



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 20th July 2025

Sunday Missal (page 528)

How to spend your holiday according to Pope Francis:

Deepening one's spiritual journey through vacations

At the Angelus on August 6, 2017, Pope Francis emphasised that holidays can also be a good time to deepen one's spiritual journey, even while traveling between tourist destinations. "Summer season is a providential time to cultivate our task of seeking and encountering the Lord", he underlined. In this "period of rest and disengagement from daily activities, we can reinforce our strengths of body and soul".

He also encouraged the faithful to entrust their holidays to the Virgin Mary, so she can help them "be in harmony with the Word of God, so that Christ may become light and lodestar throughout our life". He especially urged all to entrust to her "the summer of those who cannot go on holiday due to impediments of age, to reasons of health or of work, to economic restrictions or other problems, so that it may be a time of eased tension, gladdened by the presence of friends and of happy moments".

Courtesy: Vatican News

Pope's Intention for July:

For formation in discernment. Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the gospel.

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.

FATHER JOSEPH FAWCETT WOOD

Congratulations to Fr Joseph on his Ordination to the Priesthood. It was wonderful that he was able to celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving with us last Sunday at the 11.30am Mass. We were delighted to receive the news that Bishop Mark has appointed Fr Joseph to be Assistant Priest here at St Vincent's with effect from the start of September, but we will see Fr Joseph before then as he is helping in the parish over the summer months. Please keep Fr Joseph in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry and takes up his first appointment with us.

SEA SUNDAY

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. This Sunday 20th July we will support the work of Stella Maris, the maritime agency of the Catholic Church through prayer for all those who live and work at sea and also, if you can, by donating. You can donate using the envelopes at the back of church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

PARISH OFFICE

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.

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.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING

The parish CAFOD/Justice and Peace group would like to draw your attention to our [leaflet](#) introducing some of the basics of CST, which can now be found on our section of the parish website.

JULY LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE: Allocate time for silent reflection before Mass.

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)** - Saturday 19th July (BBQ social at Hale Barns). There will then be a 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.

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

Next week our Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage will depart for 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. While we are in Lourdes we will be praying for you, please pray for us and join with our pilgrimage intentions:

- For peace in the world
- For every human life to be held sacred
- For the new evangelisation of our country & for the increasing number of young adults seeking faith & Baptism
- For our new Holy Father, Pope Leo, in his supreme apostolic ministry
- For the renewal of our local church by new and generous vocations especially to Marriage as the foundation of the family; to the Priesthood, the vocation on which all other vocations depend; to the Permanent Diaconate in its generous service; to the Consecrated Life of women and men in its radiant witness; and for the apostolic life and apostolate in the midst of the world

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Effie Kennedy Mason who was recently baptised here. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Alice Keegan and George Clarkson 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, Luis Morillo, Helen Costello, Bernadette Wall, Michael Barker, Peter Bardill, 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, Jane Dermot 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, 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, 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.

SICK LIST

Please email the parish office or note the name on the sheet at the back of church if you wish to remove a name from the sick list. Thank you.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 20th July <i>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Elizabeth Thomas (birthday intentions) Patrick Francis Needham (10th ann) Ethna McGoff (RIP) Pat Reynolds (RIP)
Monday 21st July <i>Optional Memorial: St Lawrence of Brindisi</i>	11:00 12:15 13:30 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr Godlove Amungwa (ordination anniversary) Funeral Service of Peter Bardill <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 22nd July <i>St Mary Magdalene</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15	Ethna McGoff (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Michael Barker
Wednesday 23rd July <i>St Bridget</i>	11:00 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Freda Tanner (ann)
Thursday 24th July <i>Optional Memorial: St Sharbel Makhlef</i>	10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 18:00	Vocations to the Priesthood <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Patrick Reynolds (first ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration (Confessions available)</i>
Friday 25th July <i>St James</i>	11:00 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anthony Leather (RIP) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Adam Leyland
Saturday 26th July <i>Ss Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin 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> Edgar Fernz (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> For the People of the Parish
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)

MORNING EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION

From Monday 28th July the times of this will be changing to 11.30am to 12noon.

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

JULY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 6th SVP, 20th Apostleship of the Sea

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year C, Weekdays Cycle 1; Psalter Week 4

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

Deacon: Deacon Joseph Fawcett Wood

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