



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham

Today's Readings:

Acts of the Apostles 14:21b-27

Psalms 145

Revelation 21:1-5a

John 13:14

Sunday Missal (page 442)

Fifth Sunday of Easter 18th May 2025



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

Anchored in hope

Hope, together with faith and charity, makes up the triptych of the "theological virtues" that express the heart of the Christian life (cf. 1 Cor 13:13; 1 Thess 1:3). In their inseparable unity, hope is the virtue that, so to speak, gives inward direction and purpose to the life of believers. For this reason, the Apostle Paul encourages us to "rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, and persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12). Surely we need to "abound in hope" (cf. Rom 15:13), so that we may bear credible and attractive witness to the faith and love that dwell in our hearts; that our faith may be joyful and our charity enthusiastic; and that each of us may be able to offer a smile, a small gesture of friendship, a kind look, a ready ear, a good deed, in the knowledge that, in the Spirit of Jesus, these can become, for those who receive them, rich seeds of hope. Yet what is the basis of our hope? To understand this, let us stop and reflect on "the reasons for our hope" (cf. 1 Pet 3:15).

"I believe in life everlasting". So our faith professes. Christian hope finds in these words an essential foundation. For hope is "that theological virtue by which we desire... eternal life as our happiness". The Second Vatican Council says of hope that, "when people are deprived of this divine support, and lack hope in eternal life, their dignity is deeply impaired, as may so often be seen today. The problems of life and death, of guilt and suffering, remain unsolved, so that people are frequently thrown into despair". We, however, by virtue of the hope in which we were saved, can view the passage of time with the certainty that the history of humanity and our own individual history are not doomed to a dead end or a dark abyss, but directed to an encounter with the Lord of glory. As a result, we live our lives in expectation of his return and in the hope of living forever in him. In this spirit, we make our own the heartfelt prayer of the first Christians with which sacred Scripture ends: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev 22:20).

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 18 & 19

Pope Francis' Intention for May:

For working conditions: Let us pray that through work, each person might find fulfilment, families might be sustained in dignity, and that society might be humanised.

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.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH JUBILEE DAY 7/8 JUNE *PENTECOST SUNDAY

As you know, this year is a Jubilee Year for the Catholic Church with the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Our parish will be keeping a Jubilee Day on Pentecost Sunday this year. You are invited to come to your usual Mass wearing something red (liturgical colour of the Holy Spirit). Drinks will be served on the lawn after each of the Masses.

POPE LEO XIV

This Sunday, Pope Leo, will celebrate Mass in Rome to mark the beginning of his ministry. We support him with our love and prayers as he begins his ministry in our complex and divided world.

DIGITAL NOTICE BOARD DONATIONS

We have now received donations covering the full cost of the Digital Notice Board and stand. Thank you to the Kennedy Charitable Foundation and to parishioners for their generosity and support with this project.

CANDLE SALE AFTER MASS

This Sunday 18th May a group of young people will be selling hand decorated candles with religious icons of Jesus, Mary and the Holy Family on them (there are multiple designs available). All funds are going towards supporting the young pilgrims going to the Rome Jubilee Pilgrimage 2025.

DONATE LEFTOVER FOREIGN CURRENCY TO MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals currently works in 16 of the world's poorest countries, feeding over 2.6 million young children one good meal every day in their place of education. They are asking you to donate any left over foreign currency or obsolete UK currency that you may have lying around to help feed children with Mary's Meals.

Please collect an envelope from the back of church, take it home, put it any foreign currency and then hand it into the sacristy or post it through the presbytery letterbox. Please return by 1st June 2025.

The money raised from this initiative will help Mary's Meals bring hope to more desperately hungry children across the globe. Every 10p is enough to provide a hungry child with a nutritious meal in school. Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your continuous support & prayers.

CAFOD / JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEETING

There will be a parish CAFOD and J&P meetings in Westleigh on Wednesday 28th May. 7.30pm-9pm. All parishioners are very welcome to attend.

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. However the SVP will cover the cost of the pilgrimage for anyone struggling to afford it. 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 12noon 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.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY JUBILEE LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025

The brochure and booking form for the 2025 Diocese of Shrewsbury Jubilee Lourdes pilgrimage are available from the Brochure & Forms tab on this website <https://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk/>. The 2025 pilgrimage dates are: **AIR:** Friday 25 July to Thursday 31 July **COACH:** Thursday 24 July to Friday 01 August **YOUTH:** Wednesday 23 July to Friday 01 August. For a youth application form email youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 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— 22nd May (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 31st May. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL 2025

Taking place in the grounds of Ampleforth College from Friday 22nd - Monday 25th August, the Youth 2000 Summer Festival provides young adults (aged 16-35) from across the UK the opportunity to come together and explore faith, build relationships and find hope. This four-day festival includes great speakers, social time, break-out sessions, Daily Mass, 24/7 Adoration and much more! Register your place at: youth2000.org/events/summerfestival2025.

SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help on 7th June 9.30am-4.00pm at Holy Angels Church Hall WA15 0HG. To register please contact jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org / 07517 906435.

LOURDES HOSPITALITY MEETING 7PM WED 21ST MAY

Following a very positive meeting held early April, where we explored the role of the Hospitality, you are invited to continue this reflection at a further meeting, at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. We hope to build on the previous lively discussions and consider areas for further development. The meeting will take place. Confirm your attendance at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

VOCATIONS WEEKEND FOR WOMEN (20'S AND 30'S) - DISCERNING GOD'S CALL IN YOUR LIFE

23rd - 25th May, Liverpool: the weekend is organised by the Sisters, Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ). Jesus invites each of us to 'Come and See' - the weekend will give the opportunity to explore the vocation to religious life and to reflect on God's call to you. If you are wondering if God is calling you to religious life and would like to find out more why not come along? You are welcome to stay for the weekend or just come along on Saturday for the day. There will be opportunity for prayer, reflection and input, chance to ask questions and to meet others who are also wondering where God is calling them. For more information contact Sr Lynne fcj at fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com or visit our website www.fcjsisters.org To register: <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>

DAY OF FORMATION IN LITURGICAL PRAYER & SACRED MUSIC

A day of study, prayer, music and reflection. Led by Fr Guy Nicholls, Director of the St John Henry Newman Institute of Liturgical Music. Saturday 28th June at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton Street, Stockport, SK1 1EJ. A practical day course on understanding the Liturgy and use of Sacred Music within Mass. Begins at 11am and ends with a sung Mass at 5pm. Cost £5 per person (suggested donation payable on the day). Bring a packed lunch. Tea/coffee and biscuits provided. To book or for more information, please email stockportshrine@gmail.com

VACANCY

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

MAY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Read and reflect on Pope Francis's encyclical *Laudato Si'* using [Cafod's guide](#)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Miles Tompkins who was recently baptised here. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Jessica Schofield & Edward Kinsella who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Joan Haworth, Veronica 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, Dave Berry, 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, Christopher Choo, 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, Toby Gimson, Mary Good, Vicky Gosnold, Stella Gould, Jane Grimshaw, Niel Halsall, Carl Harrison, Rufus Hasler & family, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Thomas Higginbotham, Gavin Hill, Hayley Hill, Nick, Hennis, Peter Heywood, Gavin Hill, Jane Hollingworth, 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, Helen Reynolds, Rose, Stuart Royle, Margaret Russell, Adrian Ryan, David Ryan and Frank, Mary Ryan, Melinda Ryan, Steve Ryan, Camille Sanders, Jacky Scaife, Richard Sheryll, 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

Offertory Collection 11th May £1977.32
Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 18th May <i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Harry Aldcroft (ann) John Giblin (RIP) For the People of the Parish Catherine Torode (RIP)
Monday 19th May <i>St Milburga</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tom McNamara (birthday remembrance) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 20th May <i>Optional Memorial: St Bernadine of Siena</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Kathleen Lee <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Santosh Babu (50th birthday intentions)
Wednesday 21st May <i>The Dedication of the Cathedral</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Geoff Farrell (RIP)
Thursday 22nd May <i>Optional Memorial: St Rita of Cascia</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Monica Gallagher (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Doris Singleton (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 23rd May <i>Friday of the 5th week of Eastertide</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ian Hampson (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Lindersen Family
Saturday 24th May <i>Saturday of the 5th week of Eastertide</i> <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:15-17:15 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Seminarians of Diocese of Shrewsbury Wedding of Bethany Dillon & Bradley Hales <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Seamus Glynn (RIP)
Sunday 25th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Joan & Brian Hosty (RIP) Billy Igoe (RIP) For the People of the Parish Carmel Williams (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 1

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

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