

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
13th September 2026
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We continue the excerpts from Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation Dilexi Te (I have loved you) on Christian love for the poor.

The Church's tradition of working for and with migrants continues, and today this service is expressed in initiatives such as refugee reception centres, border missions and the efforts of Caritas Internationalis and other institutions. Contemporary teaching clearly reaffirms this commitment. Pope Francis has recalled that the Church's mission to migrants and refugees is even broader, insisting that "our response to the challenges posed by contemporary migration can be summed up in four verbs: welcome, protect, promote and integrate. Yet these verbs do not apply only to migrants and refugees. They describe the Church's mission to all those living in the existential peripheries, who need to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated." He also said: "Every human being is a child of God! He or she bears the image of Christ! We ourselves need to see, and then to enable others to see, that migrants and refugees do not only represent a problem to be solved, but are brothers and sisters to be welcomed, respected and loved. They are an occasion that Providence gives us to help build a more just society, a more perfect democracy, a more united country, a more fraternal world and a more open and evangelical Christian community." The Church, like a mother, accompanies those who are walking. Where the world sees threats, she sees children; where walls are built, she builds bridges. She knows that her proclamation of the Gospel is credible only when it is translated into gestures of closeness and welcome. And she knows that in every rejected migrant, it is Christ himself who knocks at the door of the community.

At the side of the least among us

Christian holiness often flourishes in the most forgotten and wounded places of humanity. The poorest of the poor — those who lack not only material goods but also a voice and the recognition of their dignity — have a special place in God's heart. They are the beloved of the Gospel, the heirs to the Kingdom (cf. Lk 6:20). It is in them that Christ continues to suffer and rise again. It is in them that the Church rediscovers her call to show her most authentic self.

Saint Teresa of Calcutta, canonized in 2016, has become a universal icon of charity lived to the fullest extent in favour of the most destitute, those discarded by society. Foundress of the Missionaries of Charity, she dedicated her life to the dying abandoned on the streets of India. She gathered the rejected, washed their wounds and accompanied them to the moment of death with the tenderness of prayer. Her love for the poorest of the poor meant that she did not only take care of their material needs, but also proclaimed the good news of the Gospel to them: "We are wanting to proclaim the good news to the poor that God loves them, that we love them, that they are somebody to us, that they too have been created by the same loving hand of God, to love and to be loved. Our poor people are great people, are very lovable people, they do not need our pity and sympathy, they need our understanding love. They need our respect; they need that we treat them with dignity." All this came from a deep spirituality that saw service to the poorest as the fruit of prayer and love, the source of true peace, as Pope John Paul II reminded the pilgrims who came to Rome for her beatification: "Where did Mother Teresa find the strength to place herself completely at the service of others? She found it in prayer and in the silent contemplation of Jesus Christ, his Holy Face, his Sacred Heart. She herself said as much: 'The fruit of silence is prayer; the fruit of prayer is faith; the fruit of faith is love; the fruit of love is service.' It was prayer that filled her heart with Christ's own peace and enabled her to radiate that peace to others." Teresa did not consider herself a philanthropist or an activist, but a bride of Christ crucified, serving with total love her suffering brothers and sisters.

WELCOME SUNDAY - 12/13 SEPTEMBER

This weekend we will celebrate our annual Welcome Sunday at the 5.30pm Mass on Saturday 12th and at all Masses on Sunday 13th September. This is an opportunity to come together as a parish community. After Mass there will be a chance to stay and chat with other parishioners whilst enjoying light refreshments. Please encourage other parishioners to come along. As part of Welcome Sunday the Let us Pray group has composed a Novena booklet of prayers and reflections to celebrate everyone in our parish community – these can be prayed over 9 days or dipped into as you wish. Please take a copy home.

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.

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 and returning on Thursday 3rd June 2027. The trip to Walsingham will include 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. Thanks Eileen (Loreto Sisters).

MEN'S GROUP The men's reading and study group continues to make its way this year through the Catechism of the Catholic Church on Thursday evenings (fortnightly). **7pm Rosary in Church** followed by meeting and discussion in **Westleigh**. Men of all ages are welcome! The first meeting is 17th September. Please email Fr Joseph Joseph.Fawcett@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk for details and dates.

MESSAGE FROM OUR MOTHERS PRAYERS GROUP

"I joined the Mother's Prayers group around 1 1/2 years ago and I have been made to feel very welcome. I particularly feel close to God when I place my children's discs in the basket. If you are a mother and can spare an hour or so on a Thursday morning, we would love to meet you!" Every Thursday at 11.15am in Westleigh. All welcome.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS GROUP

Connect with other local mums for faith and fellowship. We meet monthly to chat and pray the rosary while the kids play. For details, see the noticeboard flyer or email Clare at catholicmotherssouthmanchester@gmail.com

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- ♦ **Children's Liturgy** - At the 10am Mass. 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: 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: 11th September and 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 20th September 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.

JUSTICE AND PEACE NEWSLETTERS

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. To receive the newsletter contact ukacat@gmail.com. Please visit the Justice and Peace section of our parish website to read the [Autumn Mouthpeace newsletter](#).

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>

Pax Christi England and Wales are recruiting a new General Secretary to lead a small team, working with individuals, groups, parishes, the Catholic hierarchy and the network of organisations who share our values, including Pax Christi International, our mother body. Based in London, we are open to some remote working and flexible working hours; job share applications will also be considered. If this sounds like you, or someone you know, we would love to hear from you. Download the Job Description and Person Specification from our website <https://paxchristi.org.uk>

To apply, please send your CV and a covering letter with your personal statement (each no more than two A4 pages) to: Treasurer@paxchristi.org.uk Deadline for applications: midnight Wednesday 23rd September 2026. Interviews will be held in London on Thursday 8th October 2026.

CELEBRATE 40 YEARS OF LIVING WATER PRAYER GROUP!

Join the Living Water Prayer Group for a special anniversary celebration on Sunday 27 September at St Hugh and St John's Parish, Timperley. All friends, former members and parishioners are warmly invited. It begins at 3pm with praise, worship and shared memories, followed by Mass of Thanksgiving at 4pm, then refreshments in the Parish Hall from 5pm. Come and give thanks, reconnect, and celebrate all God has done through the group over the past 40 years. The group would be delighted to welcome both familiar faces and new friends. If you have a special memory or short testimony to share about what the Living Water Prayer Group has meant in your life, or if you plan to attend, please let them know. RSVP / testimonies: Brenda at bvackroyd@aol.com

VISIT TO ALTRINCHAM MOSQUE (Grove Ln, Hale, WA15 8JG)

The Altrincham Mosque are inviting neighbours and friends to their Open Day on Saturday 19th September (3-5pm). An opportunity to visit, ask questions and meet local Muslims. Pre-registration is essential using this QR code. Please contact Dominique with any questions mdodarcy@gmail.com



FOREIGN CURRENCY FOR MARY'S MEALS - HAND IN BY END OF SEPTEMBER

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. Please bring any foreign cash to the sacristy around a Mass time. Mary's Meals feeds children for only 10p per meal so a little goes a long way. Thank you for your support.

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

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Oliver Timoney-Conley, Arlo Rughani, Theo Rughani, Grace Baranek and Cassandra Caolaco who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Lydia Makayova & Louis Smith and Harriet Oulton & Lubomir Durisin who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently especially Dennis McAuley, John Moore, Andrew Monk (12.15pm 01/10/26), Brenda Shaughnessy and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include Dave Berry, Denise Brooks, Johnny Carroll, Anna Croft, Sandra Davis, David Michael Devine, Lynda Edwards, Freddie Fenton, Viv Fenton, Marie Forde, Diana Hartley, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Peter Heywood, Robert Heywood, 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, Joe Ryan, Kay Ryan, Liz Ryan, Mick Ryan, Steve Ryan, Ann Thomas, Mick Thomas, Derek Watson and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 6th September £1956.65.

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

The SVP is grateful for donations of £635.81 in last week's retiring collection & donations over the last few months of £600.19 in the porch wall box.

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Mass Schedule

Sunday 13th September <i>Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	For the People of the Parish Simon Harris (ann) Mike Ward (RIP) Thanksgiving for Daina's birthday
Monday 14th September <i>Feast Day of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anna (exam intentions) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 15th September <i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	Peter Riar (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Colm Corcoran (RIP)
Wednesday 16th September <i>St Cornelius & Cyprian</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Diana Hartley
Thursday 17th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Robert Bellarmine</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Steve Gilbert (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Private Intention <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 18th September <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> The Welsh Family <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Private Intention
Saturday 19th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Theodore of Canterbury & St Janarius</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> Theresa Thomas <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Sylvia O'Brien (RIP)
Sunday 20th September <i>Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass YOUTH MASS	Susan McGowan (RIP) For the People of the Parish Maria Janela (1st ann) Kevin Keegan (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

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

MASS READING CYCLE: Sundays Year A, Weekdays Cycle 2; Psalter Week 4

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

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