



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham

Sixth & Seventh Sundays of Easter

25th May & 1st June 2025



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Readings for Sixth Sunday of Easter:

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2, 22-29

Psalms 67

Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

John 14:23-29

Sunday Missal (page 446)

Readings for Seventh Sunday of Easter:

Acts of the Apostles 7:55-60

Psalms 97

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

John 17:20-26

Sunday Missal (page 461)

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

The death and resurrection of Jesus is the heart of our faith and the basis of our hope. Saint Paul states this succinctly by the use of four verbs: "I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received, that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas and then to the twelve" (1 Cor 15:3-5). Christ died, was buried, was raised and appeared. For our sake, Jesus experienced the drama of death. The Father's love raised him in the power of the Spirit, and made of his humanity the first fruits of our eternal salvation. Christian hope consists precisely in this: that in facing death, which appears to be the end of everything, we have the certainty that, thanks to the grace of Christ imparted to us in Baptism, "life is changed, not ended", [15] forever. Buried with Christ in Baptism, we receive in his resurrection the gift of a new life that breaks down the walls of death, making it a passage to eternity.

The reality of death, as a painful separation from those dearest to us, cannot be mitigated by empty rhetoric. The Jubilee, however, offers us the opportunity to appreciate anew, and with immense gratitude, the gift of the new life that we have received in Baptism, a life capable of transfiguring death's drama. It is worth reflecting, in the context of the Jubilee, on how that mystery has been understood from the earliest centuries of the Church's life. An example would be the tradition of building baptismal fonts in the shape of an octagon, as seen in many ancient baptisteries, like that of Saint John Lateran in Rome. This was intended to symbolize that Baptism is the dawn of the "eighth day", the day of the resurrection, a day that transcends the normal, weekly passage of time, opening it to the dimension of eternity and to life everlasting: the goal to which we tend on our earthly pilgrimage (cf. Rom 6:22).

The most convincing testimony to this hope is provided by the martyrs. Steadfast in their faith in the risen Christ, they renounced life itself here below, rather than betray their Lord. Martyrs, as confessors of the life that knows no end, are present and numerous in every age, and perhaps even more so in our own day. We need to treasure their testimony, in order to confirm our hope and allow it to bear good fruit.

The martyrs, coming as they do from different Christian traditions, are also seeds of unity, expressions of the ecumenism of blood. I greatly hope that the Jubilee will also include ecumenical celebrations as a way of highlighting the richness of the testimony of these martyrs.

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*,

Pope Francis' Intention for June:

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his heart learn to have compassion on the world.

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.

Can you help? We need four volunteers to help set up and serve the refreshments after each Mass; sign up sheets are available at the back of church, or contact penny@pennyhowes.co.uk

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HALF TERM (W/C 26TH MAY)

If you need to contact the clergy urgently whilst the office is closed please contact them by phone. Answerphone messages will be checked daily. Non-urgent matters and emails will be responded to after half term.

AWAKENING- 100 DAY, DAY OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

On Saturday 31st May we will host a Day of Eucharistic Adoration (see Mass schedule for timings). "Awakening", is a prayer campaign around the Blessed Sacrament, initiated by Jesus Youth UK. Everyone is very welcome.

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.

CAFOD / JUSTICE AND PEACE GROUP MEETING - Wednesday 28th May 7.30-9pm

All parishioners are very welcome to attend the above CAFOD and J&P meetings in Westleigh.

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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK - 12.15PM SATURDAY 14TH JUNE

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated on Saturday 14th June during the 12.15 Mass at St. Vincent's. It is hoped that as many parishioners as possible will be able to come, including those who find it difficult to attend Mass regularly. Please email the parish office if you need assistance coming to this Mass.

ST KILLIANS VOTIVE BURNING SYSTEM TRIAL

Next week we will be trialling the St Killians Votive Burning System, a safe, clean and environmentally friendly votive burning system. It is endorsed for its safety by the Catholic Church insurer. The candles in the system are completely smoke free, which will help preserve our statues and artifacts and reduce our maintenance costs. The system does not use any plastic or aluminium and all candle wax from the system is recycled.

ALTRINCHAM INTERFAITH TEA PARTY- 3-5PM SUNDAY 29TH JUNE

Altrincham Interfaith invite you to this Tea Party at Blessed Thomas Holford's. See poster at the back of church for full details. Please book tickets before 16th June - contact Dominique at mdodarcy@gmail.com

VACANCY

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a teacher of Core Religious Education & Chaplaincy Support, to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** - 25th May, 8th and 22nd June 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. Not on 8th June due to refreshments on the lawn for Jubilee Day.
- ◆ **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. **Not on 26th May due to Bank holiday.**
- ◆ **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— 5th and 19th June (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.

Sunday 25th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Joan & Brian Hostey (RIP) Billy Igoe (RIP) For the People of the Parish Carmel Williams (RIP)
Monday 26th May <i>St Philip Neri</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Walsh (Australia) (RIP) <i>NO 18:00 Eucharistic Adoration due to Bank Holiday</i>
Tuesday 27th May <i>St Augustine of Canterbury</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Carmel Williams (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Joe Whitticker (RIP)
Wednesday 28th May <i>Wednesday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thomas Alex
Thursday 29th May <i>THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD</i> <i>HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION</i>	10:00 BV 10:00 11:00 12:15 13:30 18:00 19:00	Delia Freeman (RIP) Baby Eithan Flannigan <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alex Thomas, Teresa Thomas, Alonz Thomas Wedding of James Chrystal & Amy Littlewood <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i> Herbert Torkington (ann)
Friday 30th May <i>Friday of the 6th week of Eastertide</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Luby (birthday memories) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Daphne Stratford & Pilar Rodriguez (ann)
Saturday 31st May <i>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	9:00-12:00 11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 14:30-17:00 16:15-17:15 17:00 17:30	Day of Eucharistic Adoration <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Alfie (RIP) Wedding of Samuel Watt & Nicole Leach Day of Eucharistic Adoration <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> William Cochrane (RIP)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Finn & Arlo Hudson who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Joanna Cynkowska & William Chambers who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Daniel Regan, Christina Conboy, Joan Haworth, Ethna McGoff, Mary Peers 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 Dermot Brennan, Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, Olivia Cashmore, John Cawfield, Christopher Choo, Anne Coghlan, 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, Jeanette Hartley, 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, Sue Power, 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, Joeeph 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

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 1st June <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	The McLaughlin Family (intentions) Annelise Frederike Adelheid (RIP) Alf & Freda Tanner (intentions) For the People of the Parish
Monday 2nd June <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Marcellinus & Peter</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sean Bruen (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 3rd June <i>St Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Eleanor Byrne (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Michael Henry (RIP)
Wednesday 4th June <i>Wednesday of the 7th week of Eastertide</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Philip Tomlinson
Thursday 5th June <i>St Boniface</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Tracy Fearon (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Carmel Williams (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 6th June <i>Optional Memorial: St Norbert</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alan & Linda Edwards (intentions) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Alf Tanner (ann)
Saturday 7th June <i>Saturday of the 7th week of Eastertide</i>	10:00 11:30 11:30-12:00 12:15 16:15-17:15 17:00 17:30	Baptism and First Holy Communion for our RCIC children <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Deceased Vincentians <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Edwin Mathew (birthday thanksgiving)
Sunday 8th June <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Winifred Mottram (birthday anniversary) Margarete Erna Bednall (RIP) For the People of the Parish Frances Brady (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

JUNE RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 1ST SVP, 15TH CAFOD, 29TH PETER'S PENCE

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 3 & 2

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

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