

Solemnity of St Vincent De Paul
27th September 2026
(Please use additional sheet for readings)



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

The acceleration of technological and social change in the past two centuries, with all its contradictions and conflicts, not only had an impact on the lives of the poor but also became the object of debate and reflection on their part. The various movements of workers, women and young people, and the fight against racial discrimination, gave rise to a new appreciation of the dignity of those on the margins of society. The Church's social doctrine also emerged from this matrix. Its analysis of Christian revelation in the context of modern social, labour, economic and cultural issues would not have been possible without the contribution of the laity, men and women alike, who grappled with the great issues of their time. At their side were those men and women religious who embodied a Church forging ahead in new directions. The epochal change we are now undergoing makes even more necessary a constant interaction between the faithful and the Church's Magisterium, between ordinary citizens and experts, between individuals and institutions. Here too, it needs to be acknowledged once more that reality is best viewed from the sidelines, and that the poor are possessed of unique insights indispensable to the Church and to humanity as a whole.

The Church's Magisterium in the past 150 years is a veritable treasury of significant teachings concerning the poor. The Bishops of Rome have given voice to new insights refined through a process of ecclesial discernment. By way of example, in his Encyclical Letter *Rerum Novarum*, Leo XIII addressed the labour question, pointing to the intolerable living conditions of many industrial workers and arguing for the establishment of a just social order. Other popes also spoke on this theme. Saint John XXIII, in his Encyclical *Mater et Magistra* (1961), called for justice on a global scale: rich countries could no longer remain indifferent to countries suffering from hunger and extreme poverty; instead, they were called upon to assist them generously with all their goods.

The Second Vatican Council represented a milestone in the Church's understanding of the poor in God's saving plan. Although this theme remained marginal in the preparatory documents, Saint John XXIII, in his Radio Message of 11 September 1962, a month before the opening of the Council, called attention to the issue. In his memorable words, "the Church presents herself as she is and as she wishes to be: the Church of all and in particular the Church of the poor." The intense efforts of bishops, theologians and experts concerned with the renewal of the Church — with the support of Saint John XXIII himself — gave the Council a new direction. The centrality of Christ in these considerations both on a doctrinal and social level would prove fundamental. Many Council Fathers supported this approach, as eloquently expressed by Cardinal Lercaro in his intervention of 6 December 1962: "The mystery of Christ in the Church has always been and today is, in a particular way, the mystery of Christ in the poor." He went on to say that, "this is not simply one theme among others, but in some sense the only theme of the Council as a whole." The Archbishop of Bologna, in preparing the text for this intervention, noted the following: "This is the hour of the poor, of the millions of the poor throughout the world. This is the hour of the mystery of the Church as mother of the poor. This is the hour of the mystery of Christ, present especially in the poor." There was a growing sense of the need for a new image of Church, one simpler and more sober, embracing the entire people of God and its presence in history. A Church more closely resembling her Lord than worldly powers and working to foster a concrete commitment on the part of all humanity to solving the immense problem of poverty in the world.

WORLD YOUTH DAY FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGN—27TH SEPTEMBER

This Sunday at the 8.30am, 10am and 11.30am Masses we welcome Fr Marco and some young members of Missio Ad Gentes. They are visiting parishes to raise money for their pilgrimage to the next World Youth Day in Seoul, South Korea in August 2027. Please consider supporting these young people. After Mass they will be selling votive candles, small icons and other religious articles. Donations are also welcome and can be cash or card.

SAVE THE DATE - 21ST NOVEMBER 2026 DAY OF RECOLLECTION

The parish is delighted that Sister Gemma Simmonds has agreed to lead a Day of Recollection (retreat day) in preparation for Advent and Christmas. Please save the date and come and spend time in prayer and reflection before the busyness of the Christmas season. This will be held in Westleigh, more details to follow.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM Tues 1st to Thurs 3rd June 2027

We are now opening the booking for the parish pilgrimage to Walsingham leaving at 7am from St Vincents on Tuesday 1st June, returning Thursday 3rd June 2027. The trip includes a visit to Wells-next-the-sea. Accommodation will be at the Anglican retreat centre and includes breakfast and an evening meal. The full pilgrimage programme includes morning and evening prayer, Mass, Rosary, walking the Holy Mile and Holy Hour. The cost is £275 per person for a twin or double room (there are limited single rooms available and ensuite rooms are not guaranteed). If you would like to book on this pilgrimage please email the parish office and we will provide you with the details to pay the non-refundable deposit by 31st October 2026.

SUPPORTING REFUGEES IN OUR COMMUNITY - REVIVE WALLBOX

Revive is a voluntary service giving practical help and immigration advice to Refugees founded by the Spiritan Fathers. Our funding has been cut and we have had to reduce staffing which is already small. It is even a struggle to find bus fares for volunteers and for my English class members. Thankfully Fr Jonathan has arranged for donations from the wallbox in the church porch to be given for the next 3 months to Revive. Life is really hard for the refugees (trying to live on £47 p/w) and the waiting and being unable to work can be endless. You can also donate using the QR code. Thanks Eileen (Loreto Sisters).



CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEAL THIS HARVEST—3rd/4th October

After long droughts, children in Zimbabwe have been finding learning hard. Many have been out before school, walking miles for water. They are too tired to learn properly, focus on their dreams of success. For Harvest Fast this year, CAFOD ask us to support schemes like solar-powered deep well pumps. Crops can grow, water can flow, young minds are nourished, fatigue curbed. Please use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate online at cafod.org.uk/envelope. Thank you very much in advance for supporting our appeal.

WINDOWS GROUP - BEREAVMENT TALK - 9th OCTOBER

To mark our first anniversary, the Windows group have invited Tess Ridgeway (M.A., M.B.A.C.P.), a psychotherapist and member of our congregation, to give a talk on bereavement. Anyone who has lost a loved one is welcome to come and join us on Friday 9th October from 3.00-4.30 pm downstairs in Westleigh. There will be time to chat with a cup of tea and homemade biscuits.

September Live Simply Message: If you need new clothes, buy ethically sourced clothing.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - At the 10am Mass. Next liturgy is Sunday 27th 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: 10th and 25th September (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: 9th October
- ♦ **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - 26th September. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.
- ♦ **Youth Mass** - Sunday 18th October 6.30pm Mass (monthly). Young musicians welcome, please arrive at 6pm.

Pope's Intention for September

For the care of water. Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) we are asked to pray for these intentions:

Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Fruits of Human Work, and the Reverent Use of Creation: Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families.

FRIDAY CLUB - 2nd OCTOBER

Our next session will be from 2.00pm to 4.30pm on Friday 2nd October, in Westleigh as usual. On this occasion we will be showing the classic John Ford film 'The Quiet Man', which is set in an idyllic old Ireland, and stars John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara and Barry Fitzgerald. All parishioners, friends and visitors are most welcome.

PRISONERS' SUNDAY - 11 OCTOBER

We will remember prisoners and their families at Mass this weekend. There will be a speaker to share with us what life is like for prisoners and their families in our communities, and about the work of Pact, the national Catholic prison charity.

Check out the PACT website for details of how to support their work: <https://www.prisonadvice.org.uk/donate/>

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS ~ ADOREMUS ~ 10th OCTOBER 2026

The 2026 National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to renew our Eucharistic faith and love. There are two strands to the National Eucharistic Congress. In London, a representative gathering of bishops, priests and people will take part in public events including a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament. A Diocesan coach has been arranged to take pilgrims to London. The 3 pickup points are: Wythenshawe, Ellesmere Port and Shrewsbury. There are 50 spaces available and pilgrims wishing to travel on this coach should contact Natalie Orefice with their preferred location. For pricing, booking and further enquiries email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

ST VINCENT'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN MORNING WEDNESDAY 14TH OCTOBER FROM 9:15AM

If you would like to have a look around St Vincent's Catholic Primary School or nursery please come along to our next open morning event for prospective school and nursery parents on Wednesday 14th October. Please visit the admissions page at www.stvincents.trafford.sch.uk to book a place or scan the QR code.



ST BEDE'S COLLEGE, MANCHESTER OPEN DAYS

St Bede's is Manchester's only independent Catholic school, providing a co-educational education for children aged 3–18 within a community rooted in faith and the values of being Inspired, Committed and Grateful. **Open Events** Sat 3rd Oct 9.00am–12.00pm and Thurs 8th Oct 4.30pm–7.30pm. Families are warmly invited to visit St Bede's, meet pupils and teachers, explore the school and discover more about its Catholic community. Register www.sbcm.co.uk

VACANCIES

Roman Catholic Chaplain Vacancy at HMP &YOI Styal - Do you feel called to a ministry that brings hope, healing and transformation? We are seeking a compassionate and committed Roman Catholic Chaplain (Priest or Lay) to join our multi-faith chaplaincy team in a women's prison. This is a unique opportunity to support women in custody and prison staff through spiritual leadership, pastoral care and ministry. Alongside providing faith-based care to Roman Catholic prisoners and staff, you will work collaboratively with colleagues to meet the pastoral needs of people of all faiths and none. Through your ministry, you will help create an environment where women can rediscover dignity, purpose and hope. We are looking for someone who is empathetic, resilient and committed to serving others with respect and integrity. If you are interested in helping people build brighter futures, we would love to hear from you. This is a one day a week post (8hrs). Please contact Managing Chaplain Jo Hirst for further information 01625 553015 Joanna.hirst1@justice.gov.uk

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Dougie Magdzinski and Willow Scott 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 Michael Broderick, Rachel Mekonnen, Peter Heywood (12.15pm 07/10/26), Dennis McAuley, Brenda Shaughnessy (12.15pm 30/09/26), Andrew Monk (12.15pm 12/10/26), John Moore (12.15pm 02/10/26), and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include Dave Berry, Denise Brooks, Johnny Carroll, Emma Coulson, Anna Croft, Sandra Davis, David Michael Devine, Lynda Edwards, Freddie Fenton, Viv Fenton, Marie Forde, Paul Gallagher, Diana Hartley, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Mike Jenkenson, Thomas E Killeen, 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, Gemma Ryan, Joe Ryan, Kay Ryan, Liz Ryan, Michael Ryan, Mick Ryan, Steve Ryan, Ann Thomas, Mick Thomas, Derek Watson, Liz Whitworth and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 20th September £1811.86.

Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity in the cash collection, standing orders and through the card machine.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 27th September Parish Feast Day of St Vincent De Paul (26th Sunday in Ordinary Time)	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Thomas Alex For the People of The Parish Peter Heywood (RIP) Denis Hughes (RIP)
Monday 28th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Wenceslaus & St Lawrence Ruiz</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> John Burke (Ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 29th September <i>Ss Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	Mark McAllister (Ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Christina Myers (Ann)
Wednesday 30th September <i>St Jerome</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Requiem Mass for Brenda Shaughnessy
Thursday 1st October <i>St Theresa of the Child Jesus</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Kathleen Teresa Raftery (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Philip Kemball (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 2nd October <i>Guardian Angels</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	NO Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction Requiem Mass for John Moore <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Johnny Maloney (Ann)
Saturday 3rd October <i>Ferial</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> Sheila Sands (RIP) <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Theresa Hession (In Loving Memory / Birthday)
Sunday 4th October <i>Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Nancy Mannion (Ann) Jimmy Igoe (Ann) Barry Welsh (Ann) 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

SEPTEMBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 6th -SVP, 20th Evangelii Gaudium & 27th World Youth Day

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

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

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