



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Palm Sunday of The Passion of Our Lord 29th March 2026 (Parish Mass book - page 176)

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

On this day the Church recalls the entrance of Christ the Lord into Jerusalem to accomplish his Paschal Mystery (His passion, death and Resurrection.)

The Sacred Paschal Triduum

In the Sacred Triduum, the Church solemnly celebrates the greatest mysteries of our redemption, keeping by means of special celebrations the memorial of her Lord, crucified, buried, and risen.

Thursday 2nd April 2026

The Mass of the Lord's Supper is celebrated in the evening. In this Mass we remember what the Lord Jesus did at the Last Supper - he gave us the gift of the Holy Eucharist, the ministerial ordained priesthood and washing the apostles' feet: the example of love expressed as humble service.

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.30pm

Friday 3rd April 2026

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

On this and the following day, by most ancient tradition, the church does not celebrate the Sacraments at all, except Penance and the Anointing of the Sick.

The altar should be completely bare: without a cross, without candles and without cloths

9.30am: Office of Readings and Morning Prayer

10.30am-11.30am: Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation (Confession)

11am: Children's Way of the Cross

3pm: Celebration of the Passion of the Lord

7pm: Prayers around the Cross

Saturday 4th April 2026

Holy Saturday

On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb in prayer and fasting, meditating on his Passion and Death and on his descent into Hell, and awaiting his Resurrection.

The Church abstains from the Sacrifice of the Mass, with the sacred table left bare, until after the Solemn vigil, that is, the anticipation by night of the Resurrection, when the time comes for paschal joys, the abundance of which overflows to occupy fifty days.

Holy Communion may only be given as Viaticum

9.30am Office of Readings and Morning Prayer.

The Church will be closed after this to be prepared for the celebration of Easter and will not reopen until the evening Easter Vigil.

8pm Easter Vigil and First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection.

By most ancient tradition, this is the night of keeping vigil for the Lord (Ex 12:42), in which, following the Gospel admonition (Lk 12:35-37), the faithful, carrying lighted lamps in their hands, should be like those looking for the Lord when he returns, so that at his coming he may find them awake and have them sit at his table.

The entire celebration of the Easter Vigil must take place during the night, so that it begins after nightfall and ends before daybreak on Sunday.

Sunday 5th April

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8.30am Holy Mass

10.00am Holy Mass

11.30 Holy Mass

Please note there is no evening Mass at 6.30pm on Easter Sunday

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.

EASTER CARDS: a limited number of Easter cards are available to buy from the sacristy for 50p.

LENTEN ALMS: our Lenten Alms this year will be donated to St. Francis Leprosy (wallbox at the back of church)

WASHING OF FEET - MAUNDY THURSDAY

We would be very grateful for volunteers who are willing to have their feet washed on Maundy Thursday at the 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please sign the list in the porch to offer your services. Thank you.

CHILDREN'S WAY OF THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY (3RD APRIL) 11AM

The children of the Parish will lead the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday at 11am with a practice beforehand at 10am in Westleigh. We are still looking for some children and adults to help us, don't worry if you haven't signed up yet, just ring or message Anna Croughan on 0751 231 5286 or just come to Westleigh at 10am on Good Friday.

LET US PRAY: PRAYERS AROUND THE CROSS - GOOD FRIDAY 3 April 7pm

The parish tradition of Good Friday evening prayers around the cross is now in its fifth year. Everyone is invited to join us for this intimate gathering as we watch and wait together in a time of shared prayer and silent reflection.

FRIDAY CLUB will NOT be on this Friday, 3rd April (Good Friday). Friday Club will resume on Friday, 10th April.

WINDOWS GROUP (for all widows)

The next meeting is on Friday 17th April in Westleigh. After tea, biscuits and a chat ideas shall be shared about favourite novels and authors and there will be a book swap. All widows are invited to join between 3:00pm & 4:30pm.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING

Everyone is invited to the library open morning, upstairs in Westleigh from 10:00am to 12:00pm on Saturday, 18th April. There are Christian books on a range of different topics. Free tea, coffee and cake will be available.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAINTAIN OUR CHURCH GARDENS

We are so lucky to have beautiful church gardens, which over the years many parishioners have very kindly offered their time to help to maintain. We still have a small number of volunteers who work hard to maintain the gardens but we are need of more people to be part of the team. We would be very grateful of more volunteers to help with small areas of the garden. At the back of the church you will see a poster that has a map of the garden which is split up into areas that are numbered. If you are able to offer some time to maintain a small area then please sign your name to an area(s) and provide some contact details. For more information please contact the parish office. Thank you.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY

This special celebration will be held on Sunday 12th April 2026 at Holy Angels Church, Hale Barns (WA15 0HF). The church will be open from 1.30pm, with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>

ROMULUS SINGERS CONCERT

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon at our popular cream tea concert, 'My Spirit Sang All Day' on Sunday 26 April at 3pm in Holy Angels Church Hall, Hale Barns. The programme features an eclectic mix of pieces. Tickets: Adult £15, Child/Student £7. Ticket price includes a glass of non-alcoholic fizz, scone with cream and jam and tea or coffee. To guarantee a place at this popular event it is essential book in advance – it has sold out for the past two years! Buy tickets online at <http://www.romulus-singers.co.uk/myheartsfriend> or call Steve on 07531 266 443 to reserve a place.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ◆ **Children's Liturgy** - 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 March (every fortnight)
- ◆ **Mothers' Prayers** - Every Thursday 11.15am in Westleigh
- ◆ **Study Group for Men** - 7.15-8.30pm, Thursdays (fortnightly) in Westleigh: Please email Fr Joseph for dates.
- ◆ **Friday Club** - First Friday of every month, 2pm in Westleigh. Entertainment & refreshments organised by SVP.
- ◆ **Windows Group (for widows)** - 3pm-4.30pm on Friday 17th April.
- ◆ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturday 11th April. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

RED MISSIO BOXES These will be collected over the next few weeks.

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM [minutes](#) are available to read on the website and paper copies are at the back of church.

THE CAFOD GROUP ARE DOING THE BIG LENT WALK!

Please consider sponsoring the parish CAFOD and J&P group who are combining to walk 1600km during Lent to raise funds for CAFOD. A poster at the back of church with a QR code will take you to our JustGiving page.

MARRIAGE SUPPORT If you are just in a rut or for more serious issues – Retrouvaille could be the solution www.retrouvaille.org.uk 07973 380443.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA BY AIR FROM MANCHESTER 10TH SEPTEMBER 2026

Organised by Northern Star Travel Ltd. Four nights stay on dinner, bed and breakfast basis, staying in a 4* Hotel Fatima. Fr.Pat Munroe is the spiritual leader. Further details info@northernstartravel.com / 0161 773 2115. pat.munroe@btinternet.com / 07711 428970 .

VACANCY - DIOCESE HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER

Salary £32,000-£38,000 dependant on experience. 25 per week, term time only. Please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org by 10 April. Further details at [Latest Vacancies - Diocese](#)

GIFT AID ENVELOPES

Weekly Offertory Envelopes for next year are available for collection at the back of church. For those using the Gift Aid scheme there are individually named boxes, in alphabetical order.

Gift aid is simple, gives a substantial boost to the parish finances, costs you nothing extra and is completely confidential. The parish can claim back a refund of the tax on your offerings. If you are interested in helping the parish in this way please contact Michael Swarbrick on 07957 630230 or michael@swarbrick.co.uk

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES If you do not use the Gift Aid scheme but wish to use Offertory Envelopes, please take any of the boxes without name labels.

DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - YOUTH 2026

Date: 29th June – 7th August 2026. Cost: £740 (bursary, match funding and support available). Age: 16 to 23. Closing Date for applications – 31st March 2026. Further details are on the notice board at the back of church. **Why go to Lourdes?** For our young people Lourdes offers a unique opportunity to grow in faith, service, and community. The shrine, associated with the apparitions of the Virgin Mary to St Bernadette, welcomes pilgrims from around the world. Our young pilgrims volunteer to help the sick and elderly, taking part in a powerful tradition of compassion and care. Alongside this service, they experience prayer, reflection, and friendship with other young Catholics from across our Diocese, often returning home with a deeper sense of faith and a stronger commitment to serving others. Our Lady called each one of us – now we have to answer the call.

March Live Simply Message: Use Fairtrade products, including cleaning products, where possible .

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Orlaith Richardson who was recently baptised here. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Congratulations to Marie-Therese Evans and Caleb Jones who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently including Hazel Doyle (funeral 07/04/26), Achille Chirondo, John A. Blakey, Sean Dwyer, Kathleen Evans 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, Alan Clarkson, 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, Noreen 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, Emma Neoman, 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 22nd March £2024.43.

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 29th March <i>Palm Sunday of The Passion of Our Lord</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of the Parish Thomas O' Connor (anniversary) John Anderson (90th Birthday) Mary Hodgkinson (RIP)
Monday 30th March <i>Monday of Holy Week</i>	11:15-11:45 11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Confessions</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jose Mathew and PP Mathew NO Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 31st March <i>Tuesday of Holy Week</i>	10:00 BV 11:15-11:45 11:30 12:15	Frank Fahshanu (ann) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Michael Burke (RIP)
Wednesday 1st April <i>Wednesday of Holy Week</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mike Scahill and family (RIP)
Thursday 2nd April <i>HOLY THURSDAY</i>	10:00 BV 12:15 18:00 19:30	NO Mass NO Mass NO Eucharistic Adoration Timothy Fawcett Wood (RIP) Mass of the Lord's Supper - followed by watching at the Altar of Repose concluding with Night Prayer at 23:45
Friday 3rd April <i>GOOD FRIDAY</i>	9:30 10:30-11:30 11:00 12:15 13:30-14:30 15:00 19:00	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer <i>Confessions</i> Children's Way of the Cross NO Mass <i>Confessions</i> Celebration of the Passion of the Lord Good Friday Prayers around the Cross
Saturday 4th April <i>HOLY SATURDAY</i>	9:30 12:15 20:00	Office of Readings & Morning Prayer NO Mass Rene Brandon (RIP) Easter Vigil & First Mass of the Lord's Resurrection
Sunday 5th April <i>EASTER SUNDAY</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Marie Simpson (ann) Carmel Williams (RIP) For the People of the Parish NO Mass

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

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

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