



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 5th July 2026 (Parish Mass book - Page 99)

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

Between the late 12th and the early 13th centuries, when many Christians were captured in the Mediterranean or enslaved in wars, two religious orders arose: the Order of the Most Holy Trinity and of the Captives (Trinitarians), founded by Saint John of Matha and Saint Felix of Valois, and the Order of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Mercy (Mercedarians), founded by Saint Peter Nolasco with the support of the Dominican Saint Raymond of Peñafort. These communities of consecrated persons were born with the specific charism of freeing Christians who had been enslaved, placing their own possessions at the disposal of the enslaved and many times offering their own lives in exchange. The Trinitarians, with their motto *Gloria tibi Trinitas et captivis libertas* (Glory to you, O Trinity, and liberty to the captives), and the Mercedarians, who added a fourth vow to the religious vows of poverty, chastity and obedience, testified that charity can be heroic. The liberation of prisoners is an expression of Trinitarian love: a God who frees not only from spiritual slavery but also from concrete oppression. The act of rescuing someone from slavery and captivity is seen as an extension of Christ's redemptive sacrifice, whose blood is the price of our redemption (cf. 1 Cor 6:20).

The original spirituality of these orders was deeply rooted in contemplation of the cross. Christ is the Redeemer of prisoners par excellence, and the Church, his Body, prolongs this mystery in time. Religious did not see redemption as a political or economic action, but as a quasi-liturgical act, the sacramental offering of themselves. Many gave their own bodies to replace prisoners, literally fulfilling the commandment: "No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends" (Jn 15:13). The tradition of these orders did not come to an end. On the contrary, it inspired new forms of action in the face of modern forms of slavery: human trafficking, forced labour, sexual exploitation and various forms of dependency. Christian charity is liberating when it becomes incarnate. Likewise, the mission of the Church, when she is faithful to her Lord, is at all times to proclaim liberation. Even today, when "millions of people — children, women and men of all ages — are deprived of their freedom and forced to live in conditions akin to slavery," this legacy is carried on by these orders and other institutions and congregations working in urban peripheries, conflict zones and migration routes. When the Church bends down to break the new chains that bind the poor, she becomes a paschal sign.

Pope's Intention for July

For respect for human life. Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

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.

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!

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.

SEA SUNDAY - 11TH/12TH JULY RETIRING COLLECTION

Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sear Sunday is when the Church prays for those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a difference. There are envelopes available at the back of church if you would like to donate or you can text SEA to 70460 to donate £5.

FRIDAY CLUB

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 on the third Sunday of every month from 2pm to 4pm in Westleigh. If you have never sampled it why not join us 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!).

SUNDAY MISSALS for sale from the Sacristy £6.50 for normal size and £16.00 for large print. Please pay with cash.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - 12th and 26th July 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.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING A CATHOLIC?

For all those interested in exploring the possibility of becoming a Catholic you are warmly invited to an initial meeting where you can find out more on Tuesday 15th September at 7.30pm in Westleigh. Please email the parish office if you would like to attend this meeting. Please do not hesitate to speak to Fr Jonathan or Fr Joseph after Mass if you are interested or want more information.

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

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS PARISHIONERS

Sister Eileen thanks you for the kind gifts that you gave to the children who attended the Summer Party at Loreto, every child received a gift which was very much appreciated.

HAVE WE GOT THE UP TO DATE CONTACT DETAILS FOR YOU?

Please email the parish office if you need to provide us with any updated contact details. Our next Vineyard magazine will be going out soon and we want to ensure that we have the correct addresses for all our parishioners. Thank you.

HOLY COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

Just a reminder to our housebound parishioners that we are happy to bring Holy Communion to them if they are unable to come physically to church? All too often, it is only after a person has died that we are made aware of them. Sacramental support can be crucially important for such individuals as they prepare for their journey into the presence of our loving Father. If you or anyone known to you would benefit from house visits, do please let us know. Similarly, if you find yourselves in hospital, you should ask to see a priest, because only then will steps be taken to send the chaplain into see you.

FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR MARY'S MEALS

Mary's Meals wants to collect all your left over foreign and no longer legal tender currency and turn it into cash to feed hungry children in the 16 countries it works in. You will find envelopes at the back of church, please take one and put all your foreign coins and notes into it. Then bring your envelope back to church and leave in the box provided. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY will be holding a Predeparture Mass and meeting on Saturday 11th July at St Columba's Church, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA . We will join the Youth Section at 12 noon for Mass, followed by a meeting at 1.30 pm . Please bring a packed lunch . All members of the Hospitality will be welcome.

EDMUND RICE CAMP FUNDRAISER THANK YOU

Thank you to all the parishioners who so very kindly and generously supported our fundraiser last weekend, via the GoFundMe <https://gofund.me/5f670e4f9> and with cash donations to the bake sale. We raised an incredible £466.60. The money will support us to help children who are facing disadvantage have a wonderful summer holiday week filled with laughter and memories. The camp takes place 16th-21st August. Please do keep the children and our volunteer 6th form leaders in your prayers.

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

We welcome into God's Family Raine Isherwood and Albert Cheetham 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 especially Rita Constance, Jim Prideaux, Mike Ward (10.30am 13/07/26), Mr Nicola Gallucci (10am 09/07/26), Franics Sherry (12.15pm 16/07/26) 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 Denise Brooks, Johnny Carroll, Lynda Edwards, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Peter Heywood, Robert Heywood, Laura MacGinn, Claire McAllister, Martin McConnell, Carol McLaughlin, Brian Morris, Maureen O'Hara, Anne O'Neill, Serge Pascau, Annabel Tats, Margaret Russell, Anne Ryan, Kay Ryan, Liz Ryan, Mick Ryan and all in our hospitals and homes.

If you would like to add a name to this list please email the parish office or add the name to the list in the church porch, thank you.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 28th June £1704.28 Peter's Pence Collection £566.65. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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 Catenians of North Cheshire For The People of The Parish
Monday 6th July <i>Optional Memorial: St Maria Goretti</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rita & Peter Hutton (Birthday Memories) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 7th July <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	Ann Connor (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Grace Pheonix
Wednesday 8th July <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Norah Scully (Birthday Anniversary)
Thursday 9th July <i>Optional Memorial: St. Augustine Zhao Rong & Companions</i>	10:00 BV Mass 10:00 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Marie Pessagno (RIP) Funeral Service for Mr Nicola Gallucci <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Freda Tanner <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 10th July <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 13:30 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Olwyn Fisher (RIP) Wedding of Amy Sinclair & Robert Maddams <i>Rosary</i> Elsie Thomas (Ann)
Saturday 11th July <i>St. Benedict, Patron of Europe</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 16:15-17:00 17:30 Mass	<i>NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> Wedding of Kate Hampson & Michael Nicholls <i>Confessions</i> Canon Jonathan Brandon (Birthday Blessings)
Sunday 12th July <i>Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Patricia Fehily (RIP) For The People of The Parish Antonia Emmanuel (Ann) T Mary Stella Michael (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

JULY RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 12th Sea Sunday & 26th CAFOD

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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July Live Simply Message: Try having a meat-free day once or twice a week.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Helen Norwood: 07800 656966

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