



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham

Twenty First & Twenty Second Sundays in Ordinary Time

23rd & 30th August 2026

(Parish Mass book - Page 120 & 122)

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

In the nineteenth century, also in France, Saint Marcellin Champagnat founded the Institute of the Marist Brothers of the Schools. "He was sensitive to the spiritual and educational needs of his time, especially to religious ignorance and the situation of neglect experienced in a particular way by the young." He dedicated himself wholeheartedly to the mission of educating and evangelizing children and young people, especially those most in need, during a period when access to education continued to be the privilege of a few. In the same spirit, Saint John Bosco began the great work of the Salesians in Italy based on the three principles of the "preventive method" — reason, religion, and loving kindness. Blessed Antonio Rosmini founded the Institute of Charity, in which "intellectual charity" was placed alongside "material charity," with "spiritual-pastoral charity" at the top, as an indispensable dimension of any charitable action aimed at the good and integral development of the person.

Many female congregations were protagonists of this pedagogical revolution. Founded in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, the Ursulines, the Sisters of the Company of Mary Our Lady, the Maestre Pie and many others, stepped into the spaces where the state was absent. They created schools in small villages, suburbs and working-class neighbourhoods. In particular, the education of girls became a priority. The religious sisters taught literacy, evangelised, took care of practical matters of daily life, elevated their spirits through the cultivation of the arts, and, above all, formed consciences. Their pedagogy was simple: closeness, patience and gentleness. They taught by the example of their lives before teaching with words. In times of widespread illiteracy and systemic exclusion, these consecrated women were beacons of hope. Their mission was to form hearts, teach people to think and promote dignity. By combining a life of piety and dedication to others, they fought abandonment with the tenderness of those who educate in the name of Christ.

For the Christian faith, the education of the poor is not a favour but a duty. Children have a right to knowledge as a fundamental requirement for the recognition of human dignity. Teaching them affirms their value, giving them the tools to transform their reality. Christian tradition considers knowledge a gift from God and a community responsibility. Christian education does not only form professionals, but also people open to goodness, beauty and truth. Catholic schools, therefore, when they are faithful to their name, are places of inclusion, integral formation and human development. By combining faith and culture, they sow the seeds of the future, honour the image of God and build a better society.

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.**

WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome Sunday this year will be **Sunday 13th September**. Volunteers are needed to help with refreshments on the lawn following each Mass. Please sign up at the back of church if you can help at one of Masses. Thank you.

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.

FRIDAY CLUB 4TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - 2.00 - 4.15PM

Following our summer break the next session, in Westleigh as usual, will feature local songstress Jayne MacFarlane, who will be entertaining us with a lively medley of our favourite 'sing along' tunes. As usual all parishioners, friends and visitors are welcome free of charge to join us at this regular monthly parish event.

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Tues 1st to Thurs 3rd June 2027.

FRANCIS HOUSE STEPtember CHALLENGE

Take part in the STEPtember challenge and commit to walking 10,000 steps every day for the whole month of September. See poster at back of church for details. Hundreds of local families are navigating the most challenging of paths. The STEPS they take every day are difficult and demanding. The Francis House care team walk with these families, helping them on their journey and creating special memories along the way. Not only is STEPtember a great way of supporting your local children's hospice, but it is also the perfect opportunity to step up your fitness. Please click on the link below to find out more. <https://www.francishouse.org.uk/get-involved/events/stepember/> Your support would ensure a crucial lifeline for families navigating the most difficult times in their lives and that we can continue our special work and care provided for the children and their families who stay at Francis House.

DIOCESE VACANCIES

The Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team (SYMT) are recruiting for a Programme Coordinator and Team Member; both roles are full time based in Stockport. The Curial office is also looking to recruit an Accounts Assistant, full time, based in Birkenhead. CV's to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date: Friday 18 September. Further details for all vacancies can be found on the Diocesan website using this link <https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/careers>

ACTION BY CHRISTIANS AGAINST TORTURE

The [ACAT newsletter for September to November](#) is on the parish website. ACAT regularly send out information about specific, urgent requests for help and prayers. If you would like to receive the newsletter directly, please contact ukacat@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

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** - 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: 11th September and 9th October
- ♦ **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.
- ♦ **Youth Mass** - Sunday 20th September 6.30pm Mass (monthly). Young musicians welcome, please arrive at 6pm.

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
Monday 24th August <i>St Bartholomew</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mrs Mary Stella Michael (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 25th August <i>St Thomas of Hereford</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	Agnes Donegan <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Paul Entwistle (RIP)
Wednesday 26th August <i>Optional Memorial: Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thanksgiving for graduation of Mussy
Thursday 27th August <i>St Monica</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Ernest Davenport (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thanksgiving for Diamond Wedding Anniversary <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 28th August <i>St Augustine</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 13:30 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mike Ward (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> Wedding of Olivia Greenan & Benjamin Hunter <i>Rosary</i> Nesta Diamond (RIP)
Saturday 29th August <i>The Passion of St John the Baptist</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> Gerry Murphy (intentions) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Julie Taylor (RIP)

CAFOD SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Could you visit your local Catholic school to **talk about the work of CAFOD**? We are looking for **volunteers** to deliver school assemblies and workshops and inspire children and young people to make a difference and take action. For further information please contact Anna Letizia on 07710 094449 or email aletizia@cafod.org.uk

ALTRINCHAM 10K - SUNDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER Please be aware of road closures during this event which may mean you need to plan a different route to get to Sunday Mass. For more information visit www.altrincham10k.com

SICK LIST

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Austin Smeed, Isaac Smeed, Patrick Conroy, Martha Furness and Hugo Mullin 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 Una Sweeney, Sara Duffy 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 9th August £1660.70 and 16th August £1907.97. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 30th August <i>Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Margaret Plant (RIP) John Fox (ann) Jim Prideaux (RIP) For the People of the Parish
Monday 31st August <i>Optional Memorial: St Aidan & the Saints of Lindisfarne</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Concannon, Jordan & Cresham Families (RIP) <i>NO Eucharistic Adoration (due to Bank Holiday)</i>
Tuesday 1st September <i>World Day of Prayer for Care of the Creation</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 13:30	Sarah (intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Brendan Conway (ann) Funeral Service for Sara Duffy
Wednesday 2nd September <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Mary Teresa Walsh (RIP)
Thursday 3rd September <i>St Gregory the Great</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Myles & Annie Somers (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Joseph Kevin Keegan (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 4th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Cuthbert</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Rita Constance (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Mildred Cornish (RIP)
Saturday 5th September <i>St Theresa of Calcutta</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> Joan Jones (RIP) Nuptial Mass of Lydia Makayova & Louis Smith <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Kathleen Evans (RIP)
Sunday 6th September <i>Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	For the People of the Parish Fred Horrigan & Leo Mitchell (RIP) Joseph Keegan (RIP) Fr Jonathan

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 1 & 2

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

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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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