



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

23rd November 2025

Sunday Missal (page 620)

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:

Looking beyond the data — which is sometimes “interpreted” to convince us that the situation of the poor is not so serious — the overall reality is quite evident: “Some economic rules have proved effective for growth, but not for integral human development. Wealth has increased, but together with inequality, with the result that ‘new forms of poverty are emerging.’ The claim that the modern world has reduced poverty is made by measuring poverty with criteria from the past that do not correspond to present-day realities. In other times, for example, lack of access to electric energy was not considered a sign of poverty, nor was it a source of hardship. Poverty must always be understood and gauged in the context of the actual opportunities available in each concrete historical period.” Looking beyond specific situations and contexts, however, a 1984 document of the European Community declared that “‘the poor’ shall be taken to mean persons, families and groups of persons whose resources (material, cultural and social) are so limited as to exclude them from the minimum acceptable way of life in the Member States in which they live.” Yet if we acknowledge that all human beings have the same dignity, independent of their place of birth, the immense differences existing between countries and regions must not be ignored.

The poor are not there by chance or by blind and cruel fate. Nor, for most of them, is poverty a choice. Yet, there are those who still presume to make this claim, thus revealing their own blindness and cruelty. Of course, among the poor there are also those who do not want to work, perhaps because their ancestors, who worked all their lives, died poor. However, there are so many others — men and women — who nonetheless work from dawn to dusk, perhaps collecting scraps or the like, even though they know that their hard work will only help them to scrape by, but never really improve their lives. Nor can it be said that most of the poor are such because they do not “deserve” otherwise, as maintained by that specious view of meritocracy that sees only the successful as “deserving.”

NOVEMBER LIVE SIMPLY MESSAGE Organise or take part in a litter picking walk.

Pope's Intention for November

For the prevention of suicide: Let us pray that those who are struggling with suicidal thoughts might find the support, care, and love they need in their community, and be open to the beauty of life.

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.

INTERNATIONAL MASS. 11.30AM SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

This Sunday come & celebrate the ethnic diversity of our parish at the 11.30am Mass. 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. **All are welcome.**

Please note there will be no Tea and Coffee after the 10am Mass on 23rd November due to the International Mass.

PARISH SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE- SHEILA CARR

For many years Sheila Carr has worked with Helen Norwood as Parish Safeguarding Representative. Sheila has decided that now is the right time to step down from this role. We thank Sheila for all her work in this very important position. We will look to appoint a successor to Sheila in due course. Helen Norwood is continuing as Parish Safeguarding Representative and we are very grateful for her continued work.

CAFOD WORLD GIFTS

The CAFOD group will be offering World Gifts for sale in Westleigh, after the International Mass on 23 November. We have a range of gift cards available, from £5 to £25. Payment can be by cash or card. A great opportunity to combine Christmas shopping with help for the world's poorest!

PARISH CAROL SERVICE - JOIN THE CHOIR!

The St Vincent's annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 21st December at 3pm. Similar to previous years, we are forming a scratch choir which anyone of any age is invited to come along and join in. Children are very welcome. You don't need any previous singing or musical experience required. Rehearsals are 4-5pm on Sunday 30th November, 7th and 14th December and will take place in the church. There will be a further rehearsal at 2pm on the day, before the Carol Service starts at 3pm. Please do come along and enjoy singing some familiar carols and some that may be new to you. We look forward to seeing and singing with you!

MUSIC AT 10AM MASS

We are looking for parishioners with musical skills to offer their time and talents to support the music at this Mass. Please email the parish office or speak to one of the priests so that we can continue to have a lively and prayerful celebration of the 10am Mass.

ADVENT CALENDARS are now available to buy after Mass. All calendars are £2. Cash payment only. Christmas cards and gifts will be on sale from Saturday 29th November. All proceeds will be donated to Cornerstone.

PRAY AND REFLECT ADVENT RESOURCES

The parish Pray and Reflect Group has put together some resources to help prepare for the season of Advent. A 4-page [Pray and Reflect Advent leaflet](#) for parishioners to take home will be available the week before Advent, containing a line from scripture, two short reflections and a prayer for each of the four weeks of Advent on the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. We invite you to use one page each week as an aid to personal prayer.

There will be a parish **Advent Service on Wednesday 3rd December 7.30–8.10pm in church** drawing on these themes and offering a time of stillness and quiet in the midst of our busy lives.

Finally, the group invites parishioners to ***The Path We Travel***, an opportunity to journey together as we draw close to God in a peaceful time of prayer and reflection with art and music. The same session will be offered on Tuesday 9th Dec 1.45–2.45pm & Thursday 11th Dec 7.30–8.30pm downstairs in Westleigh, come to which ever suits you best.

SVP WINTER HELP

Thanks to the generous support of parishioners our Parish SVP Conference has funds available to help those in need with regard to heating bills or other expenses over Winter. If you or someone you know might need help please email the SVP at jamesjudge@talktalk.net or tel. 0161 941 3498.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 23rd November 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. Not on 23rd November due to International Mass.
- ♦ **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
- ♦ **Study Group for Men** - 7.15-8.30pm, Thursdays (fortnightly) in Westleigh: 27th November and 11th December.
- ♦ **Friday Club** - First Friday of every month, 2pm in Westleigh. Entertainment & refreshments organised by SVP.
- ♦ **Windows Group (for widows)** - meets second Friday of the month 3pm-4.30pm: 14th Nov & 12th Dec.
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 29th November. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

ALTRINCHAM FRIENDS OF REFUGEES CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Can you help to provide Christmas gifts and vouchers for 170 children and refugee families?

We need educational toys, puzzles, books, art and craft materials or toiletries appropriate for different age groups, 0-4yrs, 5-8yrs, 9-13yrs and 14+. As a rough guide we suggest a value of around £10 - £15. We also hope to provide as many families as possible with an One4All <https://www.one4all.com/> voucher, they can spend on food, clothes, toiletries and treats as they choose. The gifts and vouchers will be handed out at the Revive Christmas party on Saturday 13th December. Donations can be dropped into Westleigh on Saturday 6th December 2.30pm-5.30pm but if you are unable to drop off during this window, you can drop gifts off to Christina O'Connor or Katherine Smith before 6th December. Please contact us on the Facebook page or email: hello@mediagurutv.com

CARITAS AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL 2025 *"Your kindness brought hope when I had none."*

There will be a collection after Mass the weekend of 29th/30th November in support of the Caritas at Christmas Appeal. Thank you for your generosity. Every penny you give goes directly to help those most in need within our Diocese, providing crisis food vouchers, practical support, and the reassurance of care and compassion when it matters most. If you know someone in need of assistance, please contact Trish Spencer: info@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk 0151 651281

MASS TO LAUNCH THE 75TH DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - SAT 29TH NOV 12NOON

All are welcome to this Mass followed by refreshments and pilgrimage information at St Hugh & St John's church.

ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE

Please take a look at the [ACAT Advent / Christmas newsletter](#) for 2025. Many parish members write letters of appeal on behalf of prisoners of conscience of all faiths at this time of year as well as messages of support to prisoners themselves. Details of appeals for specific prisoners are on pp16-25 and details for the Christmas greetings campaign are on pp 25-40. Please make sure if you are sending a greeting to follow the instructions closely to avoid additional torture being inflicted on prisoners as a result of receiving openly Christian greetings, and whether or not you are able to send messages personally, please keep these prisoners in your prayers over Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT - A DECEMBER JOURNEY - 7pm Sunday 7th December

The Brixi Singers are visiting St Hugh and St John's to celebrate the Advent and Christmas season in music. The programme includes excerpts from The Manchester Carols, a collection of poems written by previous Poet Laureate, Carol Ann Duffy, with music written by local composer, Sacha Johnson Manning. Come along and enjoy a festive musical evening together with seasonal refreshments. Entrance fee £12 for adults and under 16s free. Refreshments included. A donation will be made to help cover the parish heating costs.

FOUR BIBLE STUDIES ON THE ADVENT SUNDAY GOSPELS

Mauro Iannicelli will break-open the forthcoming Advent Sunday Gospels with in-depth teaching and stimulating questions. The Holy Mass will come alive in a new way! Four Wednesdays: 26 Nov | 3 Dec | 10 Dec | 17 Dec, 7-8pm. Free of Charge | LIVE on YouTube. Registration: comeandsee.org/advent25

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Arabella Warburton and Mokie Orchard 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 Mary Kathleen Clarke, Roy Kontny, Gerard Gallagher, Patricia Boardman, Matthew Stephens 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, Eileen Davies, Luke Dennett, David Michael Devine, Richard Doherty, Max Dunn, Ross Dwyer, Sean Dwyer, Joyce Eaton, Lynda Edwards, Christine Elliott, Peter Elliott, Freddie Fenton, Marie Ford, John Gardener, Ann Gately, Toby Gimson, Mary Good, Vicky Gosnold, Stella Gould, Niel Halsall, 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, Ann-marie Kelly, 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, Sian Manley, 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, 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 9th November £1662.00 and 16th November £2370.95. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 23rd November <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of The Universe</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Mr & Mrs K Mathew (RIP) Sarah Hrybyk (RIP) International Mass - For the People of the Parish Thomas Alex and Sebastian Benedict (special intentions)
Monday 24th November <i>St Andrew Dung-Lac, P & C Companions</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Marjorie De Maria (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 25th November <i>Optional Memorial: St Catherine of Alexandria</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 14:00	Vocations to the Priesthood <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sr Jacinta Davenport (RIP) Funeral Service for Roy Kontny
Wednesday 26th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr Theo Sharrock
Thursday 27th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Roy Kennils (ann) NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Requiem Mass for Matthew Stephens <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 28th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Quinn (ann) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Mass for Deceased Catenians
Saturday 29th November <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> James and Ellen Burke and David Shard (ann) Wedding of Nicola Cutts-Watson & Daniel White <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> For the People of the Parish
Sunday 30th November <i>The First Sunday of Advent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Peter Collard (ann) Those who are placed before our altar Bernard Elliott (RIP) Louis Gervis, Mary Gervis & Michael Gervis (ann)

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 2

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

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