



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19th October 2025

Sunday Missal (page 590)

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:

In continuity with the Encyclical Dilexit Nos, Pope Francis was preparing in the last months of his life an Apostolic Exhortation on the Church's care for the poor, to which he gave the title Dilexi Te, as if Christ speaks those words to each of them, saying: "You have but little power," yet "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9). I am happy to make this document my own — adding some reflections — and to issue it at the beginning of my own pontificate, since I share the desire of my beloved predecessor that all Christians come to appreciate the close connection between Christ's love and his summons to care for the poor. I too consider it essential to insist on this path to holiness, for "in this call to recognize him in the poor and the suffering, we see revealed the very heart of Christ, his deepest feelings and choices, which every saint seeks to imitate." [3] Jesus' disciples criticized the woman who poured costly perfumed oil on his head. They said: "Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor." However, the Lord said to them in response: "You always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me" (Mt 26:8-9,11). That woman saw in Jesus the lowly and suffering Messiah on whom she could pour out all her love. What comfort that anointing must have brought to the very head that within a few days would be pierced by thorns! It was a small gesture, of course, but those who suffer know how great even a small gesture of affection can be, and how much relief it can bring. Jesus understood this and told the disciples that the memory of her gesture would endure: "Wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her" (Mt 26:13). The simplicity of that woman's gesture speaks volumes. No sign of affection, even the smallest, will ever be forgotten, especially if it is shown to those who are suffering, lonely or in need, as was the Lord at that time.

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.

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.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 19TH OCTOBER

Sunday 19 October – Today is World Mission Sunday. Today, parishes worldwide celebrate World Mission Sunday. By supporting Missio – the Pope's charity for world mission – we stand united as God's global family, in prayer, solidarity and action. We are called to be 'Missionaries Of Hope Among All Peoples' as everyone deserves to hear that God loves them and to be strengthened by God's Spirit. Please pray for missionaries and give what you can to this vital collection, bringing God's compassion, peace and justice to those in need. To donate, use the Missio envelope, 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.

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

On Sunday 2nd November at 3pm we will have 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!

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.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MEETING MINUTES

The [minutes](#) of the recent PPT meeting can be found on the notice board section of the website and paper copies are available at the back of church.

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.

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.

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.

BEDIAN REMEMBRANCE MASS & ALUMNI GATHERING—SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER

All former pupils, staff, and friends of St Bede's College are warmly invited to this year's Bedian Remembrance Mass, a time to remember and give thanks for the Bedians who have gone before us. Mass 10:30 – 11:15 | Refreshments & Tours 11:15 – 12:30pm. As chapel seating is limited, guests are asked to book in advance at [Book your place](#) All are welcome to come, reflect, and reconnect with the Bedian family.

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!

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](mailto:Dominique.mdodarcy@gmail.com) with any questions.

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 Henry Wilkinson and Heidi Ashworth 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 Alessandro Bregolato, 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, 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives

Helen Norwood: 07800 656966
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Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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
Monday 20th October <i>St Peter of Alcantara</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Bamidele Shabba (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 21st October <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	NO MASS <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Walsh (RIP)
Wednesday 22nd October <i>Optional Memorial: St. John Paul II</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Zdzislaw Karolczuk (Anniversary)
Thursday 23rd October <i>Optional Memorial: St John of Capestrano</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	NO MASS <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Olsin Hughes (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 24th October <i>Optional Memorial: St. Anthony Mary Claret</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Peter Walsh (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i>
Saturday 25th October <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 11:00-12:00 12:15 13:30 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Anne Bradley (RIP) Wedding of Naomi O' Rourke & Ntisa Ntabejane <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Patrick McGuinness (Anniversary)
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)

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

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