



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer

9th November 2025

Sunday Missal (page 610)

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:

The passage of Sacred Scripture in which God reveals himself to Moses in the burning bush can serve as a constant starting-point for this effort. There he says: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them. So come, I will send you" (Ex 3:7-8,10). God thus shows his concern for the needs of the poor: "When the Israelites cried out to the Lord, he raised up for them a deliverer" (Judg 3:15). In hearing the cry of the poor, we are asked to enter into the heart of God, who is always concerned for the needs of his children, especially those in greatest need. If we remain unresponsive to that cry, the poor might well cry out to the Lord against us, and we would incur guilt (cf. Deut 15:9) and turn away from the very heart of God.

The condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church. On the wounded faces of the poor, we see the suffering of the innocent and, therefore, the suffering of Christ himself. At the same time, we should perhaps speak more correctly of the many faces of the poor and of poverty, since it is a multifaceted phenomenon. In fact, there are many forms of poverty: the poverty of those who lack material means of subsistence, the poverty of those who are socially marginalised and lack the means to give voice to their dignity and abilities, moral and spiritual poverty, cultural poverty, the poverty of those who find themselves in a condition of personal or social weakness or fragility, the poverty of those who have no rights, no space, no freedom.

In this sense, it can be said that the commitment to the poor and to removing the social and structural causes of poverty has gained importance in recent decades, but it remains insufficient. This is also the case because our societies often favour criteria for orienting life and politics that are marked by numerous inequalities. As a result, the old forms of poverty that we have become aware of and are trying to combat are being joined by new ones, sometimes more subtle and dangerous. From this point of view, it is to be welcomed that the United Nations has made the eradication of poverty one of its Millennium Goals.

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.

STUDY GROUP FOR MEN: *OUR FAITH, COME TO KNOW IT*

Come to learn the Catholic faith as a group of men, to share, talk, listen and discuss.

Father Joseph will lead the group through parts of the Church's Catechism with the opportunity for questions and discussions. This will be held at Westleigh on Thursday evenings, after the Parish time of Adoration, from **7.15pm** until **8.30pm**. Minors (14-18) must be accompanied by a parent or carer. Under 14's aren't suitable for this group. The sessions will commence from **Thursday 13th of November**. For session dates please email Fr Joseph at Joseph.Fawcett@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk

'WINDOWS'

The first meeting of the group for widows was well-attended and we agreed to name the group 'Windows'. Our next meeting is on Friday 14th November from 3.00-4.30 pm downstairs in Westleigh. After chatting over tea and biscuits, we'll swap ideas on cooking meals for one and then we'll pray for ourselves and all widows.

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!

THANKSGIVING OF BAPTISM SERVICE—2.30PM SUNDAY 16th NOVEMBER, ST VINCENTS SCHOOL

All families that have had children baptised in the last year are invited to attend the Thanksgiving of Baptism Service which takes place at 2.30pm on Sunday 16th November in the Infant Hall at St Vincent's primary school. We will have a short service and blessing followed by drinks and refreshments. It is a lovely opportunity to get together with families, to celebrate the special occasion of their child's baptism and to see our local primary school. We invite you to bring along your child's baptism candle to the service. We will have extra candles at the service if you aren't able to bring the candle. All the families should have received an email with the link to respond to but if you still need to respond please complete this form <https://forms.office.com/e/6K2JczuJr6> or email the parish office.

INTERNATIONAL MASS. 11.30AM 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. All are welcome.

The next planning meeting is 7.30pm Monday 17th Nov in Westleigh.

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.

A SAFE WATER SUPPLY FOR CHRISTMAS, WITH LOVE FROM ALTRINCHAM

The St Vincent's parish CAFOD/Justice and Peace group would like to invite you to consider contributing to a "group gift" on CAFOD's World Gifts system. Our goal is £750, which would be enough to pay for Community Water Supply for a remote community. This incredible gift can help a remote community establish their own supply of clean, safe water. By providing materials and training, local experts can work with communities to build and maintain new hand pumps and water tanks, meaning less disease and fuller crops! To help us reach our goal, please follow this link [\[donors.cafod.org.uk\]](https://donors.cafod.org.uk), or use this QR code.



Together we can make a difference!

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: 6th and 20th November (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Friday Club** - First Friday of every month at 2pm in Westleigh. Entertainment and refreshments organised by the SVP.
- ♦ **Windows Group (for widows)** - meets second Friday of the month 3pm-4.30pm: 14th Nov & 12th Dec.

HELP US KEEP OUR RECORDS UP TO DATE

If you regularly attend St. Vincent's and have never given your address to the office, have changed your address, or have not provided your email address, we invite you to do so by filling in a "pink new to Parish form" found in the porch or submit details by email to parishoffice@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk If you are not sure if the parish have your details, please verify at the parish office by email or call on 0161 9281689 (am only). Many thanks.

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].

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE REUNION - SAT 22ND NOV AT ST COLUMBA'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

Have you ever been on a Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? Whether you've travelled as a helper, assisted as part of the Hospitality team, or come as a pilgrim, you are warmly invited to a special Reunion Day organised by the Lourdes Hospitality. Join us at St Columba's Catholic Church for a celebration of faith, friendship, and shared memories. Mass at 2:00pm Refreshments to follow in the Parish Hall. This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with old friends, share experiences, and reflect on the blessings of Lourdes. Everyone is welcome.

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Calling all young adults aged 18-35! South Manchester Catholic Young Adults Group meets fortnightly on Saturdays at St Vincent's, Altrincham. Following the 5:30pm mass, we move over to Westleigh for a talk, social time and food. The next sessions are on 15th and 29th November. To stay updated, follow us on Instagram @southmanccatholicyoungadults or email us at southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com We also have a WhatsApp group – if you'd like to join, please email or DM us.

MONTHLY ONLINE ROSARY GROUP

All young adults (you don't need to be part of the South Manchester Young Adults Group) are welcome to join the monthly online rosary group. The next scheduled group rosaries are at 5pm on Saturday 22nd November and Saturday 27th December. To find out more or to join please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Leo Cawley-Brighton, Grayson and Beau Bates and Zachary Marshall who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Naomi O'Rourke & Ntisa Ntabejane and Felicia Martin and Rahul Chopra who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Chung Ting James Law, Michael Hetherington, 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, 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, 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 Teye, 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 26th October £1878.55 and 2nd November £2235.89. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

The SVP is grateful for donations of £854 in the porch box and £712.17 in last weekend's retiring collection.



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Mass Schedule

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
Monday 10th November <i>St Leo</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dr Brian Coghlan (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 11th November <i>St Martin of Tours</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	NO Mass NO <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Michael Hetherington
Wednesday 12th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dr Edward Tierney (RIP)
Thursday 13th November <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	NO Mass NO <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Christine Bradshaw <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 14th November <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Those who are placed before our altar <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Deceased Vincentians
Saturday 15th November <i>Optional Memorial: St Albert the Great</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> Mass for the Deceased of the Parish <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Bill Wear (RIP)
Sunday 16th November <i>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Marjorie De Maria (RIP) St Vincent's school First Holy Communion Enrolment Mass For the People of the Parish Mary Begley (RIP)

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 4

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