

# The Roman Catholic Parish of Saint Vincent de Paul, Norden Diocese of Salford



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## SUNDAY NEWSLETTER 4<sup>th</sup> October 2026

### THE TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

#### At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

Twenty Seventh Week of Ordinary Time (Cycle II; Psalter Week 3)

##### Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Faustina Kowalska, Religious [Optional Memorial]

Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37

**9.30 a.m. Word & Communion**

##### Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Bruno, Priest [Optional Memorial]

Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42

**9.30 a.m. MASS**

##### Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> October

Our Lady of the Rosary [Memorial]

Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4

**9.30 a.m. MASS**

##### Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October

Weekday

Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13

**9.30 a.m. MASS**

##### Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October

Day of Abstinence

Saint John Henry Newman, Priest and Doctor of the Church [Feast]

2 Timothy 4:1-5; Matthew 13:47-52

**9.30 a.m. MASS**

##### Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> October

Saint Paulinus of York, Bishop [Optional Memorial]

Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28

**11.00 a.m. MASS**

**6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)**

**6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday**

##### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14; Matthew 22:1-14

**9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass**

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## Welcome to Saint Vincent's



**If you are a visitor to Saint Vincent's this weekend, please feel welcome! If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask. Here is some information to help you feel at home.**

**Hard of Hearing?** There is an Induction Loop System installed in this Church: if you wear a hearing aid, please turn it to the 'T' setting

**Refreshments after Mass:** Everyone is very welcome to stay behind after Sunday morning Masses and share a cuppa! Tea and Coffee are served in the Parish Centre on the opposite side of the car park after 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Sunday Masses.

**Toilets:** The toilet is located near the side entrance: children should not go out of Church unaccompanied. Please use the disinfectant wipes to clean all surfaces after every use—dispose of them in the bin but do not flush them down the toilet. Thank you.

**Parking:** please try to give priority to places nearest Church for people with restricted mobility. Thank you.

**Saint Vincent's Parish Centre:** The Parish Centre is available for parish use and outside bookings. Please contact Robert Allen on **0758 320 7810** for all enquiries.

## The Word This Week

Today we focus on the vineyard: frequently we see the vineyard as an image or parable of the Kingdom of God. A vineyard takes a great deal of work, throughout the year; it must be tended, watered, pruned, cared for if there is to be any fruit - there are no quick results with vines. So the financial and labour investments made would create high expectations for a good crop. How heartbreaking when the fruit is as sour as vinegar! So it was with God and his people: he invested immense care and love on them, tending then and giving them what they needed - but the fruit was rotten and sour. What can God do? Hand the vineyard over to some tenants who will bring in a harvest. That is us, the new people of Israel: but what sort of harvest will we produce?

## In our prayers ...

### Masses & Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Pat Taylor.

Anniversaries: John Gilligan, Jeremiah Culshaw.

### National Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) We pray especially for: 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.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray, this week for the parish of Corpus Christi, Bromley Cross, for Father Alfred Rebello, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for Father Freddie Shanthikumar Fernando, chaplain to the Sri Lankan community.

### Holy Father's Intention (October)

**For mental health ministry:** Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

## News and Notes

### Prayer for the Fruits of the Harvest

Generous God, we praise and thank you for the gifts that you have given us: the fruits of the harvest and the joy of your love. Free us from the fear that leads us to store up more than we need. Fill our hearts with gratitude which moves us to share what we have. Show us how to plant seeds of hope and together reap a better world, where each and every person can share in the fullness of your love. Amen. (Catherine Gorman/CAFOD.)

## The Season of Creation

Today, the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, is the last day of the Season of Creation: we end with a prayer written by the late Pope Francis for the first Day for Care of Creation in 2016: "Despite our sins and the daunting challenges before us, we never lose heart. 'The Creator does not abandon us; he never forsakes his loving plan or repents of having created us... for he has united himself definitively to our earth, and his love constantly impels us to find new ways forward'" (Laudato Si', 13; 245). In a particular way, let us pray: "O God of the poor, help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, who are so precious in your eyes ... God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth" ... God of mercy, may we receive your forgiveness and convey your mercy throughout our common home. Praise be to you! Amen."

## The Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, so as usual we will be reciting five mysteries of the rosary after Mass and services from Monday to Friday each week. Leaflets explaining the Rosary and how to pray it are available in the porch, and rosaries can easily be obtained online.

## CAFOD Harvest Family Fast Day

There will be a retiring collection after Masses this weekend for your donations from the Family Fast Day last week: all money goes to help CAFOD provide sustainable help to people in the developing world. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

## Fairtrade Market

You may recall the successful Fairtrade Market that we did last September in the Parish Centre. It's happening again this year after Masses this weekend **3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> October**. We will have the Bolton Fairtrade shop selling gifts, Mama Margaret goods from Kenya, the usual Fairtrade tea, coffee, chocolate and biscuits and "Out of Africa" jewellery. New this year will be olive wood carvings from the Holy Land.

## Nightingales Concert

Rochdale Catenians are organising a fundraising Choir Concert in aid of Springhill Hospice. The concert features the ever popular Nightingale Singers with a very varied programme. Cost £12.00 including refreshments (children and students free). It will be on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October** at 7.30 p.m. (right after evening Mass.)

## Tabletop Sale

It has been suggested that we have a tabletop sale to help raise funds for Church (especially to face our heating bills in winter - more on that to come!) We would offer tables in the Parish Centre for anyone to "rent" and sell their goods, as well as a big Parish table for any goods you can donate for us to sell! Two things will be needed - a few volunteers to run the day, and a lot of advertising to generate sellers and especially buyers! I am thinking of a Saturday mid-November - if

you could help out, please pop your name on the list in the porch.

## Book of the Names of the Dead

We will be reprinting the book near the organ in time for All Souls' Day: all the names currently in the book will be included, but I am inviting you to propose new names to be remembered. They do not have to have been parishioners here at Saint Vincent's, but any family or friends you wish to be remembered. Please fill in the little form available by the book before **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**, so that the new book can be ready for All Souls' Day.

## First Holy Communion 2027

Baptised Year Three pupils will soon be starting their Journey to First Holy Communion in 2027—information and registration forms has been sent to children at School: if you have a baptised Roman Catholic child in Year Three or above who is **not** at a Catholic School and who would like to join the First Communion programme this year, please see Father James for a registration form as soon as possible.

## Women of the New Testament

### 1: Holy Mary, Mother of God

*You may recall we had a series in the newsletter on Women of the Old Testament. The New Testament is also full of women – some of whom are named, some not. For the next few weeks we will be looking at their stories.*

Of all the women mentioned in the New Testament, we have to start with Mary, the mother of Jesus. Just as Eve began the Old Testament, so Mary, the new Eve, begins the New. So much has been written about Mary that it is difficult to know what to say in this little column! We know most about Mary from the gospel of Luke and John – both of whom are thought to have known Mary personally. When we first meet her she is betrothed to Joseph: subsequent ages (especially the Middle Ages) loved to “fill in the gaps” about how this betrothal took place, but we don't really know the details. Mary must have had some vision of what married life was going to mean, but was willing to sacrifice all that (as was Joseph) when God's angel invited her to be part of the amazing new plan of salvation. After the story of Jesus's birth in Bethlehem, Mary is a quiet, but constant presence: she is with her Son at the wedding feast at Cana, visits him on his travels, and is there in Jerusalem for the tumultuous events of Holy Week and Pentecost. It is this quiet presence that is one of the most important characteristics of Mary – she who proclaimed in the Magnificat of the God who “cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the humble.” Mary, who began the New Testament, also appears at the very end, in the Apocalypse of Saint John: she is the woman clothed with the sun and standing on the moon, at the birth of whose child a mighty voice cries out: ‘Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come.’ There is, of course, so much more that could be said of Mary, but we

remember her as the humble, loving mother, who followed her Son faithfully through life and into eternity!

*Next week: Elizabeth*

## Marriage Matters

**Loving and honouring each other and the Lord.** When you married you took each other for better, for worse. God experienced the ‘worse’ when his ‘bride’, the Jewish people, rejected him by worshipping other gods. The ‘worse’ for you may be when your spouse mocks your beliefs. Have you shared your hurt, let them know your pain? Remember, though, that God has loved the ‘worst’ in you.

## Diocesan Notes

### Big Sleep Out

Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in ‘The Big Sleep Out’ to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register please click the following link: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO)

### Homelessness - Write to your MP

As part of their latest campaign to support people in our diocese who are homeless, Caritas Salford – our diocesan charity – has put together information on how you can write to your MP to call for change. They are asking for help from people in our parishes, and would like as many as possible to call for Local Housing Allowance rates to be unfrozen and uplifted in line with local rents. The current rates are a significant driver of homelessness, and a letter to your MP could help bring about change to support local families and adults at risk. Find out more and access the free template letter and more on the Caritas website at: [www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness](http://www.caritassalford.org.uk/EndHomelessness)

## Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly

GMCT invites you to their Annual Assembly on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October**. Entitled ‘The Quiet Revival’ there will be a presentation by the Bible Society and Q&A sessions on Engaging with Young People and Engaging with Children. The event will be held at Salford Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP from 6.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. Parking will be available on site.

## The Sacraments

### Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our Coordinator for Home Communions: if you or a relative find yourself housebound for some time or know of a Catholic moving into one of our care homes, and would like to receive communion at home, please let Brenda know on **0785 559 8016**.

### Baptisms

...are by appointment: please collect, fill in and return one of the Information forms from the porch. They provide details of what is required and the next steps in the process.

## Marriage

...is by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Do not make bookings before the interview. Six months' notice is required.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Presbytery to ask for this Sacrament. It should not be left until the last minute, but the sick should celebrate this sacrament to receive God's healing and comfort.

## Confirmation & First Holy Communion

Registration for Holy Communion in 2027 has now begun: if you have a baptised Roman Catholic child in Year 3 and not in a Catholic school please speak to Father James. Confirmation is in Year 8—more information on Confirmation 2027 will come soon.

# Care and Concern

### Rochdale Food Bank

Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of the Church. The Food Bank is currently short of everything, but in urgent need of Fruit Juice, Rice, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Treats, Coffee. More details at [rochdalefoodbank.org.uk](http://rochdalefoodbank.org.uk)

### Bank Donations

The account details for direct banking, for either one-off or regular giving are: Account Name: "The Salford Diocesan Trust St Vincent de Paul Norden" Account Number: 8049 2523 Sort Code: 20.55.34

### Donations

Please be aware that there are permanent donation boxes on the back wall of Church for CAFOD, Caritas Diocese of Salford, Caritas Ukraine and the Parish S.V.P. Thank you for your constant generosity!

### Our Parish S.V.P.

The S.V.P. Conference at Saint Vincent's support people in need in a variety of ways; visiting people at home or in care homes,

responding to calls for practical help, providing home cooked meals for around twenty-four residents of Leopold Court, a local homeless unit, one day every fortnight, providing food bags for local families. If you or anyone you know would like any kind of help, please contact Joan Hamilton on 0773 990 8561 or email [PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk). Please also remember that donations to the SVP can made at any time through the slot on the back wall of Church, or by bank transfer online: Account Name D111410 SVP ST VINCENT—ROCHDALE; Account Number 4608 2506; Sort Code 60-60-04. Thank you for your support!

## Next Sunday's Gospel

### Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, "Tell those who are invited, 'See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.'" But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find." And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

## Sunday Gospel Wordsearch

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