



Saint Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church, Altrincham



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Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord & Easter Sunday 13th & 20th April 2025

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

Signs of hope should also be present for migrants who leave their homelands behind in search of a better life for themselves and for their families. Their expectations must not be frustrated by prejudice and rejection. A spirit of welcome, which embraces everyone with respect for his or her dignity, should be accompanied by a sense of responsibility, lest anyone be denied the right to a dignified existence. Exiles, displaced persons and refugees, whom international tensions force to emigrate in order to avoid war, violence and discrimination, ought to be guaranteed security and access to employment and education, the means they need to find their place in a new social context.

May the Christian community always be prepared to defend the rights of those who are most vulnerable, opening wide its doors to welcome them, lest anyone ever be robbed of the hope of a better future. May the Lord's words in the great parable of the Last Judgement always find an echo in our hearts: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" for "just as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers and sisters, you did it to me" (Mt 25:35.40).

The elderly, who frequently feel lonely and abandoned, also deserve signs of hope. Esteem for the treasure that they are, their life experiences, their accumulated wisdom and the contribution that they can still make, is incumbent on the Christian community and civil society, which are called to cooperate in strengthening the covenant between generations.

Here I would also mention grandparents, who represent the passing on of faith and wisdom to the younger generation. May they find support in the gratitude of their children and the love of their grandchildren, who discover in them their roots and a source of understanding and encouragement.

- Pope Francis, Spes non confundit, 13 & 14

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.

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.

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

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.

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.

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

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 27 April 2025 at St Vincent's Church. The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Devine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

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. Please note this is not taking place on Easter Sunday.
- ◆ **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 26th April. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

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)
Monday 14th April <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	11:00 11:15-11:45 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Requiem Mass for Roy Clancy NO 18: 00 Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 15th April <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10:00 BV 10:00 11:00 11:15-11:45 12:15	Barbara Yearsley Funeral Service for Anthony Burns <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Requiem Mass for Carmel Williams
Wednesday 16th April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	11:00 11:15-11:45 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Frank Hitchen (ann)
Thursday 17th April <i>HOLY THURSDAY</i>	10:00 BV 12:15 7.30pm	NO Mass NO Mass Bernie Burke Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by watching at the Altar of Repose concluding with Night Prayer of the Church (Compline) at 11.45pm
Friday 18th April <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	9:30 11:00 15:00 19:00	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer Children's Stations of the Cross Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Good Friday Prayers Around the Cross
Saturday 19th April <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	9:30 12:15 21:00	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer - the Church will then be locked and reopened at 20:00 NO Mass Katherine Gilgun Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection

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 require 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

We welcome into God's Family Nico Walden, Myles Walden & Darragh Kehir who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Alicia Owen and Sean Eden who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Margaret Sharrock, Carmel Williams, Roy Clancy, 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 Renshawe, 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, Joephen 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

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 6th April £2027.81 plus standing orders.
Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
The SVP is grateful for donations totalling £668.50 in last week's retiring collection
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 20th April <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Sebastian Benedict & Family (intentions) Marie Simpson (ann) For the People of the Parish NO Mass
Monday 21st April <i>Monday of the Easter Octave</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alan Taylor (birthday) NO 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 22nd April <i>Tuesday of the Easter Octave</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Patricia Farmer (nee Robinson) (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mick Sweeney & Karen Sweeney (ann)
Wednesday 23rd April <i>Wednesday of the Easter Octave</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Annis Toal (ann)
Thursday 24th April <i>Thursday of the Easter Octave</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	John Alan Thelwell (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Frank & Patricia Nolan (nee O'Hara) (60th wedding anniversary) NO 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)
Friday 25th April <i>Friday of the Easter Octave</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Barbara Broadbent <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Sam & Miriam
Saturday 26th April <i>Saturday of the Easter Octave</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> Frankie Dolphin <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Sally Nolan (RIP)
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

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 18th - HOLY PLACES

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

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

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