



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



The Baptism of the Lord

11th January 2026

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From a Sermon by St Gregory Nazianzen

Jesus rises from the waters; the world rises with him. The heavens, like Paradise with its flaming sword, closed by Adam for himself and his descendants, are rent open. The Spirit comes to him as to an equal, bearing witness to his Godhead. A voice bears witness to him from heaven, his place of origin. The Spirit descends in bodily form like the dove that so long ago announced the ending of the flood and so gives honour to the body that is one with God.

Today let us do honour to Christ's baptism and celebrate this feast in holiness. Be cleansed entirely and continue to be cleansed. Nothing gives such pleasure to God as the conversion and salvation of men, for whom his every word and every revelation exist. He wants you to become a living force for all mankind, lights shining in the world. You are to be radiant lights as you stand beside Christ, the great light, bathed in the glory of him who is the light of heaven.

Pope's Intention for January

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

During Ordinary Time (Winter) and up to Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Peace on Earth, Openness to the Word of God; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those who care for Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; The Unemployed.

CONOR JONES - SEMINARY PLACEMENT AT ST VINCENTS

We warmly welcome Conor Jones to St Vincents who will be with us on placement for January. We know that you will all make him very welcome and we hope that he enjoys his time with us. Please see below a note from Conor:

'I am very excited to be joining the St Vincent's Parish community for my annual parish placement during January. I grew up in Stockton Heath and, after going to university in Liverpool, I undertook the Camino de Santiago. This pilgrimage, along with the witness of various role models, had a profound impact on deepening my faith.

After spending time in Northern Italy with a religious community while discerning my vocation, I decided to apply for the diocesan priesthood. I am currently in my second year of seminary formation at St Mary's College, Oscott. I love playing sports, and this year I am captain of our college football team.

Thank you very much for your warm welcome to the parish, and please keep me in your prayers as I continue my journey to the priesthood.'

THANK YOU

Canon Jonathan and Fr Joseph thank you for your Christmas cards and generous gifts and also for your support and prayers over this past year. They wish you a very happy and peaceful New Year.

LARGE PARISH MASS BOOKS

We wanted to remind parishioners that there are some large print, A4 size Parish Mass books available to use during Mass and if you prefer to have your own copy there are some copies available to purchase from the sacristy for £16.00. We also have some regular size Parish Mass Books available to buy for £6.50.

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.

THE WINDOWS GROUP

The Windows Group meets on the third Friday this month - 16th January. Our topic is 'Hobbies - show and tell'. They will be downstairs in Westleigh from 3.00-4.30pm. Any widows are very welcome to drop in.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 at the 10am Mass. 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. If you're unsure, but would like to see the team in action, feel free to come along to Children's Liturgy on January the 25th.

MASS INTENTIONS

It's wonderful that so many people request intentions for Masses. We do get a lot of requests and we wanted to let you know that we have Masses fully booked up for the next couple of months. If you are requesting a specific date, please give at least 3 months notice. We will try our very best to accommodate your wish but this is not always possible and we appreciate your understanding.

January Live Simply Message: Consider insulating your loft or topping up the insulation if it is less than a foot thick.

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 17th January. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

ORGAN LOFT PLASTER WORK

Starting this Monday 12th January we will have contractors working to remove the damp and damaged plaster in the organ loft. This work will take approximately four weeks. The contractors will do their best to contain the dust as much as possible but we ask that for your patience as the church might be a bit dusty whilst the work is being done. They are aiming for the organ to remain available during this time so that we can continue to enjoy hymns and singing. We thank you for your understanding whilst this work is being completed.

CAFOD / J&P MEETING

There will be a meeting of the parish CAFOD and Justice & Peace group on Thursday 15th January in Westleigh at 19:30-21:00. All are welcome.

PPT MINUTES

The [minutes](#) of the Parish Pastoral Team meeting held on 10th December can be read via the Notice Board section of the parish website. There are also paper copies of the minutes at the back of church.

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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.

CHANGING FROM CASH TO STANDING ORDER OFFERTORY GIVING

The Diocese have informed us that since October there has been a significant increase in bank charges for cash and cheques processing. We are therefore looking at ways to reduce this increased cost across the parish. One way is for offertory donations of cash to be given as Direct Debit / Standing Orders instead. If you are interested in changing from a weekly cash donation to a Standing Order offering please contact Michael Swarbrick on 07957 630230 or michael@swarbrick.co.uk. If you are not interested in doing this you can continue to give cash and we are very grateful for all offertory donations.

BETHROTHED SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Please see the poster at the back of church for full information of the above programme, Betrothed, which is offered by Shrewsbury Diocese for couples preparing for their marriage. Three different courses are available to choose from in February and March. For further information please contact jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Congratulations to Mary-Jane Bailey and Shane Champion who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Michael O'Grady, Morris Cipriano Carrasco, Paul O'Rourke, Tommy Cresham 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, Justin Humphries, 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, Oliver, Maureen O'Hara, Roza Olszewska, Marion O'Neil, Anne O'Neill, Andrea Ottley, Marjorie Owens, Michalis and Karen Papangelis, Serge Pascau, 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, Julie Taylor, Ralph Taylor, 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.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 21st December £1859.33, 28th December £1747.25 and 4th January £1942.30.

The CAFOD retiring collection totalled £1,203.10 Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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
Monday 12th January <i>Optional Memorial: St Aelred of Rievaulx</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ada Langtree (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 13th January <i>Optional Memorial: St Hilary</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Dr Brian Magee (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Grace Burke (ann)
Wednesday 14th January <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Chris Condon (ann)
Thursday 15th January <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Bridget McCarney <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Paul O'Rourke <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 16th January <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dermot Dunleavy (ann) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Irene O'Connor (RIP)
Saturday 17th January <i>St Anthony</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> Thomas, Alexander and Bobby <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>Chloe Logan and family (intentions)</i>
Sunday 18th January <i>Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	James Benson (ann) For the People of the Parish Michael Hetherington Alphonz Alex and Rosily Joseph

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 1

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

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