



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 12th October 2025

Sunday Missal (page 586)

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. The first excerpt is printed below for our reflection:

“I HAVE LOVED YOU” (Rev 3:9). The Lord speaks these words to a Christian community that, unlike some others, had no influence or resources, and was treated instead with violence and contempt: “You have but little power... I will make them come and bow down before your feet” (Rev 3:8-9). This text reminds us of the words of the canticle of Mary: “He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty” (Lk 1:52-53).

This declaration of love, taken from the Book of Revelation, reflects the inexhaustible mystery that Pope Francis reflected upon in the Encyclical Dilexit Nos on the human and divine love of the heart of Jesus Christ. There we saw how Jesus identified himself “with the lowest ranks of society” and how, with his love poured out to the end, he confirms the dignity of every human being, especially when “they are weak, scorned, or suffering.” As we contemplate Christ’s love, “we too are inspired to be more attentive to the sufferings and needs of others, and confirmed in our efforts to share in his work of liberation as instruments for the spread of his love.” Pope Leo, Dilexi Te

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.

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.

Please join us to find out more about your parish community.

NEW GROUP FOR WIDOWS

A group for widows begins Friday October 10th. The aim is to offer friendship & support for widows from widows. If you need help or can offer help, please join us. The meetings will be once a month, downstairs in Westleigh, 3.00pm-4.30pm.

FR GODLOVE MASS OF THANKSGIVING

This Sunday 12th October, Fr Godlove will be returning to St Vincents to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving at 6.30pm. There will be a celebration afterwards with a shared table after the Mass in Westleigh. Please bring any offerings to Westleigh before the 6.30pm Mass. Thank you.

INTERNATIONAL MASS - COME AND CELEBRATE

St Vincent's is an ethnically & culturally diverse community & to celebrate our many heritages there will be an International Mass on Sunday 23rd November at 11.30am at which prayers, readings & hymns will be in languages representative of our community. Following Mass there will be a shared table where parishioners bring a dish representative of their culture to the shared lunch.

PLANNING MEETING - If you can help in any way to organise this event, then please do come to a meeting on 7.30pm Tuesday 21st October in Westleigh. Please contact Ruth Holland - 07828861934.

EVENING RETREAT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN YEARS 8-13

NET Scotland are leading a retreat in our very own Westleigh on Friday 24th of October from 5pm-9pm. NET Scotland is a Catholic missionary organisation offering a dynamic and immersive retreat. The team will lead an inspiring evening of faith-based activities, games, small group discussions and a time to encounter God's love in prayer. And there will be pizza. Please complete this Google form to register <https://forms.office.com/e/TkKVAmhywK> Any questions? Call or text Anna on 07512 315 286.

PARISH LAWNS

We would like to thank Bill Stephens for his tireless and dedicated work to keep our parish lawns looking beautiful. Unfortunately this very dry summer has proven too much for the lawns and we have had to seek professional help. Not only have they suffered from drought conditions but they are also being attacked by a grub that eats away at their roots. Therefore we have had to engage a professional to deal with all the problems that the lawns face. This is very costly and we are very grateful for a £10,000 donation made earlier in the year by a Charitable Trust for the care of the gardens that has made it possible to do this. Please note the lawns will probably look worse before they get better as they are treated. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have, and continue to, look after the parish gardens. All your hard work is very much appreciated. **Please try to keep off the lawns whilst this work is being done, thank you.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Next Sunday 19th October, is World Mission Sunday Next Sunday, the Holy Father invites all Catholics to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. This day of prayer, solidarity and giving unites Catholics worldwide to share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. To donate, use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755 (office hours) or visit missio.org.uk to give a gift, set up a Direct Debit and Gift Aid your donation if possible.

OCTOBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE Walk, cycle or take public transport whenever possible instead of driving.

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.
- ♦ **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: 9th & 23rd October (every fortnight).
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 18th October. 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.



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 0777 592 0885.

LORETO GRAMMAR SCHOOL: SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

We warmly invite Year 11 students, who would like to explore our rich and ambitious offer, to attend our open evening on Thursday 23rd October, 5:30-8pm. Loreto Grammar is an all girls Catholic Grammar School founded in the vision of Mary Ward. We are a happy community where in 2025 we have been named North West School of the Year by the Sunday Times. More details can be found on our website <https://www.loretogrammar.co.uk/215/welcome-to-loreto-grammar-sixth-form>, no pre-registration needed just come along on the evening.

VACANCIES

A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese of Wrexham for the position of Personal Assistant to the Bishop. For further information, please follow this link [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

St James Catholic High School, Cheadle Hulme have a vacancy for an Exam Invigilator. The closing date is 17th October 2025, 12noon. Link to application pack: <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/>

ROMULUS SINGERS SPECIAL 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Romulus Singers' special 25th Anniversary concert 'We will Sing' on Saturday 25 October, 7.30pm at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns, featuring a wonderful and eclectic selection of members' favourite choral pieces followed by drinks and delicious homemade cakes. Tickets are £15 for adults and £7 for children/students and can be purchased online at www.romulus-singers.co.uk or on the door. All welcome!

SAINTS' CLUB - SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER 4.30PM - 5.00PM

All welcome to the Saints' Club to celebrate together the Feast of St Jude Thaddeus and Our Lady of the Rosary as October is the month of the Rosary. Come and join us and invite families and friends! <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83276703523?pwd=KVYqVMq2Qc8ZAixfAPwWErp8opRaPw.1> Meeting ID: 832 7670 3523 Passcode: 1SWAW8

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Tabitha Stratton, Ophelia Stratton and Chinemelum Igweani who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Sr. Jacinta Davenport, Pauline Keenan (Nee O'Hara) USA, Margaret Barnes, Marjorie De Maria 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, 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, 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 5th October £2084.18

CAFOD collection £1145.48 - for helping to fund water benefits in Ethiopia. **A note on our earlier Gaza collection: The Middle East resolution, if signed up to by Israel, Hamas and their backers, should allow prior CAFOD donations from our parishes to be put to use at this late but still vitally needful stage. Some medical and other family supplies have already reached aid workers in areas of the most acute need.**

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 12th October <i>Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Peter Heraghty (Anniversary) Florence Aldcroft (Anniversary) For the People of The Parish Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. Godlove Amungwa
Monday 13th October <i>Optional Memorial: St Edward The Confessor</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thomas McCann (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 14th October <i>Optional Memorial: St Callistus</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Brendan Holohan (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Kathleen Whyte (Anniversary and Birthday)
Wednesday 15th October <i>St Teresa of Avila</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Bernard Collins (Anniversary)
Thursday 16th October <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Hedwig & Margaret Mary Alacoque</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Anne Bradley (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Newton <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 17th October <i>St Ignatius of Antioch</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Deceased Members of the Nally Family <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Tom's Intentions
Saturday 18th October <i>St Luke</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 14:30 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Gerard Thomas Stockton Wedding of Hannah Parsons & Joseph Connolly <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Audrey O' Donnell (RIP)
Sunday 19th October <i>Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Joan Watson (RIP) Annie Marnie (RIP) Brian Jones (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

OCTOBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 5TH CAFOD Family Fast Day, 19th World Mission Sunday MISSIO

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

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