



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st June 2026 (Parish Mass book - page 93)

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

Over time, Benedictine monasteries became places for overcoming the culture of exclusion. Monks and nuns cultivated the land, produced food, prepared medicines and offered them, with simplicity, to those most in need. Their silent work was the leaven of a new civilization, where the poor were not a problem to be solved, but brothers and sisters to be welcomed. The rule of sharing, working together and helping the vulnerable established an economy of solidarity, in contrast to the logic of accumulation. The monks' witness showed that voluntary poverty, far from being misery, is a path of freedom and communion. They did not limit themselves to helping the poor: they became their neighbours, brothers and sisters in the same Lord. In the cells and cloisters, they created a mysticism of God's presence in the little ones. In addition to providing material assistance, monasteries played a fundamental role in the cultural and spiritual formation of the humblest. In times of plague, war and famine, they were places where the needy found bread and medicine, but also dignity and a voice. It was there that orphans were educated, apprentices received training and ordinary people were taught agricultural techniques and how to read. Knowledge was shared as a gift and a responsibility. The abbot was both teacher and father, and the monastic school was a place of freedom through truth. Indeed, as John Cassian writes, the monk must be characterized by "humility of heart... which leads not to knowledge that puffs up, but to knowledge that enlightens through the fullness of charity." By forming consciences and transmitting wisdom, monks contributed to a Christian pedagogy of inclusion. Culture, marked by faith, was shared with simplicity. Knowledge, illuminated by charity, became service. Monastic life thus revealed itself as a style of holiness and a concrete way to transform society.

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.

ST VINCENT'S YOUTH MASS - SUNDAY 21ST JUNE AT 6.30PM

We invite you to join us for the first of our monthly Youth Masses. Please can any youth musicians meet us at 6pm in church with your instrument/ voice and a music stand. We are looking forward to welcome back any Confirmation candidates from the past and hopefully from next year's cohort too. If your child would like to play their instrument, welcome our parishioners at the main door or take part in the Offertory procession and collection, then please email Su on suhflewlewis@hotmail.com Please all just turn up and support this new event.

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.

UPDATING THE PARISH SICK LIST

We will be updating the Sick List in the newsletter at the end of June so 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.

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!

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** - 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: 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 Fridays once a month. Dates will be shared in the newsletter.
- ◆ **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.
- ◆ **Youth Mass** - Sunday 21st June 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

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 the 10:00am and 11:30am Masses. We would also be incredibly grateful for any donations made online via GoFundMe which will help us to 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.

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

We're delighted to announce that registration for our Castlerigg Weekend from 11th-13th September 2026 is now open! 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. Price per person is £75 for accommodation and all meals for the weekend. We will be organising lift shares from Altrincham on the Friday late afternoon/evening. Sign up via Google Forms by 30th June: <https://forms.gle/sGwx3RhWR4e7wytAA> Any questions, please email southmanccatholicyoungadults@gmail.com

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Oscar Marshall, Sophie Cook, Savannah May McGuane Copeland, Rafe Gregory, Kit Gregory, Abel Darroch, Delilah Darroch, Erin Harris, Nuala Harris, Leo Davies, Harry Davies, Elsie McGiveron, Luca Canessa - Heston and Lati Garner 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 and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Congratulations to Gabriell Hall & Jason Stocks and Penny Duffield & Cameron Buckton 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, Joephen 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 14th June £1749.53. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 21st June <i>Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Marshall & Alice Bickers (Remembrance) Milly Stewart (Ann) Patrick Leahy For The People of The Parish
Monday 22nd June <i>Ss John Fisher, B & Thomas More</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mr P. J Kennedy (Ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 23rd June <i>Optional Memorial: St. Ethelreda</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	MASS CANCELLED <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Susan McGowan (Ann)
Wednesday 24th June <i>The Nativity of St. John the Baptist Solemnity</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Dominic Timmons (Loving Memory)
Thursday 25th June <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 14:00 18:00	Christine Dawson (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Michael Kenneth Barker (Ann) Wedding Service of Lacey Farrow & Rory Birch <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 26th June <i>Optional Memorial: St. Josemaria Escriva De Balaguer</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Ian Jackson (RIP / Ann) NO Confessions after Mass <i>Rosary</i> Fr. Tony Myers (60th Ordination Anniversary)
Saturday 27th June <i>Optional Memorial: St Cyril of Alexandria</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 Mass 16:15-17:00 17:30 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> NO Confessions Lorena McAloon & Family <i>Confessions</i> For The People of The Parish
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)

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 I

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

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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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