



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



St Peter and St Paul

28th June 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.

The monastic tradition teaches us that prayer and charity, silence and service, cells and hospitals form a single spiritual fabric. The monastery is a place of listening and action, of worship and sharing. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, the great Cistercian reformer, "firmly recalled the need for a sober and measured life, in the refectory as in monastic clothing and buildings, recommending the support and care of the poor." For him, compassion was not an option, but the true path of following Christ. Monastic life, therefore, if faithful to its original vocation, shows that the Church is fully the bride of the Lord only when she is also the sister of the poor. The cloister is not only a refuge from the world, but a school where one learns to serve it better. Where monks and nuns have opened their doors to the poor, the Church has revealed with humility and firmness that contemplation does not exclude mercy, but demands it as its purest fruit.

Freeing prisoners

Since apostolic times, the Church has seen the liberation of the oppressed as a sign of the Kingdom of God. Jesus himself proclaimed at the beginning of his public ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives" (Lk 4:18). The early Christians, even in precarious conditions, prayed for and assisted their brothers and sisters who were prisoners, as the Acts of the Apostles (cf. 12:5; 24:23) and various writings of the Fathers attest. This mission of liberation has continued throughout the centuries through concrete actions, especially when the tragedy of slavery and imprisonment has marked entire societies.

Pope's Intention for June

For the values of sports. Let us pray that sports be an instrument of peace, encounter, and dialogue among cultures and nations, and that they promote values such as respect, solidarity, and personal growth.

During Ordinary Time (Summer) we are asked to pray for these intentions:

A Deeper Understanding between Christians and Jews ; Human Life, Those Who Suffer Persecution, Oppression and Denial of Human Rights; Europe ; Seafarers.

REGISTRATION FOR CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME 2026-2027

The application process is now open for the Confirmation Programme which begins in September 2026 with monthly Sunday afternoon meetings, in preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in May 2027. [Application forms](#) for the programme, which is for young people who will be in Year 8 or above in September 2026 and are parishioners of St Vincent's, are on our [website](#) or can be collected from the back of church. Please complete the application form along with the documents requested, including the letter from the young person to Fr Jonathan as detailed in the letter. **Please return the completed form and supporting documents by Sunday 13th July** to the parish office in the presbytery. Please note that there limited places available which will be allocated on a first come first served basis with priority to parishioners.

FRIDAY CLUB

The next session of the Friday Club will take place on Friday July 3rd in Westleigh from 2.00pm to 4.00pm. We will be entertained by pupils from St. Ambrose College, followed by the ever popular bingo and free raffle.

This regular monthly parish social event has been providing an opportunity for our local schools to meet with us, not only displaying their talents but also sharing their youthful vibrancy, warmth and love, always creating a wonderful atmosphere in so doing. The Friday Club is open free of charge to all parishioners and friends. If you have never sampled it why not join us on the 3rd and see what you have been missing. You can be sure of a warm welcome and a nice 'cuppa' served by our friendly SVP helpers.

WINDOWS GROUP (FOR WIDOWS)

Our next meeting is on Friday, 10th July in Westleigh from 15:00 - 16:30. After tea and a chat we will be doing some chocolate tasting!!

CANON JONATHAN'S 50th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION - SATURDAY 11TH JULY

Everyone is very welcome to come to the celebration of Canon Jonathan's 50th birthday on Saturday 11th July. There will be a special Mass at 5.30pm followed by a celebration in the church gardens.

SHARED TABLE - if you are joining us for the celebration after Mass please bring an offering of food to the shared table. Please bring fork or finger food (please note that we won't be able to keep anything hot) and please ensure the dish has a small label stating if it contains any of the major allergens. We would be grateful if you could sign the sheet in the church porch to state what you will bring. The food can be brought to the marquee before 5.30pm Mass.

GIFT - Please do not feel any obligation to give Canon Jonathan a gift but if you do want to we suggest that you give him a small monetary gift in an envelope marked for Fr Jonathan or in a birthday card for him (there are only so many bottles of wine he can drink!).

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!

SUNDAY MISSALS FOR SALE

The Parish Sunday Mass Book is available to buy from the Sacristy - £6.50 for the normal size and £16.00 for the large print (A4) size. Please pay with cash.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 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
- ♦ **The Craft & Coffee club** (previously Knit and Natter) - 10am in Westleigh: 2nd & 16th July (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 Fridays: 10th July.
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturdays 4th & 18th July. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.
- ♦ **Youth Mass** - Sunday 19th July 6.30pm Mass (monthly). Any young musicians welcome, please arrive at 6pm.

NEW SVP MEMBERS AND HELPERS NEEDED IN OUR PARISH SVP GROUP

The SVP would welcome extra helpers and members in supporting each other in our work. Helping could involve offering lifts to parishioners, assisting at the Friday Club or suggesting to parishioners, including the sick, housebound and others, who might appreciate SVP visits, that they contact us. Becoming a member would provide opportunities to visit beneficiaries, pray together at our fortnightly meetings and possibly help with administrative tasks. If you are interested in finding out more please either take one of our leaflets in the Church porch or tel. James on 0161 941 3498 or email jamesjudge@talktalk.net

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

The recent [PPT minutes](#) are available to view on the parish website and hard copies are at the back of church.

EDMUND RICE SUMMER CAMP FUNDRAISING APPEAL - BAKE SALE 28TH JUNE

Edmund Rice Camp is a week-long summer camp for children attending Catholic primary schools who may not otherwise have access to many fun holiday activities due to deprivation, family illness, or other challenging circumstances. Run by student leaders from Loreto & St Ambrose Sixth Form, and supported by the Congregation of Christian Brothers, the camp offers children a full week of free sports, crafts, drama, and day trips, along with breakfast and lunch each day. It is a confidence-building, fun week, which the children (and leaders) often say is the highlight of their year! The programme introduces the life and values of Blessed Edmund Rice, while providing mentorship from our dedicated and enthusiastic volunteers. We would love to see you at our bake sale on Sunday 28th June after 10:00am & 11:30am Masses. We would also be incredibly grateful for any donations made online via GoFundMe to help make this a memorable week for these wonderful children: <https://gofund.me/e49a86ca7>

LAUDATO SI' CENTRE VISIT, 4 JULY, 2026

The CAFOD/Justice and Peace group invite you to join in a visit to the Laudato Si' Centre at Wardley Hall in Salford. 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. This replaces the cancelled trip planned in March. **Places are limited, so please let us know as soon as possible if you would like to come.** There is no cost, although contributions would be welcome. The idea would be to meet at St Vincent's at 9:10am, and car-share to Wardley, because parking is limited. The morning finishes at 12:30, so we should be back at St Vincent's not much after 1pm. If you are interested or to find out more, please contact Alison Sharrock as soon as possible at alisonrsharrock@gmail.com or 07906 261107.

BBC SONGS OF PRAISE: YOUNG CHOIRISTER OF THE YEAR

Our parishioners have been invited to be part of the audience at the above event taking place 8th and 9th July at the Halle St Peter's, Manchester. Tickets are free but must be booked. For more information please visit <https://lostintv.com/tv-show?id=1436>

SOUTH MANCHESTER CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULTS GROUP WEEKEND RETREAT FOR 18-35s

On 11th-13th September 2026 we will be heading to the Lake District for a weekend of spiritual formation, prayer time, opportunities for reconciliation and spiritual direction, social time and time outdoors. £75pp for accommodation and meals. We will be organising lift shares from Altrincham on the Friday late afternoon/evening. Sign up by 30th June: <https://forms.gle/sGwx3RhWR4e7wytAA> Any questions to southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

OUR PARISH FAMILY

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently especially Mike Ward, and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Congratulations to Jacqui Casson & Paul Drinkwater and Lacey Farrow & Rory Birch 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, 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, 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, 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 21st June £1837.65 Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 28th June <i>St Peter & St Paul</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	John & Rita Mullen Simon Harris (Birthday Memories) Natasha Gee (Ann) Tommy Coleman (RIP)
Monday 29th June <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Maria Ariyaratnam (Ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 30th June <i>Optional Memorial: First Martyrs of The Holy Roman Church</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	MASS CANCELLED <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Patrick McGuinness (RIP)
Wednesday 1st July <i>Optional Memorial: St. Oliver Plunkett</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Elizabeth Reilly (RIP)
Thursday 2nd July <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Brother Joseph Hendron (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Olga Jeanneret (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 3rd July <i>St Thomas</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Tom McNamara (Birthday Remembrance) <i>Rosary</i> Fr. David Charters (Special Intentions)
Saturday 4th July <i>Optional Memorial: St. Elizabeth of Portugal BVM on Saturday</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 Mass 16:15-17:00 17:30 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> George M (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> Mary Shovlin
Sunday 5th July <i>Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Sheila Fleetwood (RIP) Westaway & Regan Families (Intentions) The Cantenians of North Cheshire 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

JUNE RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 7th SVP & 28th Peter's Pence

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

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June Live Simply Message: Use charity shops to buy clothes rather than buying them new.

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