



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

7th 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.

In the sixteenth century, Saint John of God founded the Hospitaller Order that bears his name, creating model hospitals that welcomed everyone, regardless of social or economic status. His famous expression, "Do good, my brothers!" became a motto for active charity towards the sick. At the same time, Saint Camillus de Lellis founded the Order of Ministers of the Sick — the Camillians — taking on the mission of serving the sick with total dedication. His rule commands: "Each person should ask the Lord for a motherly affection for their neighbour so that we may serve them with all charity, both in soul and body, because we desire, with the grace of God, to serve all the sick with the affection that a loving mother has for her only sick child." In hospitals, on battlefields, in prisons, and on the streets, the Camillians have embodied the mercy of Christ the Physician.

Caring for the sick with maternal affection, as a mother cares for her child, many consecrated women have played an even greater role in providing healthcare to the poor. The Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul, the Hospital Sisters, the Little Sisters of Divine Providence, and many other women's congregations have become a maternal and discreet presence in hospitals, nursing homes and retirement homes. They have brought comfort, a listening ear, a presence, and above all, tenderness. They have built, often with their own hands, healthcare facilities in areas lacking medical assistance. They taught hygiene, assisted in childbirth and administered medicine with natural wisdom and deep faith. Their homes became oases of dignity where no one was excluded. The touch of compassion was the first medicine. Saint Louise de Marillac wrote to her sisters, the Daughters of Charity, reminding them that "they have been singularly blessed by God for the service of the sick poor of the hospitals."

Today, this legacy continues in Catholic hospitals, healthcare facilities in remote areas, clinics operating in jungles, shelters for drug addicts and in field hospitals in war zones. The Christian presence among the sick reveals that salvation is not an abstract idea, but concrete action. In the act of healing a wound, the Church proclaims that the Kingdom of God begins among the most vulnerable. In doing so, she remains faithful to the One who said, "I was sick and you visited me" (Mt 25:36). When the Church kneels beside a leper, a malnourished child or an anonymous dying person, she fulfils her deepest vocation: to love the Lord where he is most disfigured.

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.

RETIRING COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND IS FOR THE WORK OF THE SVP - the SVP members will have copies of the Annual Report available for you to read. This [Annual Report](#) can also be viewed via the parish website.

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.

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 a birthday card (there are only so many bottles of wine he can drink!).

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) -Next meeting Friday 12th June 3-4pm in Westleigh downstairs

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.

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!

KNIT & NATTER NEW NAME: THE CRAFT AND COFFEE CLUB

The Knit & Natter group would like to attract more people to come and join us and so we have decided to rename ourselves as The Craft and Coffee Club. If you enjoy any or all of the above named activities, you will be very welcome to join us on Thursday mornings 10am-12 every 2 weeks in Westleigh. Dates are in the parish newsletter.

ELECTRONIC NOTICE BOARD

If any parish group would like a notice to be included on the electronic notice board, then please submit your notice, in the form of a PowerPoint slide, to the parish office by email. The text size on the slide needs to be portrait layout and at least font size 28 to be able to be read from a distance. Also, the slide will be clearer if not too overcrowded with text. Pictures or photos on the slide are always a bonus!

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 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
- ♦ **The Craft & Coffee club** (previously 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 6th & 20th June. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

UPDATING THE PARISH SICK LIST

It has been a while since we have reviewed the Sick List in the newsletter, and we are conscious that it is not up to date. We have decided that at the end of June we will clear the current list. Therefore, if you would like a name to remain on the list or would like to add a new one please email the parish office with the details or sign the list at the back of church before 28th June. Thank you.

LIBRARY OPEN MORNING

Would you like help on your Christian journey? Maybe the Parish library can help. Call in, upstairs in Westleigh, between 10:00am and 12:00 noon on Saturday, 13th June and enjoy free coffee and cake whilst you browse. There are also 150 Catholic Truth Society booklets to give away at the moment.

PROCESSION IN HONOUR OF THE IMMACULATE HEART AT ST VINCENTS- SATURDAY 13TH JUNE

Join us for the first ever worldwide Marian procession as we unite with Catholics everywhere in prayer for peace and conversion of souls and in honour of the Sacred Heart of Our Lord and the Immaculate Heart of Mary. We will begin with Mass at 12.15pm followed by a processions around the local area and will conclude with Eucharistic Adoration and a consecration to the Immaculate Heart in church. Wear something blue!

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

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

SUMMER PARTY FOR LOCAL REFUGEE CHILDREN, 20TH JUNE - FINAL PLEA!

Thank you for the donations received so far for the 44 refugee children coming to the party hosted by Altrincham Friends of Refugees. We would still be grateful of new or good condition arts / crafts toys for children aged 7-12 and also gift vouchers for the older children (approx £15). These can be left in the box at the back of church. Thank you.

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.

REFUGEE WEEK JUNE 15TH – 21ST WELCOME THE STRANGER

The Caritas Shrewsbury Well Project at St Aidan's Centre, Wythenshawe supports refugees and people seeking asylum. Volunteers are needed to help with Thursday morning Women's Group; no experience necessary, training given, come and join the friendly team. If interested, please contact Lucy lucy.davies@caritasshrewsbury.org.uk

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Kaobimtonna Enendu, Theodore Oliver and Roman Oliver 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 Agnes Lee, Julie Taylor, Susan Yarwood, Alison Donald and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Congratulations to Emily Slater and Adam Booth 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, 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 24th May £1896.24 and 31st May £1827.44

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 7th June <i>The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ</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)
Monday 8th June <i>Optional Memorial: St. William of York</i>	11:30 12:15 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Charlotte Maria Bouch (Birthday Memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 9th June <i>Optional Memorial: St. Ephrem of Syria & St. Columba</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15	Sean Dwyer (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alf Tanner (Ann)
Wednesday 10th June <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Margaret Gosia (nee Stendal) (RIP)
Thursday 11th June <i>St. Barnabus, Apostle</i>	10:00 BV 11:30 12:15 18:00	Pauline (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Sheila & Peter Marsden (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 12th June <i>The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus</i>	11:30 12:15 13:30 18:30 19:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Annie O' Connor <i>Confessions after Mass</i> Nuptial Mass of Gabriella Hall & Jason Stocks <i>Rosary</i> Mary Kiely (RIP)
Saturday 13th June <i>The Immaculate Heart of Mary</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:30	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Michael Roylance (Ann) <i>Confessions</i> Brian Shovlin
Sunday 14th June <i>Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 10:00 11:30 18:30	Morris Cipriano Carrasco Maeve & Steven Whittaker & Children, Benjamin, Joseph, Luke & Erin (20th Wedding Anniversary) Deceased Members of the Parish CAFOD Group 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 s III

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

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WESTLEIGH PARISH CENTRE- Westleigh Bookings: svpwestleigh@outlook.com

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

Parish Safeguarding Representative Helen Norwood: 07800 656966

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