



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time & All Saints 26th October & 2nd November 2025

Sunday Missal (page 593 & 597)

Pope Leo has published his first official teaching document. It is an Apostolic Exhortation, *Dilexi Te (I have loved you)* on Christian love for the poor. We continue the excerpts:

Love for the Lord, then, is one with love for the poor. The same Jesus who tells us, “The poor you will always have with you” (Mt 26:11), also promises the disciples: “I am with you always” (Mt 28:20). We likewise think of his saying: “Just as you did it to one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it to me” (Mt 25:40). This is not a matter of mere human kindness but a revelation: contact with those who are lowly and powerless is a fundamental way of encountering the Lord of history. In the poor, he continues to speak to us.

Saint Francis

Pope Francis, explaining his choice of that name, related how, after his election, a Cardinal friend of his embraced him, kissed him and told him: “Do not forget the poor!” It is the same appeal that the leaders of the Church made to Saint Paul when he went up to Jerusalem to confirm his mission (cf. Gal 2:1-10). Years later, the Apostle could still reaffirm that this was “actually what I was eager to do” (Gal 2:10). Care for the poor was also a great concern of Saint Francis of Assisi: in the person of a leper, Christ himself embraced Francis and changed his life. Even today, Saint Francis, as the Poor Man of Assisi, continues to inspire us by his outstanding example.

Eight centuries ago, Saint Francis prompted an evangelical renewal in the Christians and society of his time. Wealthy and self-confident, the young Francis was taken aback and converted by his direct contact with the poor and outcast of society. The story of his life continues to appeal to the minds and hearts of believers, and many non-believers as well. It “changed history.” A further step on the same path was taken by the Second Vatican Council, as Saint Paul VI pointed out when he said that “the ancient parable of the Samaritan served as the model for the Council’s spirituality.” I am convinced that the preferential choice for the poor is a source of extraordinary renewal both for the Church and for society, if we can only set ourselves free of our self-centeredness and open our ears to their cry.

Pope’s Intention for October:

For collaboration between different religious traditions. Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice and human fraternity.

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR GODLOVE

My dear St Vincent's Altrincham Family. I'm not known for keeping things short, so I'll try to do so now:
THANK YOU VERY, VERY, VERY MUCH FOR EVERYTHING. Please keep praying for me. And...I love you all.

RETIRING COLLECTION on 1st & 2nd November will be for the work of the SVP.

JOURNEY WITH JESUS IN MANDARIN

Our next 'Journey with Jesus in Mandarin' meeting will take place on Monday, October 27th, at 7:30pm at Westleigh. Everyone is warmly invited to join us. Please contact Nati Chang natiwenyuchang@gmail.com or Sha Hu annachrist999@yahoo.com “我們下一次的‘與耶穌同行’中文聚會將於10月27日星期一晚上7:30在Westleigh舉行。誠邀大家參加。請聯絡 張玟鈺 (natiwenyuchang@gmail.com) or 胡沙 (annachrist999@yahoo.com)

BLESSING AT THE GRAVE - SUNDAY 2nd NOVEMBER

At 3pm on Sunday 2nd Nov is the blessing of graves at Dunham Lawn Cemetery. If you would like a grave blessed, you are very welcome to attend. We will meet at the entrance of the cemetery for a short prayer service and then if you could stand by the graveside of your loved one, a priest will come over to bless the grave and say a few prayers.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH - 12:15PM SATURDAY 15th NOVEMBER

At this Mass we will remember all deceased members of our parish, especially those who have died in the last year. Everyone is very welcome to attend with family and friends!

INTERNATIONAL MASS. 11.30 SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

Come & celebrate the ethnic diversity of our parish. There will be prayers, readings & hymns in languages representative of parishioners shared table heritage. Following Mass there will be a shared table in Westleigh where parishioners bring a dish representative of their culture. Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are happy to read, welcome, join the musicians & choir, take up the offertory or contribute food. Also there is a **planning meeting 7.30pm Thurs 6th Nov in Westleigh**. All are welcome.

THURSDAY 30TH OCTOBER VOICES & INSTRUMENTS NEEDED! All musicians & singers in the parish are invited to the first practice of the pop-up choir & music group for International Mass.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

The Children's Liturgy Team are urgently seeking new volunteers to assist with the delivery of Children's Liturgy on the second and fourth Sunday of the month. This is a wonderful opportunity to help in opening the Gospel to our younger parishioners, as well as joining a group that runs on friendship in fellowship. If you'd like more details, please email Melanie Ball on mcball14@icloud.com or feel free to reach out via text to 07775 920885.

CHILD POVERTY

The Bishops' Conference of England & Wales has made explicit its opposition to the two-child benefit cap, stating that: 'The existence of the two-cap policy implies that society owes less financial security to third, fourth or younger children, de facto meaning they are devalued.' They encourage Catholics to make their views known to local MPs. As the government prepares for its major budget statement, please consider writing to your MP to encourage them to support removal of the two-child benefit cap, as the most cost-effective way of lifting many children out of poverty. An easy way is to use this link: <https://act.cpag.org.uk/page/172351/action/1> [act.cpag.org.uk].

AIG ALF KEELING LECTURE 4th NOVEMBER, 7.30pm, (finishing at 9pm)

Rev Daud Gill (Anglican Vicar of St Alban's Church, Broadheath) will speak about his experience of how 'Faith, Hope, and Love can become the foundation of interfaith friendship in our contemporary world'. Location: Holy Angels' Church Hall. No registration required. Please contact Dominique.mdodarcy@gmail.com with any questions.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** - 12th and 26th October 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.
- ◆ **Windows Group (for widows)** - meets second Friday of the month 3pm-4pm: 14th Nov & 12th Dec.
- ◆ **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
- ◆ **Knit and Natter** - 10am in Westleigh: 6th and 20th November (every fortnight).
- ◆ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ◆ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 1st, 15th and 29th November. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

Sunday 26th October <i>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of The Parish Thanksgiving for the Matrimony of Samuel & Skye Clark Brendan Holihan (RIP) Eric & Agnes Brown (Anniversary)
Monday 27th October <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Marie Kay (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 28th October <i>Ss Simon & Jude</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Francis Hughes (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Patrick Jordan (ann)
Wednesday 29th October <i>Optional Memorial: The Douai Martyrs</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Marjorie De Maria
Thursday 30th October <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Chris Kenyon (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Bernard Leyland (90th birthday) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 31st October <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anne Bradley (RIP) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Marjorie De Maria (RIP)
Saturday 1st November <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 14:00 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Steven Whitehead (RIP) Wedding of Felicia Martin and Rahul Chopra <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Audrey O'Donnell (RIP)

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Imogen Warburton and Mia Johal who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Hannah Parsons and Joseph Connolly who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Alessandro Bregolato, Sr. Jacinta Davenport, Marjorie De Maria, Christine Bradshaw 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, 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, Ava Kendrick, H Khan, H & R Kelly, Nancy Kelly, John Newton, Amelia Kennedy, Anne Killeen, Thomas Killeen, Elizabeth and Henry Kluck, Marcin and Teresa Kluck, Bernadette Lancaster, 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, John Newton, Oliver, 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, Jocephon Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Joan Watson, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 19th October £2018.46. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

CAFOD thank us for our donations and share this: update following the Gaza ceasefire: *'Our Church partners are already on the ground, providing emergency food, shelter and medical care, plus mental health support, to families as they begin their journey. Caritas Jerusalem has delivered 10,000 cans of baby formula to families who have been struggling babies and young children during the conflict.'*

Moya Cole (formerly St Ann's Hospice) thank us for the generous donations that will help to support someone with life-limiting illness, giving comfort to them, their family and their friends.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 2nd November <i>All Saints</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of The Parish Giovanna Puzo (RIP) Margaret Frances Burke (ann) Billy Maher (birthday ann)
Monday 3rd November <i>Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed</i>	10:00 11:30 12:15 18:00 19:00	All Deceased of the Parish <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Annie O'Connor (birthday memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Rene Brandon (ann)
Tuesday 4th November <i>St Winifride, V Secondary Patron of the Diocese</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Dr Edward Tierney (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Maloney (ann)
Wednesday 5th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Debbie Canley (RIP)
Thursday 6th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Pat Mather (birthday intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Hunt (RIP ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 7th November <i>Optional Memorial: St Willibrord</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Audrey O'Donnell (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Chris Kenyon (RIP)
Saturday 8th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Mr P J Kennedy <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Philomena and Joe Holleran
Sunday 9th November <i>The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Peter Walsh (RIP) For the People of the Parish Josephine McDouarthy (family intentions) Those who are placed before our Altar

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

NOVEMBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 2nd SVP, 16th Clergy Education & Training Fund & 30th Caritas

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

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

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