



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Pentecost Sunday & The Most Holy Trinity 24th & 31st May 2026 (Parish Mass book - page 288)

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

In a Church that recognizes in the poor the face of Christ and in material goods the instrument of charity, Augustine's thought remains a sure light. Today, fidelity to Augustine's teachings requires not only the study of his works, but also a readiness to live radically his call to conversion, which necessarily includes the service of charity.

Many other Fathers of the Church, both Eastern and Western, have spoken about the primacy of attention to the poor in the life and mission of every Christian. From this perspective, in summary, it can be said that patristic theology was practical, aiming at a Church that was poor and for the poor, recalling that the Gospel is proclaimed correctly only when it impels us to touch the flesh of the least among us, and warning that doctrinal rigor without mercy is empty talk.

Care of the sick

Christian compassion has manifested itself in a particular way in the care of the sick and suffering. Based on the signs present in Jesus' public ministry — the healing of the blind, lepers and paralytics — the Church understands that caring for the sick, in whom she readily recognizes the crucified Lord, is an important part of her mission. During a plague in the city of Carthage, where he was Bishop, Saint Cyprian reminded Christians of the importance of caring for the sick: "This pestilence and plague, which seems so horrible and deadly, searches out the righteousness of each one, and examines the minds of the human race, to see whether the healthy serve the sick; whether relatives love each other with sincerity; whether masters have pity on their sick servants; whether doctors do not abandon the sick who beg for help." The Christian tradition of visiting the sick, washing their wounds, and comforting the afflicted is not simply a philanthropic endeavour, but an ecclesial action through which the members of the Church "touch the suffering flesh of Christ."

May Live Simply Message: Pray before meals.

Pope's Intention for May

That everyone might have food. Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

During Easter we are asked to pray for these intentions:

New members of the Church, Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME SEPTEMBER 2026 - INFORMATION MEETING

We are holding an Information meeting for our next First Holy Communion Programme which is for baptised Catholic children, who will be in Year 3 or above from September 2026 and who are parishioners but do not attend a Catholic school. This meeting will be held in church at 6.30pm on Tuesday 9th June. If you would like your child to prepare for First Holy Communion please come to this meeting and bring a copy of their catholic baptism certificate.

SAVE THE DATE

This August, Canon Jonathan will celebrate his 50th birthday, as such we wish to mark this occasion with him as a parish. The parish celebration will take place on **Saturday 11th July**. We will hold a special Mass for him at 5.30pm followed by a celebration in the church gardens and Westleigh. Please put the date in your diaries! More details to follow. Due to the unpredictable British weather we are looking to put up a marquee on the lawn. If any parishioners have a marquee or a contact for a local company please contact the parish office.

ST. AMBROSE IMMERSION APPEAL - Oliver Taylor, a Year 12 St Ambrose College student and parishioner

Oliver will be travelling to St Ambrose Academy, Sierra Leone — a school founded by St. Ambrose. He is fundraising to support this incredible community, wanting to give something back as a huge thanks for the fantastic Catholic education he has received in our parish. He would be so grateful for any financial donations towards this immersive journey and looks forward to saying more about this at 10am mass on Sunday 24th May. Please follow the link below to contribute, each donation will go a long way. <https://gofund.me/e7585c5c9>

SUMMER PARTY FOR LOCAL REFUGEE CHILDREN - 20TH JUNE

Altrincham Friends of Refugees are hosting a summer party at Loreto School on 20th June for refugee children across Manchester. We will be collecting presents in a box at the back of church to give to the children during the party. Please consider donating either games, arts / crafts type toys for younger children or an approximately £15 gift voucher for older children. Please don't wrap the presents - it helps the organisers to see what is given to whom.

MINISTRY OF WELCOME

All Welcomers are invited to a meeting **7.30pm Tuesday June 9th** in Westleigh . The meeting will provide an opportunity to review the ministry with Fr. Jonathan both in terms of its purpose and the practicalities. Any new people interested in joining the ministry are also very welcome.

WINDOWS GROUP (FOR WIDOWS)

Our next meeting is on Friday 12th June from 3.00-4.30pm downstairs in Westleigh. We will begin with tea, cake and chatting. As grief can come in 'waves' (in ups and downs), we will also be sharing ideas on what helps us through the 'downs'. If you would like company or support (or can offer it to others) do come along. If you are reluctant to come and stay, just pop in for half an hour.

[ACAT Newsletter for June to August 2026](#) newsletter is available on the parish website.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 24TH JULY 8PM

Please join us for a parish quiz night, which will take place in Westleigh on Friday 24th July at 8pm. Teams of 6, entry fee £3 per person, with a cash prize for the winning team! Either enter as a team or make new friends and be allocated to a team on the night. Numbers are limited, so please sign up and pay your entry fee via the parish office by Tuesday 21st July to reserve your place. John Moran will once again be our quiz master, with questions on a variety of topics to suit everyone, so come along and bring your bottle for what promises to be a great night!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 24th May, 14th and 28th June 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: 4th and 18th June (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.
- ♦ **St. Vincent's Parish Choir** - Rehearsal every Thursday at 8:30pm in church
- ♦ **Friday Club** - First Friday of every month, 2pm in Westleigh. Entertainment & refreshments organised by SVP.
- ♦ **Windows Group (for widows)** - 3pm-4.30pm on Friday 12th June.
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturdays 30th May, 6 & 20th June. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

Sunday 24th May <i>Pentecost Sunday</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	For the People of The Parish Sean Dwyer (RIP) David Donlan (RIP) Holly & Julien (Wedding)
Monday 25th May <i>Mary, Mother of The Church</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jia Hua Chang NO Eucharistic Adoration
Tuesday 26th May <i>Our Lady Help of Christians</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	NO MASS <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Eamonn Williams (RIP)
Wednesday 27th May <i>St. Augustine of Canterbury</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Michael Scahill (RIP)
Thursday 28th May <i>Our Lord Jesus Christ The Eternal High Priest</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Thomas Alex & Family <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sheila Haughey (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 29th May <i>Optional Memorial: St. Paul VI</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Terry Kelly (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> The Lu Family
Saturday 30th May <i>Optional Memorial: BVM on Saturday</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 13:30 16:15-17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Peter Luby (Birthday Memories) Wedding of Emily Slater & Adam Booth <i>Confessions</i> Mary Saleth

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

ST AMBROSE COLLEGE OPEN DAY is Saturday 27th June 2026 9.30am-12.30pm for pupils in Years 4 & 5.

CATHOLIC LEGACY WEEK 24-30 May, is a time when parishes and Catholic charities such as CAFOD celebrate the work made possible in the life of the Church through gifts in Wills. Find out more cafod.org.uk/CatholicLegacyWeek

WEAVING TRUST EVENT 11TH JUNE- St Alban's Church Hall, 2 Lindsell Rd, West WA14 5NX starting 7.30pm
Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) invites you to this interactive event bringing different faiths together to learn about each other's faith experience, and build (weave) relationships of trust and friendship. Suitable for Adults and young people 16+. Book your place before 7th June, secretary@altrincham-interfaith.org.uk

Holy Angels Parish Hall Closed for Redecoration: Please note the parish hall will be closed for 1 week commencing Monday 1st June. Tuesday 'Coffee and Chat' will therefore not take place on Tuesday 2nd June.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Shay Durkan and Jude Baynes 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 Susan Yarwood, Alison Donald and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Congratulations to Amy Tosini and Alexander Townsend who were married here recently.

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, Denise Brooks, 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, Marco Floreale, 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, 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, Michael Quigley, 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, Joceph Tumpang, Jed Wainwright, Janina Wardzinska,, Isabella Webb, Neil Wilkinson, Mason Williams, Maria Winthrop, Louise Withers, and all in our hospitals and homes.

Mass Schedule

Sunday 31st May <i>The Most Holy Trinity</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Edward Jones (RIP) For The People of The Parish Freda & Alf Tanner Tom & Ellen Finnegan
Monday 1st June <i>St. Justin</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Elizabeth Thomas (Birthday Int) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 2nd June <i>Optional Memorial: Ss Marcellinus & Peter</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Ann Connor (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Betty Reilly (RIP)
Wednesday 3rd June <i>St. Charles Lwanga & Companions</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Breda Connors
Thursday 4th June <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Tommy Cresham (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sally McGrory <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 5th June <i>St. Boniface</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Margaret Cahill <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> For The Souls in Purgatory
Saturday 6th June <i>Optional Memorial: St. Norbert</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Margaret Mary Fitzgerald <i>Confessions</i> Mary & Tommy Quinn (Intentions)
Sunday 7th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Josephine Row (RIP) For The People of The Parish Jim & Ethna McGoff & All Deceased Members of the McGoff & McEvaddy Family Dorathy Hillier (RIP)

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

MAY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 3rd CAFOD, 31st Franciscan Missionaries

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2; Psalter Week s IV & I

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

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