



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



Second Sunday of Lent **1st March 2026**

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We continue the excerpts from Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation *Dilexi Te* (I have loved you) on Christian love for the poor.

It becomes clear, then, that "our faith in Christ, who became poor, and was always close to the poor and the outcast, is the basis of our concern for the integral development of society's most neglected members." I often wonder, even though the teaching of Sacred Scripture is so clear about the poor, why many people continue to think that they can safely disregard the poor. For the moment, though, let us pursue our reflection on what the Scriptures have to tell us about our relationship with the poor and their essential place in the people of God.

Mercy towards the poor in the Bible

The Apostle John writes: "Those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen" (1 Jn 4:20). Similarly, in his reply to the scribe's question, Jesus quotes the two ancient commandments: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might" (Deut 6:5), and "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Lev 19:18), uniting them in a single commandment. The Evangelist Mark reports Jesus' response in these terms: "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (12:29-31).

The passage from the Book of Leviticus teaches love for one's neighbor, while other texts call for respect — if not also love — even for one's enemy: "When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back. When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free" (Ex 23:4-5). Here the intrinsic value of respect for others is expressly stated: anyone in need, even an enemy, always deserves our assistance.

Pope's Intention for March

For disarmament and peace. Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

PARISH RETREAT IS THIS WEEK - EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Our annual parish retreat starts on Monday 2nd March. The Franciscan Sisters of the Renewal arrive this Saturday 28th February and will be at masses over the weekend. They are having sessions with the confirmation group, students at BTH and St Vincent's as well as the talks and prayer in the parish church. We hope to see you at some of the sessions. We are looking forward to praying together and journeying in faith. **Details are in the flyers at the back of Church.** The retreat will finish with a shared meal after the Holy Spirit mass on Thursday.

APPEAL TO FILL 'PANTRY FOR THE POOR' - The Sisters have also asked if we would like to fill their Pantry for the Poor. They would like donations of: instant coffee, tea, UHT milk, biscuits, tinned goods: baked beans, spaghetti, soup tuna, meat, rice, pasta and supermarket gift cards. Please bring any donations to church between Monday 2nd to Wednesday 4th March. Thank you.

	Mon 2nd March	Tues 3rd March	Wed 4th March	Thurs 5th Mar
7.10am	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer	Morning Prayer
7.30am	Mass	Mass	Mass	Mass
11.00am	Adoration	Adoration	Adoration	Adoration
12.15pm	Mass Talk	Mass Talk	Mass Talk	Mass Talk
4.45pm	Vespers and Rosary	Vespers and Rosary	Vespers and Rosary	Vespers and Rosary
7.30pm	Evening Session - Talk	Evening Session Talk: followed by Healing Service	Evening Session - Reconciliation Service	Evening Session Holy Spirit Mass and Shared Supper

FRIDAY CLUB - 6TH MARCH

Our next session will take place on Friday 6th March from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. On this occasion the highlight will be a concert which will be given by the young pupils from St. Ambrose Prep School. As usual this monthly parish social event is open to all parishioners and their friends. If you have never attended previously you can be sure of a warm welcome. The local schools have been producing some wonderful entertainment for us and the more of us who are present the more encouraged they will be.

DEANERY LENTEN STATION MASSES The travel to the different Churches involved and the gathering together with Catholic Christians from beyond our own Parish community forms part of our Lenten practice. Wednesdays: 6.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation with Adoration; 7.00pm Mass. Refreshments served after Mass. 4th March – All Saints; 11th March – St Hugh & St John's; 18th March - Holy Family; 25th March - Sacred Heart and St Peter's.

ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL EVENING - THURSDAY 19TH MARCH

Join us on Thursday 19th March at 7pm for a St Patrick's celebration. Enjoy an Irish Dancing display by the Kennedy O'Sullivan School of Irish Dance at 7:15pm, followed by a meal at 7:45pm. The cost is £28.50, full details are available on the noticeboard. Please sign up using the booking slip at the back of church, and advise if a vegetarian option is needed, and return the slip to the parish office and make the payment by Friday 13th March.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM meeting recent [minutes](#) are available via the parish website and at the back of church.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 8th and 22nd March 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 6.30pm 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
- ♦ **Secular Carmelites** - 1st Wednesday of every month at Westleigh from 6pm to 8pm
- ♦ **Knit and Natter** - 10am in Westleigh: 12th and 26th February (every fortnight)
- ♦ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ♦ **Study Group for Men** - 7.15-8.30pm, Thursdays (fortnightly) in Westleigh
- ♦ **Friday Club** - First Friday of every month, 2pm in Westleigh. Entertainment & refreshments organised by SVP.
- ♦ **Windows Group (for widows)** - 3pm-4.30pm on Friday 13th March.
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 7th and 21st March. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING Wednesday 11 March from 9:15am

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School or nursery please come along to our next open morning event for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 11 March. Please visit the admissions page at www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to book a place or scan the QR code.



CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - 1ST MARCH

The CAFOD Lent Family Fast collection will be taken after masses this weekend 28th February/ 1st March. Don't worry if you have left your envelope at home. Any CAFOD envelopes put into the general collection over the next few weeks will be added to the total before we return it to CAFOD. Thank you to all for your generosity.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE - BOOKING OPEN

The next parish pilgrimage will be to Whitby, Thirsk and Knaresborough on Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th October 2026. The cost per person for a twin/double room is £249, there are limited single rooms available for £314. If you would like to join the pilgrimage please complete the booking form (available at the back of church) and hand in to the parish office and pay the £75 deposit. Please see poster in the church porch for more information.

LAUDATO SI' CENTRE VISIT - WARDLEY HALL, SALFORD, SATURDAY 14 MARCH

The Laudato Si' Centre was set up by the Diocese of Salford as a response to the call by Pope Francis in his letter 'Laudato Si' - Care of Our Common Home'. Its mission is to be a place of education and outreach to generate environmental hope in those who visit. Along with the staff of the Centre, the St Vincent's CAFOD/J&P group have planned an outdoor retreat-cum-tour, to take place on the morning of Saturday 14 March. It will be a great opportunity to explore the theology of creation and to pray that we may hear the cry of the world and the cry of the poor. There are **6 places left**, so please let us know asap if you would like to come. There is no required cost, although contributions would be welcome. The idea would be to meet at St Vincent's at about 9:10am, then car-share to Wardley, back at St Vincent's around 1pm. If you are interested or would like to find out more, please contact Alison Sharrock as soon as possible, either by email at alisonrsharrock@gmail.com or by telephone (07906 261107).

PILGRIMAGE TO ROME - 25-30 MAY 2026

Join St Hugh and St John's Parish for a Pilgrimage to Rome, falling during the half-term. The pilgrimage is organised by Tangney Tours and will be led by Canon Chris from St Hugh and St John Parish. The trip includes flights, transfers, hotel with breakfast, dinner, travel rep, insurance, and visits to the major sights of Rome for approx.. £1,245 (plus single supplement). For further details and a booking form, contact Rae at Tangney Tours rae@tangney-tours.com

THE 2026 WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is prepared by Christian Women from Nigeria and will take place on 6th March, 2pm - 3pm at Timperley Congregational Church, Heyes Lane, WA15 6EF. The service includes prayers, well known hymns, readings, and 3 Nigerian women's stories.

HOMELESS ITEMS REQUEST We are seeking any unwanted warm blankets, old camping gear, coats / clothing, socks and gloves or toiletries for our homeless charity. Please leave at the back of church, thank you.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Alfie Wells, Lyra Backhouse, Farley Wallace and Jonjo Wallace 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 Sheila Taylor (funeral 9.30am 04/03/26), Michael Scahill (funeral 12.15pm 09/03/26), Peter Foran (funeral 12.15pm 10/03/26); Elizabeth (Betty) Reilly (funeral 12.15 17/03/26) 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, 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, 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, Helena Machin, Sian Manley, Margaret, Erin Marks, Claire McAllister, Martin McConnell, Rupert McDermott, Maria, Mary McLoughlin, Carol McLoughlin, Brian Morris, Maureen Mullholland, Luke Murphy, Mary Murphy, Charles Musumali, Elaine Neary, Oliver, Maureen O'Hara, Roza Olszewska, Marion O'Neil, Anne O'Neill, Andrea Ottley, Marjorie Owens, Serge Pascau, Anna Perry, Krzysztof Pietrzak, Sue Power, Paul Raybede, Reece, Jackie Reed, Dave Renshaw, Helen Reynolds, Maria Robinson, 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, Joseph Tumpang, Peter Turnor, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 15th February £1534.35 and 22nd February £1932.42 .

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 1st March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Jane Ward Noel Philip Thomas (RIP) Eileen Mortimore (ann) For the People of the Parish
Monday 2nd March <i>Ferial</i>	7:10 & 7.30 11:00 12:15 16:45 18:00 19:30	Morning Prayer & Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rita Hutton (RIP) Followed by retreat Talk Vespers and Rosary <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> Evening Session
Tuesday 3rd March <i>Ferial</i>	7:10 & 7.30 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 16:45 19:30	Morning Prayer & Mass Matthew Rawling (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Carmel Devaney Followed by retreat Talk Vespers & Rosary Evening Session - Healing Service
Wednesday 4th March <i>Optional Memorial: St. Casimir</i>	7:10 & 7.30 9:30 11:00 12:15 16:45 19:30	Morning Prayer & Mass Funeral Service for Sheila Taylor Adoration and Confessions Derek Peter Breignan (RIP) Followed by retreat Talk Vespers & Rosary Reconciliation Service
Thursday 5th March <i>Ferial</i>	7:10 & 7.30 10:00 BV 11:00 12:15 16:45 19:30	Morning Prayer & Mass Caterina & Giovanna Scattone <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Paddy Devaney Followed by retreat Talk Vespers & Rosary Holy Spirit Mass followed by shared meal
Friday 6th March <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Neil Martin <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Stations of the Cross led by J&P / CAFOD</i> Maria Coyle
Saturday 7th March <i>Optional Memorial: Ss. Perpetua & Felicity</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Stella O' Connor (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Deceased Members of the Burke Family
Sunday 8th March <i>Third Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Michael O'Grady (RIP) Tommy Cresham (RIP) Betty Rudelle (RIP) For the People of the Parish

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

MARCH RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 1st CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY, 15th SVP

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

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