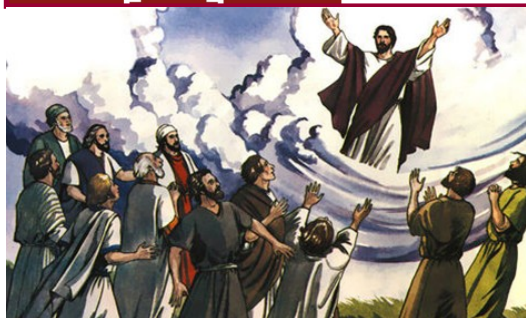




Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Sixth Sunday of Easter 10th May 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.

Among the Eastern Fathers, perhaps the most ardent preacher on social justice was St John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople from the late 300s to the early 400s. In his homilies, he exhorted the faithful to recognize Christ in the needy: "Do you wish to honour the body of Christ? Do not allow it to be despised in its members, that is, in the poor, who have no clothes to cover themselves. Do not honour Christ's body here in church with silk fabrics, while outside you neglect it when it suffers from cold and nakedness... [The body of Christ on the altar] does not need cloaks, but pure souls; while the one outside needs much care. Let us therefore learn to think of and honour Christ as he wishes. For the most pleasing honour we can give to the one we want to venerate is that of doing what he himself desires, not what we devise... So you too, give him the honour he has commanded, and let the poor benefit from your riches. God does not need golden vessels, but golden souls." Affirming with crystal clarity that, if the faithful do not encounter Christ in the poor who stand at the door, they will not be able to worship him even at the altar, he continues: "What advantage does Christ gain if the sacrificial table is laden with golden vessels, while he himself dies of hunger in the person of the poor? Feed the hungry first, and only afterward adorn the altar with what remains." He understood the Eucharist, therefore, as a sacramental expression of the charity and justice that both preceded and accompanied it. That same charity and justice should perpetuate the Eucharist through love and attention to the poor.

Consequently, charity is not optional but a requirement of true worship. Chrysostom vehemently denounced excessive wealth connected with indifference for the poor. The attention due to them, rather than a mere social requirement, is a condition for salvation, which gives unjust wealth a condemnatory weight. "It is very cold and the poor man lies in rags, dying, freezing, shivering, with an appearance and clothing that should move you. You, however, red in the face and drunk, pass by. And how do you expect God to deliver you from misfortune?... You often adorn an unfeeling corpse, which no longer understands honour, with many varied and gilded garments. Yet you despise the one who feels pain, who is torn apart, tortured, tormented by hunger and cold." This profound sense of social justice leads him to affirm that "not giving to the poor is stealing from them, defrauding them of their lives, because what we have belongs to them."

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.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SERVE AT MASS?

We will be holding a choice of two 5-week training programmes for children who have made their First Holy Communion and would like to serve at Mass. The programmes will be held on Sundays at 4pm starting 17th May and Mondays at 4.30pm in church starting on 18th May. If your child is interested please collect an application form from the sacristy and return it to church by Sunday 10th May.

If any adults would like to train as an altar server please email your interest to the office and we will be in touch. Training sessions for adults will be at 7.15pm on Monday evenings.

PENTECOST BOOKLET

The parish Let us Pray team has put together a booklet for Pentecost with prayers, reflections and a Novena which starts on the Ascension of The Lord. The booklets will be available at all Masses this weekend – please take one home to use as we prepare to celebrate the great feast of Pentecost, the coming of the Holy Spirit.

JOIN US ON THE 75th SHREWSBURY PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Would you like to join St Vincent's parishioners as part of a landmark pilgrimage to Lourdes this summer? This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Diocese of Shrewsbury's pilgrimages to Lourdes. A number of St Vincent's parishioners are 'regulars' of the annual pilgrimage which this year is from 31st July - 6th August (if travelling by air) and will be returning, plus there are 'first timers' planning to make the pilgrimage. This is a truly life-changing experience. Full details are on the Diocesan website www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk including travel information, key dates, accommodation details, guidance for pilgrims, and a link to booking details. The easy-to-follow online booking form link is within the [online brochure](#). Online booking link <https://shrewsburylourdes.fillout.com/application> If you wish to be part of the St Vincent's Parish team on the pilgrimage, please complete your booking via the Diocesan website. St Vincent's parishioners are planning to stay at the Gallia Londres Hotel for anyone planning their travel. Please note re. youth - young volunteers (aged between 16 and 22 years) will travel together by coach, leaving Wednesday 29 July and arriving back on Friday 7 August. Separate application forms and details are available from the SYMT office at youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org **Any booking queries re. the Lourdes Pilgrimage should be directed to Shrewsbury's Pilgrimage Team on 07773 324 264 or via email lourdes@dioceseofshrewsbury.org**

DIOCESAN MASS FOR MARRIAGE 2026

Parishioners celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2026 are invited to attend the **Diocesan Mass for Marriage, which will be held at 12 noon on Saturday 13th June at Saint Columba's, Chester.** The Mass be followed by a buffet lunch for invited guests. To receive an invitation from the Bishop's Office, parishioners should email the parish office with the following information: names, address and which significant anniversary is being celebrated. Invitations will only be issued through parishes. The closing date to receive an invitation is Friday 22nd May.

ST. AMBROSE IMMERSION

Oliver Taylor, is a parishioner and Year 12 student at St Ambrose college. This February he 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>

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 10th & 24th May 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: 7th & 21st May (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 8th May.
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturdays 2nd, 16th & 30th May. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the young people of our parish who are making their First Holy Communion this month and for those receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on 14th May.

8.30AM & 11.30AM MASSES

Over the last few months, the Parish Pastoral Team have given out a short questionnaire out at each of the Sunday Masses to ascertain views about those Masses. This week questionnaire will be given out at 8.30am & 11.30am Masses. We would be grateful for as many of you as possible who attend those Masses would complete the questionnaire & return it after Mass either this week or next. There is a box in the porch for returning the completed questionnaires. Thankyou.

DAY OF REFLECTION

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality are holding a day of reflection on Saturday 23rd May at Shrewsbury Cathedral Chapter House. The day will include reflections from Father Sean Henry and Dr Kieran Moriarty. There will also be Mass and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament . All Hospitality members and their guests are welcome to attend. Please confirm your attendance to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

VACANCIES

Lay Pastoral Assistant in the parish of St Hugh & St John, Timperley. This specialised role will provide pastoral support to the Parish Priest with particular emphasis on faith formation and some liturgical ministry. Hours: 15 per week @ £15 per hour, afternoons and evenings, with occasional Sundays. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website [Latest Vacancies](#) - Diocese If interested, please send CV and covering letter to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date Friday 29 May 2026.

Teacher Vacancy: Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Baguley (M23 1HP) are seeking to appoint a Teacher for September 2026. Further information can be found on the school website www.sacredheart-baguley.manchester.sch.uk or by telephoning the school (01619983419).

Loreto Sixth Form Catholic College is seeking to appoint a full-time teacher of Core Religious Education and Chaplaincy Support. Core RE has centrally planned resources and is not an examined subject. Therefore, there are no formal assessments and no significant marking commitments. As a Core RE teacher, your unique role will be to develop students spiritually, ethically and theologically. For more information, please go to the Loreto Website vacancies page. <https://www.loreto.ac.uk/vacancies/>

WEAVING TRUST EVENT 11TH JUNE- St Alban's Church Hall, 2 Lindsell Rd, West WA14 5NX starting 7.30pm

Altrincham Interfaith Group (AIG) is excited to invite 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

May Live Simply Message: Pray before meals.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Ethan Mayer, Ronnie Wilkinson and Millie Wilkinson 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 Roisin Kennedy (funeral at St Hugh's 12noon 08/05/26), Alison Donald, Sr Janet Arrowsmith (funeral 12/05/26) 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, 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.

MONEY MATTERS

Offertory Collection 26th Apr £1813.89 and CAFOD Collection £1365.87

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 10th May <i>Sixth Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	John Hayden (RIP) Ming Keung Cheng (RIP) For the People of The Parish Adelio Benedetti
Monday 11th May <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Betty Reilly <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 12th May <i>Optional Memorials: Ss Nereus & Achilleus & St. Pancras</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	NO MASS <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Sr. Janet Arrowsmith
Wednesday 13th May <i>Optional Memorial: Our Lady of Fatima</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Catherine Scattone
Thursday 14th May <i>The Ascension of The Lord Holy Day of Obligation</i>	7:30am 10:00 BV 10:00 11:30 12:15 18:00 19:00	Kathleen Farry (Extra Mass) NO MASS Una McDermott (RIP) (Extra Mass) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Ackroyd (RIP) <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration</i> Mass for the Celebration of Confirmation
Friday 15th May <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Paul O' Rourke <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Sheila Taylor (RIP)
Saturday 16th May <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 11:00 11:00-11:45 12:15 13:30 16:15-17:00 17:30	First Holy Communion for St Vincents School children <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Gideon (RIP) Wedding of Cheryl Jones & Matthew Shawkat <i>Confessions</i> Arthur Humphries & Family (RIP)
Sunday 17th May <i>Seventh Sunday of Easter</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Bernard Collins (Birthday Remembrance) For the People of The Parish Bernard Elliot (ann) David Donlan (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 II

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

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