



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 27th July 2025

Sunday Missal (page 532)

How to spend your holiday according to Pope Benedict XVI:

In nature, man rediscovers himself

For Pope Benedict XVI it is vital to immerse oneself in nature, especially for “those who dwell in cities where the often frenzied pace of life leaves little room for silence and reflection”. During the Angelus on July 17, 2005, in Les Combes, in the Aosta Valley mountains in northern Italy, he highlighted “the need to be physically and mentally replenished” through a “relaxing contact with nature”. “Moreover, holidays are days on which we can give even more time to prayer, reading and meditation on the profound meaning of life in the peaceful context of our own family and loved ones”, he added.

Looking at “the stirring views of nature, a marvellous ‘book’ within the reach of everyone, adults or children,” people can “rediscover their proper dimension”. “They recognize that they are creatures but at the same time unique, ‘capable of God’, since they are inwardly open to the Infinite”, Pope Benedict XVI explained.

Courtesy: Vatican News

Pope’s Intention for August:

For mutual coexistence: Let us pray that societies where coexistence seems more difficult might not succumb to the temptation of confrontation for ethnic, political, religious or ideological reasons.

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.

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOLIDAY CLOSURE

Our parish children, teachers and parents (maybe!) will be feeling excited about the start of the summer holidays as the schools break up over the next week or so. We wish everyone a very happy and relaxing summer.

The parish office will be closed during the summer holidays. Emails will be checked and responded to weekly and voice messages will be checked daily. In an emergency it is always possible to contact the clergy by phone.

FATHER GODLOVE AMUNGWA

Congratulations to Fr Godlove who, as announced last Sunday, has been appointed Parochial Administrator (Priest in Charge) of the parish of Our Lady Star of the Sea, Ellesmere Port with effect from the beginning of September this year. Thank you to Fr Godlove for his contribution and service here at St Vincents. Our prayers and best wishes go with him. In due course we will arrange a collection for Fr Godlove and invite him back to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving.

HELP NEEDED - TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

We would be really grateful for some more volunteers to help serve tea and coffee after the 10am Mass on Sundays in Westleigh. There is a rota of people so you only need to be available to volunteer at most once a month - the more people that volunteer the less you have to do it! If you could offer some support please email or call the parish office or during July come and chat to the volunteers at Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass. Please note that Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass is not on during August, the rota will resume in September.

SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy at the 10am mass is an opportunity for children to hear the gospel in an age appropriate way and take part in activities to help understanding. It happens on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. There are currently two small teams who meet (usually online) to plan. We then deliver the liturgy of the word for children at the 10am mass. We have good resources and are looking for some more people to join the teams. You would be good at this if you like children, love talking about God's word and enjoy working with adults to pray and plan. You can contact me, Anna Croughan, on 07512 315 286 for further information.

ARE YOU OR DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

Are you or do you know someone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith? Are you thinking about what it means to be called to the Catholic way of life? In Autumn we will be offering you the chance to come and find out more about a programme called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) whereby adults can learn and discern whether to become Catholic Christians. If you would like to know more about this, please come along to an Information meeting in church at 7pm on Tuesday 23rd September or speak to our priests.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION & CONFESSIONS

From Monday 28th July morning Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction (Monday to Friday) will be changing to 11.30am to 12noon. Eucharist Adoration on Monday and Thursday evening 6pm-7pm will continue as usual as does Saturday morning Adoration.

Having reviewed the times for the celebration of the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession), the Sacrament will no longer be regularly available during Thursday evening Adoration. If parishioners cannot make the scheduled times for Confession it is always possible to arrange a mutually convenient time with one of the priests who are always happy to celebrate the Sacrament for you.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - has now paused for the summer holidays and will return on the 14th September 2025.
- ♦ **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: paused for summer holidays. Next sessions will be 11th & 25th September.
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Now on summer break and the group will return on Saturday 6th September. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

CAFOD COLLECTION: Next weekend (2nd/3rd August) the retiring collection will be for the work of CAFOD.

SVP ANNUAL REPORT

Please visit the SVP section of the parish website to read their [Annual Report for 2024-2025](#). Paper copies are also available at the back of church. Thank you to all those in the SVP for all the work they do.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING MINUTES

The [PPT Minutes](#) from the recent meeting on 16th July are available on our parish website and paper copies are at the back of church.

FR ROBERT DYKES' INDUCTION AS PARISH PRIEST

All parishioners are warmly invited to Fr Robert's Mass of Induction as Parish Priest of St. Joseph's, Upton, which takes place on Monday 4th August at 7pm. In this beautiful liturgy, Fr Robert renews his profession of faith and there is a dialogue between the local Dean, Fr Robert and the congregation, highlighting the relationship and responsibilities between the priest, the parish community and our shared commitment to serving Christ. Following Mass there will be refreshments in the parish hall. All are welcome. (St. Joseph's Church, 6 Moreton Rd, Upton, Wirral, CH49 6LJ).

COULD YOU SPARE 2 HOURS A WEEK TO SUPPORT VULNERABLE FAMILIES?

Homestart is a nationwide organisation that coordinates volunteers to support vulnerable families and their preschool children in their homes. It is hugely rewarding to build relationships by simply befriending and listening to parents, while engaging with their child(ren). Home Start Manchester is currently recruiting: are you being called to join their army of volunteers? Home Start offers training and excellent support to all volunteers and you would be part of a team of lovely people; visit <https://homestartmanchester.com/> or phone 0161 721 4493 to find out more, or come to meet other volunteers at a coffee morning at Chorlton Library on 5 August 10am to 12; for an informal chat about what's involved, contact Penny Howes on 07967 807219. The next training dates are 10th and 24th September.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE

Our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage are now in Lourdes, with the theme '*With Mary, Pilgrims of Hope*'. There are almost 430 pilgrims this year, which is our biggest number since covid. Many thanks for your help and support in encouraging parishioners to join us in Lourdes this year.

On Sunday 27 July they will be joining the International Mass at 9.30am (8.30am UK time) and on Monday 28 July we will be joining with Hexham & Newcastle Diocese at the Grotto for Mass at 10am (9am UK time). Both Masses and other liturgies will be available to watch on Lourdes TV which can be accessed via www.lourdes-france.com.

AUGUST LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Make the most of the warm, wet weather by composting kitchen waste.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Annie McGarry, Sofia Murphy and Louis Beadle who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Georgina Allsop and Elliot Mephram who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Rosaleen Gallagher, Fr Gerard McGuinness, Fr Terence Hegarty, Jeanette Hartley, Dermot Brennan, Luis Morillo, Bernadette Wall, Fr James McAteer 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, Janet Barnes, M Barnes, George Bell, Pat Bell, Dave Berry, Stephen Birchall, Helen Boardman, Jackie Body, Laura Body, John Breen, Daniel Brennan, Susan Brennan, Broadfoot, Jozef Broilo, Denise Brooks, Michael Byrne, Jo Carter, Olivia Cashmore, John Cawfield, Christopher Choo, Anne Coghlan, Murray Craig, 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, 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, Pauline Keenan, 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, Sybil Lavin, 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, Maureen O'Hara, Anne O'Neill, Andrea Ottley, Marjorie Owens, Michalis and Karen Papangelis, Anna Perry, Krzysztof Pietrzak, Sue Power, Paul Raybede, Reece, Jackie 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, Stephen Whitehead, 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 20th July £1952.85. Sea Sunday Stella Maris Collection £404.48

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 27th July <i>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Alf Tanner Frank Winnie Rodgers (RIP) Mary Kelly (RIP) Jane Hollingworth (intentions)
Monday 28th July <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Shrewsbury Seminarians & those discerning a Vocation <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 29th July <i>St Mary, Martha and Lazarus</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Anna Daly <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> R.L. (thanksgiving)
Wednesday 30th July <i>Optional Memorial: St Peter Chrysologus</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jane Hunt, Dan and Mike
Thursday 31st July <i>St Ignatius of Loyola</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Jean Aldred (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Christina Conboy (birthday memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 1st August <i>St Alphonsus Mary Liguori</i>	11:30 12:15 13:30 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Maureen Bartlett (RIP) NO Confessions after Mass Wedding of Georgina Madden & Jack Hopton <i>Rosary</i> Teresa Brown
Saturday 2nd August <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Eusebius of Vercelli & St Peter Eymard</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> Philip Tomlinson (RIP) Wedding of Fides Lu & Charles Venables <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Brian Coghlan (RIP)
Sunday 3rd August <i>Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Thomas Alex and Sebastian Benedict (intentions) Jim Doyle (RIP) For the People of the Parish Manuel Bermudez (ann)

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

AUGUST RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 3RD CAFOD

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

PARISH CLERGY - Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon

Assistant Priests: Fr Godlove Amungwa & Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood

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