



# Saint Vincent de Paul

## Catholic Church, Altrincham



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### Today's Readings:

**Acts of the Apostles 13:14, 43b-52**

**Psalm 100**

**Revelation 7:9, 13a, 14b-17**

**John 10:27-30**

**Sunday Missal (page 438)**

## Fourth Sunday of Easter 11th May 2025

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

The coming Jubilee Year will also coincide with a significant date for all Christians, namely, the 1700th anniversary of the celebration of the first great Ecumenical Council, that of Nicaea. It is worth noting that, from apostolic times, bishops have gathered on various occasions in order to discuss doctrinal questions and disciplinary matters. In the first centuries of Christianity, synods frequently took place in both East and West, showing the importance of ensuring the unity of God's People and the faithful proclamation of the Gospel. The Jubilee can serve as an important occasion for giving concrete expression to this form of synodality, which the Christian community today considers increasingly necessary for responding to the urgent need for evangelization. All the baptized, with their respective charisms and ministries, are co-responsible for ensuring that manifold signs of hope bear witness to God's presence in the world.

The Council of Nicaea sought to preserve the Church's unity, which was seriously threatened by the denial of the full divinity of Jesus Christ and hence his consubstantiality with the Father. Some three hundred bishops took part, convoked at the behest of the Emperor Constantine; their first meeting took place in the Imperial Palace on 20 May 325. After various debates, by the grace of the Spirit they unanimously approved the Creed that we still recite each Sunday at the celebration of the Eucharist. The Council Fathers chose to begin that Creed by using for the first time the expression "We believe", [10] as a sign that all the Churches were in communion and that all Christians professed the same faith.

The Council of Nicaea was a milestone in the Church's history. The celebration of its anniversary invites Christians to join in a hymn of praise and thanksgiving to the Blessed Trinity and in particular to Jesus Christ, the Son of God, "consubstantial with the Father", [11] who revealed to us that mystery of love. At the same time, Nicaea represents a summons to all Churches and Ecclesial Communities to persevere on the path to visible unity and in the quest of finding ways to respond fully to the prayer of Jesus "that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me" (Jn 17:21).

The Council of Nicaea also discussed the date of Easter. To this day, different approaches to this question prevent celebrating the fundamental event of our faith on the same day. Providentially, a common celebration will take place in the year 2025. May this serve as an appeal to all Christians, East and West, to take a decisive step forward towards unity around a common date for Easter. We do well to remind ourselves that many people, unaware of the controversies of the past, fail to understand how divisions in this regard can continue to exist.

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 17

### 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.

## POPE LEO XIV

We welcome the election of our new Pope Leo XIV. We will of course support him with our love and our prayers with his difficult tasks in our complex and divided world.

## CANDLE SALE AFTER MASS

This Sunday 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.

## SACRAMENTS

Please remember our young people and their families in your prayers during the next few weeks as they receive the Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We thank all those who have supported our young people in preparing for their Sacraments.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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. 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](mailto: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](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

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

## REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 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— 22nd May (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 10th and 31st May. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS (11TH MAY 2025)

Have you considered exploring a vocation to the diocesan priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? A first step might be to speak to your parish priest or contact the Diocesan Vocations Director at [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) who can help you with discernment. We have a simple website [www.Shrewsburyvocations.org](http://www.Shrewsburyvocations.org) where you can explore more. Further resources are available at [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) or [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

## 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:fcjvocationeurope@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.fcjsisters.org](http://www.fcjsisters.org) To register: <https://bit.ly/FCJVocationWeekend>

## 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.

## OUR PARISH FAMILY

***We welcome into God's Family*** Achilles Hosty and Aida Williams who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

***We celebrate the following individuals who were welcomed into full communion with the Church at the Easter Vigil***  
Kiera Darroch, Danielle Greenwood, Sarah Hudson, Lam Wai Yee (Cathy Lam), Ng Wing Yu (Ellen Ng), Blessing Oluwatayo, Shola Oluwatayo and Oliver Stratton

***Requiescant in Pace*** Please pray for those who have died recently including Veronica Burns, 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, 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, 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

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966  
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### MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 4th May £1806.75  
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# Mass Schedule

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| Sunday<br>11th May<br><i>Fourth Sunday of Easter</i>                                                  | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                                                  | For the People of the Parish<br>Brain Palmer<br>James Wall (RIP)<br>Edith Pratt (RIP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| Monday<br>12th May<br><i>Optional Memorial:<br/>St Nereus &amp; St Achilleus<br/>&amp; St Pancras</i> | 11:00<br>12:15<br>18:00                                                          | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Sadie Finlay (RIP)<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Tuesday<br>13th May<br><i>Optional Memorial:<br/>Our Lady of Fatima</i>                               | 10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15                                                       | <b>NO</b> Mass<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Mary Timpany (RIP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Wednesday<br>14th May<br><i>St Matthias</i>                                                           | 11:00<br>12:15                                                                   | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Jean Haworth (RIP)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Thursday<br>15th May<br><i>Thursday of the 4th week of<br/>Eastertide</i>                             | 10:00 BV<br>11:00<br>12:15<br><br><b>19:00</b>                                   | <b>NO</b> Mass<br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Carmel Williams (RIP)<br><b>NO 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions available</b><br><b>Confirmation Mass</b>                                                                                                                        |
| Friday<br>16th May<br><i>Friday of the 4th week of<br/>Eastertide</i>                                 | 11:00<br>12:15<br><br>18:30<br>19:00                                             | <i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br>Bernard Chadwick (RIP)<br><b>NO Confessions after Mass</b><br><i>Rosary</i><br>Grace Mojisola Oluwatayo (RIP)                                                                                                                                                |
| Saturday<br>17th May<br><i>Saturday of the 4th week of<br/>Eastertide</i>                             | 10:00<br>11:30<br>11:00-12:00<br>12:15<br>14:30<br>16:30-17:15<br>17:00<br>17:30 | <b>St Vincent's School First Holy Communion</b><br><i>Eucharistic Adoration &amp; Benediction</i><br><i>Confessions</i><br>Bernard Collins (birthday remembrance)<br><b>Nuptial Mass - Joanna Cynkowska &amp; William Chambers</b><br><i>Confessions</i><br><i>Rosary</i><br>Bernadette Devine (80th birthday) |
| Sunday<br>18th May<br><i>Fifth Sunday of Easter</i>                                                   | 8:30<br>10:00<br>11:30<br>18:30                                                  | Harry Aldcroft (ann)<br>John Giblin (RIP)<br>For the People of the Parish<br>Catherine Torode (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 4

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

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