



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th October 2025

Sunday Missal (page 583)

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Pope Leo has invited us to pray the rosary especially during this month for peace. Below is a reflection from St Paul VI on the Rosary:

As a Gospel prayer, centered on the mystery of the redemptive Incarnation, the Rosary is therefore a prayer with a clearly Christological orientation. Its most characteristic element, in fact, the litany-like succession of Hail Mary's, becomes in itself an unceasing praise of Christ, who is the ultimate object both of the angel's announcement and of the greeting of the mother of John the Baptist: "Blessed is the fruit of your womb" (Lk. 1:42). We would go further and say that the succession of Hail Mary's constitutes the warp on which is woven the contemplation of the mysteries. The Jesus that each Hail Mary recalls is the same Jesus whom the succession of the mysteries proposes to us—now as the Son of God, now as the Son of the Virgin—at His birth in a stable at Bethlehem, at His presentation by His Mother in the Temple, as a youth full of zeal for His Father's affairs, as the Redeemer in agony in the garden, scourged and crowned with thorns, carrying the cross and dying on Calvary, risen from the dead and ascended to the glory of the Father to send forth the gift of the Spirit. As is well known, at one time there was a custom, still preserved in certain places, of adding to the name of Jesus in each Hail Mary reference to the mystery being contemplated. And this was done precisely in order to help contemplation and to make the mind and the voice act in unison. There has also been felt with greater urgency the need to point out once more the importance of a further essential element in the Rosary, in addition to the value of the elements of praise and petition, namely the element of contemplation. Without this the Rosary is a body without a soul, and its recitation is in danger of becoming a mechanical repetition of formulas and of going counter to the warning of Christ: "And in praying do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do; for they think that they will be heard for their many words" (Mt. 6:7). By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord's life as seen through the eyes of her who was closest to the Lord. In this way the unfathomable riches of these mysteries are unfolded. *Marialis Cultis*, 46 & 47

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

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST

Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection to share God's abundant gifts with our global neighbours as they find lasting solutions to poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity offers "signs of hope" in this Jubilee Year, helping build more water tanks in communities like Waré's in Ethiopia where women have to walk for hours to get water. Use the CAFOD envelope in church, donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope or call 0303 303 3030. You can also text CAFOD to 70560 to donate £10.

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.

FR GODLOVE MASS OF THANKSGIVING - COLLECTION AND SHARED TABLE

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. Please see the sheet at the back of church to sign up to support the shared table, thank you.

THANK YOU FROM FR THEO

Fr Theo would like to thank all those who facilitated or attended his First Mass as a priest last Sunday. It was a truly memorable occasion. If anyone would like a prayer card from his ordination, they will be available at the back of the church this weekend. Please continue to keep Fr Theo in your prayers as he takes up his appointment as Assistant Priest at the Parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley.

ROSARY RELAY FOR PEACE—TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER

Pope Leo has encouraged us to pray the rosary in October for world peace. As we did last year we will be celebrating a rosary relay for peace on Tuesday 7th October, the Fest of the Holy Rosary. At 8am we will pray the Joyful Mysteries, at 11.30am the Mysteries of Light, at 6pm the Sorrowful Mysteries and at 8pm the Glorious Mysteries.

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.

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
- ◆ **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.

NEW GROUP FOR WIDOWS

A group for widows will begin on Friday October 10th. The aim is to offer friendship and 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.

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.

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.



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.

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.

VACANCY

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](#)

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!

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Harley McQuillan who was recently baptised here. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Maria Janela, Annie Murney and 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, Sr. Jacinta Davenport, 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, 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

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MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 28th September, £2262.01
Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.
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Mass Schedule

Sunday 5th October <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of The Parish Jimmy Igoe (Anniversary) Joan Watson (RIP) Agnes Donegan (RIP)
Monday 6th October <i>Optional Memorial: St Bruno</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr. Godlove Amungwa (Intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 7th October <i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	8:00 10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00 20:00	Rosary for Peace Mary Baxendale (RIP) Rosary for Peace & Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Rev. Fr. Peter Philips & Abraham Shabba (RIP) Rosary for Peace Rosary for Peace
Wednesday 8th October <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15	NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Requiem Mass for Maria Jenela
Thursday 9th October <i>St John Henry Newman</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	NO Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sheila Scotson (Anniversary) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 10th October <i>Optional Memorial: St Paulinus of York</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brian and Elizabeth Carroll (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Frank McDonnell (RIP)
Saturday 11th October <i>Optional Memorial: St John XIII</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> Agnes Donegan (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Peter Walsh (RIP)
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

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 2

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