice & Peace</i> Thomas 'Tommy' Stewart (ann)
Saturday 12th April <i>Saturday of the Fifth week of Lent</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> Wedding of Dominic Markham & Tara Quigley - Conor <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> John Yearsley (intentions)
Sunday 13th April <i>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Thomas & Nellie Morris (ann) Luis Alonso Rodriguez (ann) Jacqueline Aneke (birthday & special intentions)

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

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