



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham

The Fourth Sunday of Advent, The Holy Family & Second Sunday after Christmas

21st & 28th December 2025 and 4th January 2026

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PEACE



Happy Christmas

Canon Jonathan and Father Joseph thank you for your cards, generous gifts, support and prayers throughout the year and wish you and your families a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

A Reading from a Sermon by Pope St Leo the Great

This is the day our Saviour was born: what a joy for us, my beloved! This is no season for sadness, this, the birthday of Life - the Life which annihilates the fear of death, and engenders joy, promising, as it does, immortality.

Nobody is an outsider to this happiness. The same cause for joy is common to all, for as our Lord found nobody free from guilt when he came to bring an end to death and to sin, so he came with redemption for all. Let the saint rejoice, for he hastens to his crown; let the sinner be filled with joy, for pardon is offered him; let the Gentile be emboldened, for he is called to life.

When the designated time had come, which God in his deep and impenetrable plan had fixed upon, God's Son took the nature of man upon himself in order to reconcile man to his Creator. Thus would the devil, the father of death, be himself overcome by that self-same human nature which he had overcome.

The angels therefore exult at the birth of the Lord: they sing "Glory to God in high heaven"; they announce 'Peace on earth for men on whom his favour rests'. For they behold the heavenly Jerusalem being constructed from out of all the peoples on earth. How greatly ought mere men rejoice at this mysterious undertaking of divine love, when the angels on high thrill so much at it!

Pope's Intention for December

For Christians in areas of conflict. Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

During Advent and Christmastide we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Migrants, Refugees and Expectant Mothers.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

Alice and Helen in the Parish Office wish you a very happy Christmas and wish to let you know that the parish office will close on Friday 19th December and will reopen on Monday 5th January 2026.

This newsletter covers this period.

**In an emergency it is always possible to contact the clergy by phone, messages will be checked daily.
Non-urgent matters will be responded to in the New Year.**

Sunday 21st December <i>Fourth Sunday of Advent</i>	8:30	Peter Walsh (RIP)
	10:00	Kathleen Judge (RIP)
	11:30	For the People of the Parish
	15:00	Parsh Carol Service
	18:30	Dr Brian Coghlan (RIP) <i>Confessions will be available after all Masses today</i>
Monday 22nd December <i>Ferial</i>	11:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Sean Dwyer (intentions)
	18:00	NO Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 23rd December <i>Ferial</i>	9:30	Pat Boardman (RIP) - Additional Parish Mass
	10:00 BV	John Jones (RIP)
	11:30	NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction
	12:15	Requiem Mass for Brian Magee
Wednesday 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE <i>Ferial</i>	9:30	Mary Flynn (ann) - Last Mass of Advent
	16:00	For the People of the Parish - First Mass of Christmas
	17:30	Connaughton, Regan and Harris Families (intentions)
	19:30	Gerard Nelson (RIP)
	12:00am (<i>carols from 23:30</i>)	For all our Deceased family and friends
Thursday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8:30	John and Susan McGowan (RIP)
	10:00	Sarah Hotter (RIP)
	11:30	Michael O'Keefe (ann)
	18:30	NO Evening Mass
Friday 26th December <i>St Stephen</i>	11:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	12:15	Peter Walsh (RIP)
	19:00	NO Confessions after Mass NO Evening Mass
Saturday 27th December <i>St John</i>	11:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i>
	11:00-12:00	<i>Confessions</i>
	12:15	Danny Doherty (intentions)
	16:15-17:00	<i>Confessions</i>
	17:00	<i>Rosary</i>
	17:30	Alice Noone (RIP)

VINEYARD MAGAZINE

The Vineyard Magazine are available to collect from the front of church. Please assist us in distributing them to all our parishioners, especially those unable to come to church, by helping with the delivery of the magazines.

FRIDAY CLUB - 2PM FRIDAY 9TH JANUARY

Our next session will be held on the second Friday in January, the 9th from 2pm to 4pm in Westleigh. All parishioners and friends are warmly invited as usual. The highlight on this occasion will be the viewing on the giant screen of a live broadcast of the Channel 4 show 'Countdown' which will feature our very own James Judge. This will be followed with a session of Bingo and our usual multi-prize raffle.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 11th and 25th January 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 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: 15th & 29th January (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Study Group for Men** - 7.15-8.30pm, Thursdays (fortnightly) in Westleigh: 8th and 22nd January 2026.
- ♦ **Friday Club** - First Friday of every month, 2pm in Westleigh. Entertainment & refreshments organised by SVP.
- ♦ **Windows Group (for widows)** - 3pm-4.30pm on Friday 16th January
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 20th December. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

Sunday 28th December <i>Holy Family</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	David Plunkett (RIP) Peter Walsh (RIP) Tom Finnigan (RIP) For the People of the Parish
Monday 29th December <i>St Thomas Becket</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Nuptial Mass of Mary-Jane Bailey and Shane Champion NO Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 30th December <i>Sixth Day of the Christmas Octave</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Gwendoline Clarke (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ron Whalley
Wednesday 31st December <i>Seventh Day of the Christmas Octave</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Norman Percival (ann)
Thursday 1st January <i>Mary the Mother of God</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Michael Hetherington <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thomas Alex and family NO Eucharistic Adoration
Friday 2nd January <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Cecilia Mullan (thanksgiving) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> John Flynn (ann)
Saturday 3rd January <i>Saturday of the Christmas season</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> Tim Keenan and Bridie Keenan (ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> For the People of the Parish

DIOCESSE YEARBOOKS AND PARISH MASS BOOKS FOR SALE FROM THE SACRISTY

The Yearbook is £9 and the Parish Mass Book is - £6.50 normal size and £16.00 large print (A4) size.

CHRISTMAS FUN RUN SATURDAY 27TH DECEMBER IN BOLLINGTON

Join CAFOD for the annual Christmas Fun Run in Bollington! An opportunity to enjoy the great outdoors over the Christmas period, whilst also supporting communities around the world to lift themselves out of poverty. Adult, child and family entrance fees available; runners and walkers welcome. To find out more info visit : cafod.org.uk/Bollington

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Paloma Potter who was recently baptised here. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.
Congratulations to Kayley Hayes and Michael Lonergan who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Paul O'Rourke, Tommy Cresham, Brian Magee, Carmen Fabiola Southworth, Sr Philo McConn 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, Christine Cartwright, John Cawfield, Christopher Choo, Anne Coghlan, Murray Craig, 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, Marion O'Neil, 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 14th December £2079.47. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 4th January <i>Second Sunday after Christmas</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Michael Mangan (RIP) Vocations to the Priesthood Bill and Mary Timpany Alice Noone (RIP)
Monday 5th January Monday of the Christmas Season	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Martin Flynn (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 6th January <i>EPIPHANY OF THE LORD</i> <i>Holyday of Obligation</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 19:00	Fabiola Southworth (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Karen O'Mahoney Shrewsbury Seminarians & those discerning a vocation
Wednesday 7th January <i>Optional Memorial:</i> <i>St Raymond of Penyafort</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> In thanksgiving
Thursday 8th January <i>Thursday after Epiphany</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	George McLaughlin (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Gerard Gallagher (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 9th January <i>Friday after Epiphany</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Diane Gillespie <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Ellen Finnigan (RIP)
Saturday 10th January <i>Saturday after Epiphany</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> Mrs Andrejczuk (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Theresa Hession (ann)
Sunday 11th January <i>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Jim O'Connor (ann) Ellen Finnigan (ann) James Ireland

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

JANUARY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 3/4TH CAFOD, 17TH/18TH Priests Retirement Fund

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2; Psalter Week 4, 1 & 2

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