



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st September 2025

Sunday Missal (page 575)

Being a good steward begins with the realisation that what has been entrusted to us is not *ours*, first of all, but rather a gift from someone else. As Christians, this should help us give thanks back to God for each of the gifts we receive. Sin, however, is when we take what has been given and use it for a purpose which does not honour God, but abuses the gift in various ways *for our own purposes*, which are either ungenerous or misdirected in some way.

Therefore, from this week's parable, we pray for the grace to love as God loves; to share as God shares; and to be pure in the intentions of our hearts. Any conflicts within us, between love and selfishness, or between gratitude and ingratitude have been overcome by the perfect love of Jesus Christ who died for us on the Cross. And this miracle of God's saving work, can transform us at each and every Mass, with the power of cleansing us, eventually, from all traces of selfishness and sin until we become perfect in the love of Christ, which surpasses all understanding. This love fulfils the deepest desires of the human heart. May the Lord grant us this love.

Have a blessed week ahead.

Fr Joseph

Assistant Priest

SEPTEMBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE

Try to reduce water wastage in the home: only boil as much water as you need; avoid leaving the shower on unless you are in it.

Pope's Intention for September:

For our relationship with all of creation. Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of respect.

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.

FR GODLOVE MASS OF THANKSGIVING AND PRESENTATION

Fr Godlove will be returning to St Vincents to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.30pm on Sunday 12th October. This will be our opportunity to formally thank Fr Godlove for his ministry here at St Vincents. If you would like to contribute to Fr Godlove's leaving collection please place your offering in an envelope marked 'Fr Godlove Leaving Collection' and place the envelope in the collection plate or through the presbytery door. Cheques should be made payable to 'St Vincents Stipend'. If you wish to do a bank transfer please email the parish office for the details. There will be a shared table after the Mass in Westleigh. More details to follow.

DEACON THEO SHARROCK'S ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD AND MASS OF THANKSGIVING

Theo Sharrock will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Salford on Saturday 27 September. Theo grew up in St Vincent's, attending St Vincent's infants and junior schools from 2000 to 2006, and playing the violin in the children's music group at the 10am Mass. The new Fr Theo will therefore be celebrating his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at our 11.30am Mass on Sunday 28 September. Everyone is very welcome and to the reception afterwards in Westleigh. We wish Theo a long, happy and fruitful priestly ministry. The ordination Mass itself, open to anyone, will take place at 12noon Saturday 27, at St Luke's RC Church, Irlams o' th' Height, M6 7WR.

INTERNATIONAL MASS, SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER, 11.30 MASS

To celebrate the diversity of our parishioner's heritage we are planning an international Mass followed by a shared lunch in Westleigh. **For this to go ahead we need help.** If you can assist with displaying flags in church, reading, setting up Westleigh ... please contact Ruth Holland 07828861934

PARISH MEETING WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER, 7.30-9PM

Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting, where the Parish Pastoral Team will outline their role in parish life and how they operate. St Vincent's is a diverse and thriving parish and we endeavour to support the community as well as each individual's faith journey. We will be looking at what has been offered to date and the fruits of those initiatives, as well as the challenges we face and how, together, we can seek solutions.

CONTACTLESS CARD MACHINE

Unfortunately we are having problems with the contactless card machine at the back of church so have removed it until it is working again. We apologise for any inconvenience. If you would like to donate online you can use the DONATE QR code on page 3 of this newsletter, emailing the parish office for the BACS information or you can set up a Standing Order for your Offertory Giving. This third option which includes a Gift Aid option, is simple and gives a substantial boost to the parish finances, costs you nothing extra and is completely confidential. If you are interested in helping the parish this way please contact Michael Swarbrick: 07957 630230 michael@swarbrick.co.uk.

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP - ST VINCENT'S, ALTRINCHAM

SMYA group meets fortnightly at St Vincent's, Altrincham for Mass, Adoration, Formation and Social time. All 18-35 year olds who would like to deepen their faith and meet like-minded people are welcome to join us on the following dates: 20/09, 4/10, 18/10, 1/11, 15/11, 29/11, 6/12 and 20/12. For more information, find us on Instagram @southmanccatholicyoungadults or email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

THE BIBLE TIMELINE COURSE

Understand the Bible from start to finish, the Old and New Testament, with this FREE OF CHARGE, world-renowned course presented online LIVE by Mauro Iannicelli. Starts on Wed 1st October 2025 at 7pm UK time (x8 Wednesday evening sessions). Info & Registration: comeandsee.org

JUBILEE FOR CATECHISTS EVENT - SATURDAY 15TH NOVEMBER

With Bishop Mark Davies, the Dominican Sisters of St Joseph and Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine SK1 1EJ. To book <https://bit.ly/Jubilee-for-Catechists>

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** - 14th 28th September 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: 11th & 25th September (every fortnight).
- ◆ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ◆ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 6th and 20th September. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 15TH OCTOBER FROM 9:15AM

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School or nursery come along to our next open morning event for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 15th October 2025. Please visit the admissions page of our website www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to book a place or scan the QR code.



BLESSED THOMAS HOLFORD OPEN EVENING - THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER 5PM - 8PM

Blessed Thomas Holford would like to warmly invite Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, along with their families, to their upcoming Open Evening. This is a wonderful opportunity for prospective students to explore the school, meet the staff and students, and discover the vibrant learning environment they offer. Headteacher's address 5:30pm, 6:30pm and 7:15pm. During the evening, families will be able to tour the facilities, speak with subject teachers and pastoral staff, enjoy student-led activities and presentations, learn more about their curriculum, values, and Catholic ethos.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE MINISTRY RETREAT DAY

Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a Retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways that help is needed. There will be presentations from representatives of some of the apostolates already working in the diocese in support of marriage and family. On 11th October 9.30am-4.00pm at Parish Room Shrewsbury Cathedral, Town Walls Shrewsbury SY1 1UE (Above the Cafe). Parking is limited but public car parks are available nearby. **To Register and for Information please contact:** Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07549226794 or Jane at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org 07517 906435.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT

Does your relationship need some TLC? Need help with deeper issues? Next programme starts 17th October www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 07887 296 983

ROSARY RETREAT DAY & JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE AT SAINT JOSEPH'S, STOCKPORT ON SAT 25TH OCT

Bishop Mark Davies will lead this Jubilee Pilgrimage at the Eucharistic Shrine of Saint Joseph's, Stockport on Saturday 25th October. The Rosary Retreat will begin at 9.30 am with reflections and the praying of the Mysteries of the Rosary scriptural meditations. Holy Mass will be celebrated by the Bishop at 11.00am who will renew the entrustment of the Diocese to Our Lady especially entrusting in this shrine dedicated to Eucharistic Adoration and intercession for the sanctification of priests and new and generous priestly vocations all vocations to the Priesthood. The day will conclude with a Eucharistic Procession and Solemn Benediction at 3.30 pm. Please bring a packed lunch.

SITE MANAGER VACANCY AT ST VINCENT'S

An exciting opportunity has arisen for the role of Site Manager at St Vincent's. Please see the advert via school website where you can find it on the About Us tab. <http://www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk/>

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Chloe Ward, Joshua Hines and Scarlett Rooker who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Katie Edwards & John Gibson who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Brian Jones, Annie Murney, Patricia Dryden 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, Antaolii Benzo, 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, 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, Ann Gately, 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, Janet, 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, 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, Janina Wardzinska, Joan Watson, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, and all in our hospitals and homes.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 14th September, £1872.76

Society of African Missions Appeal £3030.09

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 21st September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Mary & Gerry Conroy For The People of The Parish Peter Walsh (RIP) Alex Thomas, Theresa Thomas, Thomas Alex, Elizabeth & Thomas (Birthday Intentions & Wedding Anniversary)
Monday 22nd September <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Catherine McManus, (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 23rd September <i>St. Pius of Peitrelcina (Padre Pio)</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Peter Walsh (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alex Thomas & Theresa Thomas (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday 24th September <i>Our Lady of Walsingham</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Giovanni Taurasi (RIP)
Thursday 25th September <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	NO Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr. Godlove Amungwa (Intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 26th September <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Cosmos & Damian</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Christine Davies (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> David Brickwood (RIP)
Saturday 27th September <i>St. Vincent De Paul</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> Verg Kangley <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Mike Morris (RIP)
Sunday 28th September <i>Twenty Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 17:45 18:30	John & Irene Burke (Anniversary) Mark McAllister (Anniversary) First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass Father Theo's First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving followed by refreshments in Westleigh Confirmation Welcome Meeting (candidates & parents) 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

SEPTEMBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 7TH SVP, 14TH SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS, 21ST EVANGELII GAUDIUM

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

PARISH CLERGY - Parish Priest: Canon Jonathan Brandon **Assistant Priest:** Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood

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