Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8th November 2026
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Saint Vincent de Paul
Catholic Church, Altrincham

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

At the same time, the Document, taking up a theme treated in earlier Conferences of the Latin American episcopate, insists on the need to consider marginalised communities as subjects capable of creating their own culture, rather than as objects of charity on the part of others. This means that such communities have the right to embrace the Gospel and to celebrate and communicate their faith in accord with the values present within their own cultures. Their experience of poverty gives them the ability to recognise aspects of reality that others cannot see; for this reason, society needs to listen to them. The same holds true for the Church, which should regard positively their "popular" practice of the faith. A fine passage from the Aparecida Document can help us reflect on this point and our proper response: "Only the closeness that makes us friends enables us to appreciate deeply the values of the poor today, their legitimate desires, and their own manner of living the faith... Day by day, the poor become agents of evangelisation and of comprehensive human promotion: they educate their children in the faith, engage in ongoing solidarity among relatives and neighbours, constantly seek God, and give life to the Church's pilgrimage. In the light of the Gospel, we recognise their immense dignity and their sacred worth in the eyes of Christ, who was poor like them and excluded among them. Based on this experience of faith, we will share with them the defence of their rights."

All this entails one aspect of the option for the poor that we must constantly keep in mind, namely that it demands of us an attitude of attentiveness to others. "This loving attentiveness is the beginning of a true concern for their person which inspires me effectively to seek their good. This entails appreciating the poor in their goodness, in their experience of life, in their culture, and in their ways of living the faith. True love is always contemplative, and permits us to serve the other not out of necessity or vanity, but rather because he or she is beautiful above and beyond mere appearances... Only on the basis of this real and sincere closeness can we properly accompany the poor on their path of liberation." For this reason, I express my heartfelt gratitude to all those who have chosen to live among the poor, not merely to pay them an occasional visit but to live with them as they do. Such a decision should be deemed one of the highest forms of evangelical life.

In light of this, it is evident that all of us must "let ourselves be evangelised" by the poor and acknowledge "the mysterious wisdom which God wishes to share with us through them." Growing up in precarious circumstances, learning to survive in the most adverse conditions, trusting in God with the assurance that no one else takes them seriously, and helping one another in the darkest moments, the poor have learned many things that they keep hidden in their hearts. Those of us who have not had similar experiences of living this way certainly have much to gain from the source of wisdom that is the experience of the poor. Only by relating our complaints to their sufferings and privations can we experience a reproof that can challenge us to simplify our lives.

Pope's Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth. Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION (RETREAT DAY) - CANCELLED

The Day of Recollection organised for 21st November 2026 is cancelled. Due to unforeseen circumstances, Sr. Gemma Simmons CJ is unable to lead the day. We look forward to welcoming Sr. Gemma at a future date.

PARISH CAROL SERVICE - JOIN THE CHOIR!

The St Vincent's annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 20th December at 3pm. As we have done in previous years, we are forming a scratch choir which anyone of any age is invited to come along and join in. Children are very welcome. If you enjoy singing please come along as no previous experience is needed! Rehearsals are 4-5pm on Sunday 6th December and 13th December and will take place in church. There will be a further rehearsal at 2pm on the day, before the Carol Service starts at 3pm. Please do come along and enjoy singing some familiar carols and some that may be new to you. We look forward to seeing and singing with you!

SAVE THE DATE - PARISH QUIZ NIGHT - FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 8PM

Please join us for a parish quiz night, which will take place in Westleigh on Friday 27th November at 8pm. Teams of 6, entry fee £3 per person, with a cash prize for the winning team! Either enter as a team or make new friends and be allocated to a team on the night. Numbers are limited, so please sign up and pay your entry fee via the parish office by Tuesday 24th November to reserve your place. John Moran will once again be our quiz master, with questions on a variety of topics to suit everyone, so come along and bring your bottle for what promises to be another great night!

WOMEN'S CATECHESIS GROUP

Last year we began a Men's Group with a simple structure of prayer, learning the faith together and growing in fellowship. This year we open up the women's branch! This will be held on alternate Thursdays, following the same structure: a chance to learn more about the faith in the company of fellow women and to share. 6pm Adoration is available: 6:30pm Confession: 7pm Rosary in Church: 7:20pm Catechesis in Westleigh. Please email Fr Joseph Joseph.Fawcett@stvincentsaltrincham.org.uk for more information. A WhatsApp Group will be created for dates of the sessions. First session is Thursday 12th November.

WINDOWS GROUP (for Widows)

Our next meeting is on Friday 13th November downstairs in Westleigh. After tea and a chat we will read and discuss our favourite poem(s). We close with a prayer for all widows.

Maybe you are unable to join us on a Friday afternoon, if so, just ring the parish office and leave your name and phone number so we can arrange to have a coffee and chat with you on a day and at a time that suits you.

MASS FOR DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE PARISH - 12:15PM SATURDAY 14th NOVEMBER

At this Mass we will remember all deceased members of our parish, especially those who have died in the last year. Everyone is very welcome to attend with family and friends!

THANK YOU TO OUR CHILDREN'S LITURGY CATECHISTS

Thank you to Joyce, Tanya and Suzanne who have led our Children's Liturgy for many years and are now stepping down. Tanya started volunteering in 2005 so has done 21 years service, Joyce has done 13 years and Suzanne 11 years. We are so grateful for all the time and commitment you have given the parish and for all those children that have benefited from your guidance and enthusiasm.

REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- **Children's Liturgy** - At the 10am Mass. Next liturgies is Sunday 8th & 22nd November.
- **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.
- **Secular Carmelites** - 1st Wednesday of every month at Westleigh from 6pm to 8pm
- **The Craft & Coffee club** - 10am in Westleigh: 5th & 19th November (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: 13th November
- **Young Adults Group (18-35 years)** - Saturdays 7th & 21st November. Come along for 5.30pm Mass followed by Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation, a Talk, food, time to socialise etc.
- **Youth Mass** - Sunday 15th November 6.30pm Mass (monthly). Young musicians welcome, please arrive at 6pm.

ADVENT CALENDARS, CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GIFTS will be available to buy after weekend Masses from Saturday 21st November. Cash payment only. All proceeds will be donated to Cornerstone.

REVIVE CHRISTMAS PARTY GIFTS - SATURDAY 28TH NOVEMBER

Altrincham Friends of Refugees Christmas Appeal. We need gifts for children and refugee families. Please, if you can, bring unwrapped educational toys, art and craft etc for 3-12 year olds and leave them in the box at the back of church. Also for children age 13 years old and older we hope to give a £15 gift card, if you can give cash for this please put it in the Revive Wall Box which is located in the church porch (just below the noticeboard and near the Holy Water). Thank you so much for any support you can give.

HOME PILGRIM VIRGIN STATUE (HPVS) OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

We have a custodian for the HPVS of Our Lady of Fatima in our area, named Marcia. The statue of Our Lady is available to anyone who wishes to have it in their home, especially on special dates for the family such as birthdays or anniversaries, for a maximum of 1 week. We ask that the rosary is prayed everyday especially during the time that the statue remains in the home. To organise contact Marcia 07717 000771 hpvswythenshawe@gmail.com

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA

Pilgrimage to Fatima by air from Manchester 11th-15th June 2027. Accommodation half board in 4* Hotel. Cost £695 per person sharing. Single room £795. Pilgrimage organiser Northern Star Travel with Fr Pat Munroe as Spiritual leader. For information: info@northernstartravel.com 0161 773 2115 or pat.munroe@btinternet.com 07711 428970 .

FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE - THE ALF KEELING LECTURE (AIG Event)

The Altrincham Interfaith Group warmly invite you to this year's Alf Keeling Lecture. The Bishop of Manchester, Dr David Walker, will share his experience of '*Faith in public life*', the importance of respect, understanding and cooperation. Date: Weds 18th November, All Saints Church, Hale Barns WA14 4DB (Doors open at 6.30 for 7pm start). Limited parking onsite, overflow parking available at Holy Angels Church / local streets. You can book your £6 ticket via Eventbrite at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/2003719052625?aff=oddtdtcreator or QR code. Email Dominique D'Arcy at mdodarcy@gmail.com with any questions.

CATHOLIC MOTHERS RETREAT AFTERNOON: FORMING WITH GOD ON SATURDAY 21 NOVEMBER

Join for Mass and a shared lunch, followed by 2 sessions led by experienced children's catechists (guest speakers from Mark 10 Mission and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd organisations). The afternoon will guide you in reflecting on the sacred vocation of motherhood and nurturing children in faith. You'll also have quiet time for prayer and reflection, guided by a Catholic coach. Please follow this link for tickets and more information: https://www.tickettailor.com/events/catholicmotherssouthmanchester/2406458

CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT 30th NOVEMBER & 1st DECEMBER - YOUNG LIVES V CANCER

This Annual Concert takes place at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester. Come to an exciting programme of song, colour and variety. School performances and an excellent choir. Tickets available on the evening at the Box Office. An ideal early Christmas present supporting a UK charity with local connections. See poster in the church porch.

VACANCIES

- A vacancy has arisen within the Diocese for a Fundraising and Planned Giving Manager. Hours: Full time. Rate of pay: Competitive, commensurate with experience. Further details can be found via the Diocesan Website https://dioceseofshrewsb27ury.org/careers/fundraising-and-planned-giving-manager-2 Closing date: 27 November. Please contact Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org for an application form.
- Altrincham Baptist Church, The Hub Community Centre, Pownall Road, WA14 2SZ, are recruiting a Finance Administrator. For all the details please visit https://www.altrinchambaptist.org/vacancies

OUR PARISH FAMILY

We welcome into God's Family Nora Gaffney who was recently baptised here. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Requiescant in Pace Please pray for those who have died recently especially Emma Stock, Trisha Jagota, Delia Ariffe, Patrick (Pat / Patsy) MacQuaid (12.15pm 17/11/26), Bill Wilkinson and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

Please pray for the sick who include Billy, Dave Berry, Martin Brennan, Denise Brooks, Johnny Carroll, Emma Coulson, Anna Croft, Sandra Davis, David Michael Devine, Lynda Edwards, Freddie Fenton, Viv Fenton, Marie Forde, Diana Hartley, Mary Heanue, Catherine Heraghty, Mike Jenkenson, Ste Johnson, Thomas E Killeen, Laura MacGinn, Claire McAllister, Martin McConnell, Kevin McDermott, Rupert McDermott, Carol McLaughlin, Douglas and Lynn Mitcheson, Brian Morris, Maureen O'Hara, Anne O'Neill, Serge Pascau, Annabel Tats, Dawn Raisbeck, Tony Raisbeck, Margaret Russell, Anne Ryan, David Ryan, Gemma Ryan, Joe Ryan, Joseph Ryan, Kay Ryan, Liz Ryan, Michael Ryan, Mick Ryan, Steve Ryan, Ann Thomas, Mick Thomas, Anthony Tomlinson, Derek Watson, Liz Whitworth and all in our hospitals and homes.

MONEY MATTERS Offertory Collection 25th October £1532.88 and 1st November £2125.34

The SVP is extremely grateful for donations totalling £779.63 in last week's retiring collections,

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 8th November *Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	John Moore (RIP) Those Who Are Placed Before Our Altar P J Lynch (Intentions) For The People of The Parish
Monday 9th November *The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica of the Most Holy Redeemer*	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* Rachel Mekonnen (RIP) *Eucharistic Adoration*
Tuesday 10th November *St Leo the Great*	~~10:00 BV Mass~~ 11:30 12:15 Mass	NO Mass *Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* Alex Thomas
Wednesday 11th November *St Martin of Tours*	11:30 12:15 Mass	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* Amrans' Intention
Thursday 12th November *St Josaphat*	10:00 BV Mass 11:30 12:15 Mass 18:00	Sr Therese Murphy *Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* Amran's Intention *Eucharistic Adoration*
Friday 13th November *Ferial*	11:30 12:15 Mass 18:30 19:00 Mass	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* Those who are placed before our altar *Confessions after Mass* *Rosary* Deceased Vincentians
Saturday 14th November *Ferial*	11:00 10:45-11:45 12:15 Mass 16:15-17:00 17:00 17:30 Mass	*Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction* *Confessions* Mass for all deceased parishioners especially those that died this year *Confessions* *Rosary* For the People of the Parish
Sunday 15th November *Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*	8:30 Mass 10:00 Mass 11:30 Mass 18:30 Mass	Brenda Shaughnessy (RIP) Enrolment Mass for children preparing for First Holy Communion Mike Ward (RIP) Joe Kaczmarczyk (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

NOVEMBER RETIRING COLLECTIONS: 1st SVP and 15th Clergy Education

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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November Live Simply: If you are hosting a party over Christmas, consider how you can reduce waste. Use washable napkins, plates, mugs and cutlery

Parish Safeguarding Representative Helen Norwood: 07800 656966

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