



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 7th September 2025

Sunday Missal (page 565)

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells us, his disciples; "Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple" (Lk 14:27). But in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus says, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for my yoke is easy, and my burden is light (11:28, 29).

Taking up our own cross and following Jesus does not mean a sad life, or a miserable existence. In fact, holy people are happy people; they are the saints. They radiate a kind of joy which the world cannot give (Jn 14:27). This means that we should "bear our own cross" with a spirit of generosity and even cheerfulness. How do we do this? Through trusting prayer, we are able to accept the real crosses in our own lives, and by entrusting them to the Lord, they become so much lighter and easier: "My yoke is easy, and my burden is light" (Mt 11:29).

Not accepting the cross is what makes us drag our feet in the path of life. It is not easy to accept the cross, so let us turn confidently in prayer to our Lord and our Lady, that they may make our difficulties, pains or worries lighter by the presence of their love; by the influence of their generous spirit; by their confidence and courage, that we may persevere and find happiness, even in the midst of life's difficulties.

God bless you and keep you in the week ahead.

Fr Joseph Fawcett Wood, Assistant Priest

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.

This weekend's Retiring Collection is for the work of the SVP

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 account. If you wish to do a bank transfer please email the parish office and they will send you the details. There will be a shared table after the Mass in Westleigh. More details to follow nearer the time.

FRIDAY CLUB

Following the summer break our next get together will be in Westleigh today, Friday 5th September from 2.00 p.m. to 4.15 p.m. The main event will be a showing of the Grace Kelly/Frank Sinatra/Bing Crosby film classic 'High Society' - a great watch on our big screen. All parishioners and friends welcome as usual.

PARISH WALK - 13TH SEPTEMBER

The next St Vincent's walking group walk is on Saturday 13th September and will be lead by Eithne McClean. It's an easy 2 hour walk on quiet lanes and footpaths from Brereton Country Park across the Dane Valley to the Lovell Quinta Arboretum at Swettenham and back. Meet at St Vincent's Westleigh car park at 9:50am for a prompt departure at 10:00am. Please ensure you have appropriate walking shoes/boots. We will car share to Brereton Country Park CW12 4SU (off the A54 to Congleton) where there are free public toilets. Parking per car costs £2.80, payable by card (enter vehicle registration number). Entry to Lovell Quinta Arboretum is £2.50 voluntary contribution each (cash only). Lunch will be at 1pm at The Space Invader, 3 Station Road, Goostrey, Crewe, CW4 8PJ. The pub is booked for a limited number of people. Please contact Helen Doherty on 07814420969 or email: helendoherty7@yahoo.co.uk to reserve a place and to pre order your meal, by 11/09/2025.

SHREWSBURY DAY TRIP MEETING

At 7.15pm on Monday 15th September there will be a meeting in Church for all those going on the Shrewsbury Day Trip scheduled for Monday 29th September. At this meeting you will be given the information about the day with all the timings. **PLACES STILL AVAILABLE** - we still have some places available on this trip so if anyone would like to come along please email the parish office as soon as possible.

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 10 o'clock mass for many years. Although he currently serves as a deacon in Burnley in the north of Salford diocese, he is regularly seen at St Vincent's, where his parents are still parishioners. The new Fr Theo will therefore be celebrating his First Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at the 11.30 mass at St Vincent's, on Sunday 28 September. Everyone is very welcome. There will be a reception afterwards in Westleigh, to which all are invited. We wish Theo a long, happy and fruitful priestly ministry. The ordination Mass itself, which is open to anyone, will take place on Saturday 27, at 12 noon at St Luke's RC Church, Irlams o' th' Height, M6 7WR (Salford Cathedral is undergoing major restoration work).

SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS APPEAL

Next weekend (13th/14th September) we welcome the Society of African Missions who will share with us information about the work they do and ways that we can support this work.

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.

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.

VISIT TO AHMADIYYA MOSQUE WITH ALTRINCHAM INTERFAITH GROUP

The AIG invites you to join them on a visit to the Ahmadiyya Mosque (Hulme) on 16th September from 7.30pm, followed by light refreshments. Please book your place with Secretary@altrincham-interfaith.org.uk. Any questions to Dominique mdodarcy@gmail.com (see poster in St Vincent's).

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 their website (<https://homestartmanchester.com/>) or phone 0161 721 4493 to find out more. If you would like an informal chat with another volunteer, phone Penny Howes on 07967 807219. Dates for the next training are 10th and 24th September.

A HOLY HOUR ON SUNDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025 AT 7PM

Praise and Worship with Scripture readings in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD, followed by refreshments in the hall. All welcome.

JUBILEE EVANGELISATION EVENT

Sharing Hope with a Broken World with guest speaker Mark Saunders on Saturday 13th September 10.30am-2.15pm at St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine, Tatton St, Stockport SK1 1EJ. To book: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST JOSEPH'S FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday 30th August saw the St Joseph's Men's Football tournament at Cheadle Catholic raising around £1200 towards the restoration of St Joseph's Eucharistic Shrine in Stockport. Priests and parishioners joined forces creating 5 teams, (representing 8 parishes within the diocese) in a battle for the trophy. Crowned ultimate winners, despite a tense penalty shoot out with St Vincent's in Altrincham, were the combined parishes of the Sacred Heart & St Teresa's / St Benedict's / St Pius, from Wilmslow, Handforth, and Alderley Edge respectively. This was the first of its kind, but hopefully may become a future annual event in the diocese, unifying our parish communities for love of the Lord. Thank you to all those that attended and supported this event

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Luke Stocks, Rory Dalton, James Willis and Molly Whyman who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Eddie Ross & Hannah Serrage, Anthony Hughes & Francesca Heggie and Antonia Ruta & Kane Forrester who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Brian Jones, Frank O'Donnell 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, 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, 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, Joceph 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

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 24th £2002.76 and 31st August £2096.60.

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 7th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Margaret Monagle (RIP) Simon Harris (ann) Fred Horrigan & Leo Mitchell (RIP) For the People of the Parish
Monday 8th September <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Julia Baumarten (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 9th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Peter Claver</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Peter Walsh (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Joan Watson (RIP)
Wednesday 10th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Ambrose Barlow</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dorothy Billington
Thursday 11th September <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Teresa Garlicka <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Frank McDonnell <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 12th September <i>Optional Memorial: Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter McCarthy (90th Birthday) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Vocations to the Priesthood
Saturday 13th September <i>St John Chrysostom</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> Mona Maher & Billy Maher Wedding of Katie Edwards and John Gibson <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Yearsley Family (intentions)
Sunday 14th September <i>Exaltation of the Cross</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Alex Thomas and Sebastian Benedict Sybil Lavin (RIP) Vite Ramirez (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

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

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

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

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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.