



St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
Altrincham



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time & First Sunday of Lent 15th & 22nd February 2026

(Parish Mass book - page 137 & 151)

Each month the Pope proposes an intention for the prayer of the Catholic faithful. This month Pope Leo's intention is for children suffering from incurable diseases and their families that they may receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope. For this intention the Pope has written a prayer which we share with you below. For more information about the Pope's prayer intentions and accompanying videos please see the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network <https://www.popesprayer.va/>

We will resume extracts from the apostolic exhortation *Dilexi Te* in the next newsletter.

Lord Jesus, who welcomed the little ones in your arms and blessed them tenderly, today we bring before you the children living with incurable illnesses.

Their fragile bodies are a sign of your presence,

and their smiles, even in the midst of pain, are a testimony of your Kingdom.

We ask you, Lord, that they may never lack proper medical care, human and compassionate attention, and the support of a community that accompanies them with love.

Sustain their families in hope, in the midst of weariness and uncertainty, and make of them witnesses of a faith that grows stronger through trial.

Bless the hands of doctors, nurses, and caregivers, so that their work may always be an expression of active compassion.

May your Spirit enlighten them in every difficult decision, and grant them patience and tenderness to serve with dignity.

Lord, teach us to recognise your face in every suffering child.

May their vulnerability awaken our compassion, and move us to care, accompany, and love with concrete gestures of solidarity.

Make of us a Church that, animated by the feelings of your Heart and moved by prayer and service, knows how to uphold fragility, and in the midst of suffering, becomes a source of comfort, a seed of hope, and a proclamation of new life.

Amen.

Pope's Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR HALF TERM The parish office is closed from Monday 16th to Friday 20th February. In an emergency please contact the clergy by phone, messages will be checked daily.

LET US PRAY LENT

The season of Lent is an opportunity to take time out, to examine our lives and reassess our priorities, to quieten ourselves and listen to the gentle voice of God. The parish Let us Pray (Pray & Reflect) group has produced a leaflet for Lent with details of a wide range of events including weekly Stations of the Cross before the Friday evening Mass led by different groups, a Deanery service, the parish Retreat and Prayers around the Cross on Good Friday Evening. The leaflet contains a line of scripture from The Liturgy Office for England & Wales for each day as a starting point for personal prayer, reflections and details of online resources including podcasts and book recommendations. Leaflets will be available at all Masses this weekend, please take one to use at home throughout Lent.

WALK WITH ME LENT BOOKLETS - are on sale in the sacristy for £1.50.

PARISH RETREAT – 28 February – 5 March

Our Parish Mission Retreat is coming soon! It starts with our usual parish masses over the weekend and finishes on Thursday 5 March with a Holy Spirit Mass. Please see the timetable below. It is being given by the Franciscans of the Renewal and is for all the parish. You are all invited! Come with open hearts and see what God has to say to you. Sessions will run after the 12.15pm weekday mass and in the evening at 7.30pm in church. Come to all the sessions or just what you can. On the Thursday the retreat will end with a Shared Supper in Westleigh, please come along and bring a small offering of food to share together.

HELP NEEDED TO PROVIDE MEALS We are looking for parishioners to assist us in hosting our guests who will be delivering our retreat. At the back of church there is a sign up sheet asking if parishioners could please offer to provide a lunch and /or a main meal in the presbytery during the retreat week. The meal can be homemade or shop bought. Please note on the poster the dietary restrictions.

APPEAL TO FILL ‘PANTRY FOR THE POOR’ - we would be grateful if you could support the Sisters in helping to fill the ‘Pantry for the Poor’ by donating the following items - canned goods, instant coffee, tea, pasta, rice, biscuits and canned meat. 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

ST PATRICK'S SOCIAL EVENT will be on Thursday 19th March in Westleigh. Menu and costs to follow.

CAFOD LENT FAMILY FAST DAY – SOUP SUPPER

The Family Fast Day takes place on Friday, 27 February 2026. In addition to the normal collection on the weekend immediately following the Fast Day, this year our CAFOD/Justice and Peace Group is organising a simple soup-and-bread supper, with proceeds going to the Fast Day Appeal. There'll also be more information shared about the work of CAFOD. The event will take place at Westleigh on Friday 27 February at 6pm. Minimum donation is £5. Please do come along and ‘fast’ together to help some of the poorest of our brothers and sisters!

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.

FR MICHAEL PAYYAPILLY - EVENING SERVICE AT ST CATHERINE OF SIENA CHURCH, DIDSBURY

Fr Michael, a Vincentian, from the Divine Retreat Centre Pantasaph will lead a service on Friday 13th Feb 6pm-8.30pm at St Catherines, of Praise & Worship, Holy Mass with extended homily & healing adoration. All welcome.

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.

Sunday 15th February <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Marcia, John & Jack Roberts (Int) For the People of The Parish Paul O' Rourke (RIP) John Joynes (RIP)
Monday 16th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Matthew Lamey (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 17th February <i>Optional Memorial: Seven Holy Founders of the Order of Servites</i>	10:00 BV 9:30 11:30 12:15	George McLaughlin (RIP) Funeral Service for Margaret French <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eric Hester (RIP)
Wednesday 18th February <i>ASH WEDNESDAY</i>	10:00 11:30 12:15 19:00	Lorraine & Giuseppe Taurasi <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Nancy Roscow (ann) Kielan Donohoe (ann)
Thursday 19th February <i>Thursday after Ash Wednesday</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Anne O'Brien (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dr Edward Tierney (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 20th February <i>Friday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eric Hester (RIP) NO Confessions after Mass Stations of the Cross led by a parishioner (Adam) Private Intention (N)
Saturday 21st February <i>Saturday after Ash Wednesday</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Thomas Biesty (ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Girl from Altrincham (RIP)

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.



OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Thomas Anthony Guy who was recently baptised here. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Margaret French (funeral 9.30am 17/02/26), Sheila Taylor (funeral 9.30am 04/03/26), 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, 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, 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, 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 8th February £1788.46. SVP retiring collection totalled £656, thank you for your support.

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity. *The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a registered charity No. 234025*



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Mass Schedule

Sunday 22nd February <i>First Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Dr Edward Tierney (RIP) For the People of the Parish Fabiola Southworth (RIP) Brian Magee (RIP)
Monday 23rd February <i>St Polycarp</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Leslie Pascal (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 24th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Eva Finnegan (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Stella O'Connor (RIP)
Wednesday 25th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Marshall Bickers Adoration and Confessions Paul O'Rourke (RIP) Deanery Lenten Station Mass followed by light refreshments in Westleigh
Thursday 26th February <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Peter, Roy & Jacob <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> June Bayley (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 27th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> The Harty Family NO Confessions after Mass <i>Stations of the Cross led by the SVP Group</i> Patrick Birkenshaw
Saturday 28th February <i>Ferial</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Ann and Roy Lewis (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Fabiola Southworth (RIP)
Sunday 1st March <i>Second Sunday of Lent</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Jane Ward For the People of the Parish Eileen Mortimore (ann) Adelio Benedetti

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 & 1

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

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