



Saint Vincent de Paul

Catholic Church, Altrincham



Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

6th 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 experience of migration accompanies the history of the People of God. Abraham sets out without knowing where he is going; Moses leads the pilgrim people through the desert; Mary and Joseph flee with the child Jesus to Egypt. Christ himself, who "came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him" (Jn 1:11), lived among us as a stranger. For this reason, the Church has always recognised in migrants a living presence of the Lord who, on the day of judgment, will say to those on his right: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me" (Mt 25:35).

In the nineteenth century, when millions of Europeans emigrated in search of better living conditions, two great saints distinguished themselves in the pastoral care of migrants: Saint John Baptist Scalabrini and Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini. Scalabrini, Bishop of Piacenza, founded the Missionaries of Saint Charles to accompany migrants to their destinations, offering them spiritual, legal and material assistance. He saw migrants as recipients of a new evangelisation, warning of the risks of exploitation and loss of faith in a foreign land. Responding generously to the charism that the Lord had given him, "Scalabrini looked forward to a world and a Church without barriers, where no one was a foreigner." [62] Saint Frances Cabrini, born in Italy and a naturalised American, was the first citizen of the United States of America to be canonized. To fulfill her mission of assisting migrants, she crossed the Atlantic several times. "Armed with remarkable boldness, she started schools, hospitals and orphanages from nothing for the masses of the poor who ventured into the new world in search of work. Not knowing the language and lacking the wherewithal to find a respectable place in American society, they were often victims of the unscrupulous. Her motherly heart, which allowed her no rest, reached out to them everywhere: in hovels, prisons and mines." In the Holy Year of 1950, Pope Pius XII proclaimed her Patroness of All Migrants.

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 (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.

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

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.

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 at Joseph.Fawcett@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk for more details and dates.

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. If you would like to receive the newsletter directly, please contact ukacat@gmail.com to be added to the mailing list.

Please visit the Justice and Peace section of our parish website to read the [Autumn Mouthpeace newsletter](#).

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

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.

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>

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

URGENT: STOP ASSISTED SUICIDE - POSTCARDS AVAILABLE

The vote on assisted suicide is on 11 September. *Not Dead Yet UK* have provided postcards you can send to your MP to ask them to vote NO to assisted suicide in the vote in the House of Commons on 11 September. Please take action now - collect a red and white postcard, fill out your details, add a stamp and post it to your MP today!

VISIT TO ALTRINCHAM MOSQUE

The Altrincham Mosque (Grove Ln, Hale, WA15 8JG) 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.

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

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/steptember/> 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.

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family William Snedden, Myles Holden, Jaxon Carrington, Freya Carrington and Joseph Renwick who were recently baptised here. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Congratulations to Emily Stockton & Mathieu Tardy and Olivia Greenan & Benjamin Hunter who were married here recently.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently especially Andrew Monk, Una Sweeney (10am 09/09/26), Mary Clark and Claire Lancaster (BV 11am 11/09/26), 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, 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 23rd August £1860.41 and 30th August £1842.53. Many thanks to the parishioners for your generosity.

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Mass Schedule

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
Monday 7th September <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Maria Nolan (ann) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Tuesday 8th September <i>Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass	Sara Duffy (RIP) <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Thanksgiving to Our Lady for prayers answered
Wednesday 9th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Peter Claver</i>	10:00 11:30 12:15 Mass 13:30	Requiem Mass for Winifred Una Sweeney <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Fr Jonathan (intentions) Wedding Service of Harriet Oulton & Lubomir Durisin
Thursday 10th September <i>Optional Memorial: St Ambrose Barlow</i>	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	NO Mass <i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Anne Leyland (90th birthday) <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i>
Friday 11th September <i>Ferial</i>	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	<i>Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction</i> Arthur Brian Jones (RIP) <i>Confessions after Mass</i> <i>Rosary</i> Ann Malloy (RIP)
Saturday 12th September <i>Optional Memorial: Most Holy Name of Mary</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 Toal Family <i>Confessions</i> <i>Rosary</i> Yearsley Family Intentions
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

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 3

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

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