



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

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We continue to share excerpts of the late Pope Francis' document on the Holy Year:

Indeed, the indulgence is a way of discovering the unlimited nature of God's mercy. Not by chance, for the ancients, the terms "mercy" and "indulgence" were interchangeable, as expressions of the fullness of God's forgiveness, which knows no bounds.

The sacrament of Penance assures us that God wipes away our sins. We experience those powerful and comforting words of the Psalm: "It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion... The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy... He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our sins" (Ps 103:3-4.8.10-12). The sacrament of Reconciliation is not only a magnificent spiritual gift, but also a decisive, essential and fundamental step on our journey of faith. There, we allow the Lord to erase our sins, to heal our hearts, to raise us up, to embrace us and to reveal to us his tender and compassionate countenance. There is no better way to know God than to let him reconcile us to himself (cf. 2 Cor 5:20) and savour his forgiveness. Let us not neglect Confession, but rediscover the beauty of this sacrament of healing and joy, the beauty of God's forgiveness of our sins!

Still, as we know from personal experience, every sin "leaves its mark". Sin has consequences, not only outwardly in the effects of the wrong we do, but also inwardly, inasmuch as "every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death, in the state called Purgatory". In our humanity, weak and attracted by evil, certain residual effects of sin remain. These are removed by the indulgence, always by the grace of Christ, who, as Saint Paul VI wrote, "is himself our 'indulgence'". The Apostolic Penitentiary will issue norms for obtaining and rendering spiritually fruitful the practice of the Jubilee indulgence.

This experience of full forgiveness cannot fail to open our hearts and minds to the need to forgive others in turn. Forgiveness does not change the past; it cannot change what happened in the past, yet it can allow us to change the future and to live different lives, free of anger, animosity and vindictiveness. Forgiveness makes possible a brighter future, which enables us to look at the past with different eyes, now more serene, albeit still bearing the trace of past tears.

For the last Extraordinary Jubilee, I commissioned Missionaries of Mercy, and these continue to carry out an important mission. During the coming Jubilee, may they exercise their ministry by reviving hope and offering forgiveness whenever a sinner comes to them with an open heart and a penitent spirit. May they remain a source of reconciliation and an encouragement to look to the future with heartfelt hope inspired by the Father's mercy. I encourage bishops to take advantage of their precious ministry, especially by sending them wherever hope is sorely tested: to prisons, hospitals, and places where people's dignity is violated, poverty abounds and social decay is prevalent. In this Jubilee Year, may no one be deprived of the opportunity to receive God's forgiveness and consolation.

- Pope Francis, *Spes non confundit*, 23

Pope's 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 Ordinary Time we are asked to pray for these intentions:

A deeper understanding between Christians and Jews; Those who suffer persecution, oppression and denial of human rights; Europe; Human Life; Seafarers.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2025/2026

We are pleased to announce that the application process is now open for the Confirmation Programme which begins in September 2025 with monthly Sunday afternoon meetings, preparing for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2026. Application forms for the programme, which is for young people who will be in Year 8 or above in September 2025 and are parishioners of St Vincent's, can be found on our website in the ['Notice board'](#) section or can be collected from the back of church. Please complete the application form along with the documents requested, including the letter from the young person to Fr Jonathan as detailed in the letter with the form. Please return the completed form and supporting documents by Sunday 13th July to the parish office in the presbytery. Please note that there will be only 50 places available and places will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority to parishioners.

DEACON JOSEPH'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

We are delighted to share with you that Deacon Joseph will be ordained a priest on Saturday 12th July at Shrewsbury Cathedral. Deacon Joseph will celebrate his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday July 13th at 11.30am here at St Vincent's. All parishioners are warmly invited to attend. Refreshments will be served in Westleigh after his First Mass. Please keep Deacon Joseph in your prayers as he prepares for ordination.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The Peter's Pence collection will take place after all Masses the weekend of 28th/29th June. Peter's Pence is a worldwide collection that supports the charitable work of the Pope. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters, as well as to the support of the Holy See.

PARISH SUMMER SOCIAL - THURSDAY 17TH JULY

Everyone is very welcome to come along to our parish Summer Social which will take place in Westleigh at 7.30pm on Thursday 17th July. There will be a delicious and varied buffet available (full menu details on the posters in church) and it is BYO so please feel free to bring your own bottle. The cost of the evening is £16.50. If you would like to attend please take a booking slip from the back of church and return it with the payment of £16.50 per person in an envelope for the parish office. This can be handed in to the sacristy or posting it through the presbytery door. Please return the slip and payment by Monday 7th July. Thank you.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM

Please read the [minutes](#) of the recent PPT meeting held on 11th June, which are available on our website in the Noticeboard section and also at the back of church. In the Noticeboard section of the website you will also see [Points for Reflection](#) which are reflection points from Pope Leo's address to the College of Cardinals shortly after his election, on what he sees as the significant priorities in the years ahead.

INSIDE ST VINCENT'S CHURCH 'COME AND SEE' BOOKLET

One of our parishioners, Gerry Murphy, has worked very hard on producing a booklet which gives lots of interesting information about many aspects of our church including details about the statues and stained glass windows. We have printed a number of copies for parishioners which are available from the back of church. If you are able to give a small donation towards the cost of printing the booklet we would be very grateful.

CAFOD COLLECTION THANK YOU

A huge thank you to parishioners who donated £1674.59 to our heartfelt Middle East Humanitarian Appeal last weekend. Thanks to the appeal, vital reserves of non-perishable foodstuffs, medical equipment, meds and personnel and shelter items are being supplied for the long relief haul.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 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.
- ♦ **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— 3rd and 17th July (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 28th June. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

ST JOSEPH'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Men's Football Tournament in aid of St Joseph's Stockport: taking place on Saturday 30th August 2025 at Cheadle Catholic School, Conway Road, Cheadle Hulme, SK8 6DB from 10am – 3pm (Gates open from 9.30am) Entrance vis Bruntwood Lane footpath only. Bring a picnic, chair or rug. Drink refreshments available to buy. No parking on site. Please park in Bruntwood Park or park respectfully nearby. Tickets now on sale and cost £10 for adults, £5 for children or family ticket for £15 – to purchase call 07958 795105. Book early to avoid disappointment. Come along to support your parish team and to help raise funds for the restoration of St Joseph's.

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

The Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) invites you to join them for the annual Interfaith Tea on Sunday 29th June, from 3-5pm at Blessed Thomas Holford's. The talk *Beneath the surface: Unlocking the Depths of Spiritual Blessing*, will be given by Rev. Dr. Andrew Knight Vicar of Bowdon Parish Church. Supervised activities for primary aged children are also being offered. Tickets (£5 for over 18s) are limited, please book before 16th June - contact Dominique at mdodarcy@gmail.com (see poster at the back of church).

LOURDES HOSPITALITY

The next Lourdes Hospitality focus group meeting will take place at St Columba's, Chester (Newman Room) on Wednesday July 2nd at 7.30pm . All Hospitality members are welcome to attend .

MARCH FOR LIFE

Join March for Life UK on Saturday 6th Sept in London! The right to life underpins every other right we have and without it every other right is rendered meaningless. Unite with thousands of others at this family-friendly event where we recognise the value of life from conception and stand up for all those impacted by abortion. A coach leaves from St Winifride's Church, 187 Crowmere Rd, Shrewsbury SY2 5LA (6.30am), Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, 542 Cannock Rd, Wolverhampton WV10 8PG (7.15am), St Mary's The Mount, Glebe St, Walsall WS1 3NX (8am). Seats cost £30 for adults, £10 under 16, payable in advance. For more info/to book a seat contact Isabel 07773501721, Ben 07885 505116 info@marchforlife.co.uk

VACANCY: SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER

St Vincent's Catholic Primary have a vacancy for the role of School Business Manager. This is a fantastic opportunity to join their dedicated team and play a key role in the strategic and operational management of the school. If you are interested in learning more about this exciting position, please follow the link below for further details, or feel free to arrange a call with Mrs Harrop where she can provide more information. [School Business Manager - St Vincent's Catholic Primary School - Teaching Vacancies - GOV.UK](#) Please feel free to share this opportunity with friends or family members who may meet the person specification and would be a great fit for St Vincent's.

JUNE LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Consider asking for email rather than paper documents from banks etc.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Sophie Hernandez Panayiotou and Oscar Loach who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their family in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Daniel Regan, John Joseph Nono, Ann Gill, Mary Forster, Peter Bardill 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, Tommy Cresham, 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, 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 15th June £2048. 13. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 22nd June <i>Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Susan McGowan (memories) Burke & Fallon families Una Christina Duffy (ann)
Monday 23rd June <i>Optional Memorial: St Etheldreda</i>	11:00 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Millie Stewart (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 24th June <i>Nativity of St John the Baptist</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Anthony Burns (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Joseph Fawcett-Wood (birthday)
Wednesday 25th June <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sheeba and Austin
Thursday 26th June <i>Optional Memorial: St Josemaria Escriva de Balaguer</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Mary Bridget Peers <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Martin and Harry McAteer <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 27th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Mary Forster <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Pete Waldron (RIP)
Saturday 28th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:15-17:15 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Natasha Gee (ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Simon Harris (birthday memories)
Sunday 29th June <i>St Peter and St Paul, Apostles</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Delia Freeman (RIP) Ian Jackson (ann) Ethna McGoff (RIP) 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

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

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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