



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham

Nineteenth & Twentieth Sundays in Ordinary Time

9th & 16th August 2026

(Parish Mass book - Page 114 & 117)

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

The mendicant orders were therefore a living response to exclusion and indifference. They did not expressly propose social reforms, but an individual and communal conversion to the logic of the Kingdom. For them, poverty was not a consequence of a scarcity of goods, but a free choice: to make themselves small in order to welcome the small. As Thomas of Celano said of Francis: "He showed that he loved the poor intensely... He often stripped himself naked to clothe the poor, whom he sought to resemble." Beggars became the symbol of a pilgrim, humble and fraternal Church, living among the poor not to proselytize but as an expression of their true identity. They teach us that the Church is a light when she strips herself of everything, and that holiness passes through a humble heart devoted to the least among us. The Church and the education of the poor

Addressing educators, Pope Francis recalled that education has always been one of the highest expressions of Christian charity: "Yours is a mission full of obstacles as well as joys... A mission of love, because you cannot teach without loving." In this sense, since ancient times, Christians have understood that knowledge liberates, gives dignity, and brings us closer to the truth. For the Church, teaching the poor was an act of justice and faith. Inspired by the example of the Master who taught people divine and human truths, she took on the mission of forming children and young people, especially the poorest, in truth and love. This mission took shape with the founding of congregations dedicated to education.

In the sixteenth century, Saint Joseph Calasanz, struck by the lack of education and training among the poor young people of Rome, established Europe's first free public school in some rooms adjacent to the church of Santa Dorotea in Trastevere. This was the seed from which the Poor Clerics Regular of the Mother of God of the Pious Schools, known as the Piarists, would later emerge and develop, though not without difficulty. Their goal was that of transmitting to young people "not only secular knowledge but also the wisdom of the Gospel, teaching them to recognize, in their personal lives and in history, the loving action of God the Creator and Redeemer." In fact, we can consider this courageous priest as the "true founder of the modern Catholic school, aimed at the integral formation of people and open to all." Inspired by the same sensitivity, Saint John Baptist de La Salle, realizing the injustice caused by the exclusion of the children of workers and ordinary people from the educational system of France at that time, founded the Brothers of the Christian Schools in the seventeenth century, with the ideal of offering them free education, solid formation, and a fraternal environment. De La Salle saw the classroom as a place for human development, but also for conversion. In his colleges, prayer, method, discipline and sharing were combined. Each child was considered a unique gift from God, and the act of teaching was a service to the Kingdom of God.

Pope's Intention for August

For evangelisation in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

We wish all those going away on holiday in the coming weeks a safe and restful break. We warmly welcome any visitors who are with us on holiday.

The Parish Office will be operating reduced hours during the holidays. Emails will be checked weekly and phone messages will be checked daily by the clergy. **It is always possible to contact the clergy by phone.**

VINEYARD MAGAZINE

The Summer Vineyard Magazine is now available to collect from church. Please can we ask that you take magazines for those that live on your road and those nearby so that we can ensure that all our parishioners receive the magazine. Thank you to Christina and all those that have helped in developing another wonderful magazine celebrating all that has been happening in our parish. The Vineyard can also be viewed on our [parish website](#).

HELP NEEDED - TEA AND COFFEE AFTER MASS

We would be really grateful for some more volunteers to help serve tea and coffee after the 10am Mass on Sundays in Westleigh. There is a rota of people so you only need to be available to volunteer at most once a month - the more people that volunteer the less you have to do it! If you could offer some support please email or call the parish office by 31st July. The last Tea and Coffee will be 26th July. Thank you.

WINDOWS GROUP (for Widows)

Do consider joining us at our next meeting from 3:00-4:00pm on Friday 14th August. We meet downstairs in Westleigh. After tea, cake and a chat we will have Psalm 23 as our discussion topic.

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.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Our next parish pilgrimage will be to Walsingham Tuesday 1st to Thursday 3rd June 2027. Further details and how to book will follow in September.

CAFOD - VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE APPEAL _ THANK YOU

Heartfelt thanks to parishioners for their generosity and compassion for those affected by the earthquakes in Venezuela. We are so grateful for your support which enables the work of our trusted church partners to continue, supplying emergency water, food and shelter. The amount raised was £1769.25.

MARCH FOR LIFE

You are invited to join us on The March For Life on Sat Sept 5th in London with thousands of others at this family friendly short walk to help someone understand why abortion is such a tragedy in itself and how it harms families. There are 3 pickup locations in Hale Barns, High Legh, and Sandbach.

To book a return seat (£35) or for more details contact Gerry: 07990 970103 g.c.mcgettigan@gmail.com

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - At the 10am Mass - paused for summer holidays. Next liturgy is Sunday 13th September.
- ♦ **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: 13 August, 27th August (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: 14th August
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Paused for summer holidays. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.

Sunday 9th August <i>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	For the People of the Parish Michael Smart (RIP) Sally McGrory Philip Dore (RIP)
Monday 10th August <i>St Lawrence</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alfred Tanner <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 11th August <i>St. Clare</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	Fr. Jonathan Brandon (Birthday Intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Bernard Casson (Ann)
Wednesday 12th August <i>Optional Memorial: St. Jane Frances de Chantel</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Requiem Mass for Colm Corcoran
Thursday 13th August <i>Optional Memorial: Ss. Pontain, Pp & Hippolytus</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Clive Paige (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Alice Collins (Ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 14th August <i>St. Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> The Harty Family <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Andrew Neil Wheelton (Int)
Saturday 15th August <i>Optional Memorial: BVM on Saturday</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 Mass 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> The Fearon Family (Int) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Catherine Roylance

PARISH PASTORAL TEAM MINUTES

The [minutes](#) of the recent PPT meeting are available to read in the Noticeboard section of our parish website and paper copies are at the back of church.

MARRIAGE IN A RUT? Or need help with deeper issues?

Retrouvaille has helped thousands of couples find hope and healing in their marriage. Next dates are 2nd-4th October. www.retrouvaille.org.uk/info Tel: 07887 296983.

SICK LIST

Please email the [parish office](#) or note the name on the sheet at the back of church if you wish to remove a name from the sick list. Thank you.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Finley Hurst, Tamara Casey, Emily Shaw, Matilda Fallon and Joseph Fallon who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Phillippa Cusani & Joshua Nixon who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently especially Joseph Kevin Keegan, Colm Corcoran (12.15pm 12/08/26), Kathleen Teresa Raftery (known as Teresa), (13:30pm 18/08/26), and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include Denise Brooks, Johnny Carroll, Anna Croft, Sandra Davis, Lynda Edwards, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Peter Heywood, Robert Heywood, Laura MacGinn, Claire McAllister, Martin McConnell, Kevin McDermott, Rupert McDermott, Carol McLaughlin, Brian Morris, Maureen O'Hara, Anne O'Neill, Serge Pascau, Annabel Tats, Margaret Russell, Anne Ryan, David Ryan, Kay Ryan, Liz Ryan, Mick Ryan, Ann Thomas, Mick Thomas, Derek Watson and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 26th July £1810.84, 2nd August £1586.53

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 16th August <i>The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	For the People of the Parish Noel Philip Thomas (Birthday Memories) Peter Walsh (1st Ann) Bejoy & Daina (Wedding Ann)
Monday 17th August <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rita Constance (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 18th August <i>Ferial</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 13:30	Gerard Brown (Ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Frank McBreen Funeral Service for Kathleen Teresa Raftery
Wednesday 19th August <i>Optional Memorial: St. John Eudes</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Joseph Dillon
Thursday 20th August <i>St. Bernard</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Bejoy Matthew (Birthday Thanksgiving) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr. Tony Myers (60th Ann of Priesthood) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 21st August <i>St. Pius</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Jane Hunt (Ann) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Freda Tanner
Saturday 22nd August <i>The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 Mass 13:30 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> <i>Confessions</i> K.V John (10th Ann) Nuptial Mass of Emily Stockton & Mathieu Tardy <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Private Intention
Sunday 23rd August <i>Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Margaret Murray (RIP) Julie Taylor (RIP) For The People of The Parish Peter Gormally

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

AUGUST RETIRING COLLECTIONS: None

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

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

August Live Simply Message: Don't leave your appliances on standby particularly if you are going on holiday.

Parish Safeguarding Representative Helen Norwood: 07800 656966

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