

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



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THE TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

Twenty Eighth Week of Ordinary Time (Cycle II; Psalter Week 4)

Monday 12th October

Saint Wilfrid, Bishop [Optional Memorial]

Galatians 4:22-24.26-27.31-5:1; Luke 11:29-32

9.30 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday 13th October

Saint Edward the Confessor [Optional Memorial]

Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41

9.30 a.m. MASS

1.00 p.m. "Getting Together"

Wednesday 14th October

Saint Callistus I, Pope and Martyr [Memorial]

Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46

9.30 a.m. MASS

Thursday 15th October

Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church [Memorial]

Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54

9.30 a.m. MASS

Friday 16th October

Day of Abstinence

Saint Hedwig, Religious [Optional Memorial]

Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7

9.30 a.m. MASS

Saturday 17th October

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr [Optional Memorial]

Ephesians 1:15-22; Luke 12:8-12

11.00 a.m. MASS

6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday

Sunday 18th October

Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

Isaiah 45:1,4-6; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b;
Matthew 22:15-21

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

The Church's year is drawing to a close: in a few weeks we will be thinking about the end of time - but here we have a preview. The parable of the banquet is a link between the Gospels of recent weeks (which have as their theme: 'Just who is going to be saved?') and the looking forward to the end times which will follow. The big danger is complacency: we are baptised, we go to Church, we've got our invites to the wedding. But when the big day comes, will we be ready for it? Or will our thoughts be on the other things of life? Jesus speaks of himself as the Bridegroom, and today points out to the chosen people that they are in danger of missing the celebration. Our faith is that the Bridegroom will come again; let us be careful that the same parable is not addressed to us!

In our prayers ...

Masses & Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Daniel Hill, John Paul Rodriguez, Pat Williams.

Anniversaries: Margaret Thompson, Irene Kapluch.

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 the Holy Infant, Astley Bridge, and for Father Kieran Anderson, SDB, their parish priest. We pray for their parish primary school, for Thornleigh College, and for the Salesian 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

"Getting Together"

The next meeting is this **Tuesday 13th October** from 1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, with the usual hospitality, refreshments and raffle. This week we will be entertained by Patrick! Everyone welcome.

World Mission Sunday

World Mission Sunday will be celebrated next **Sunday 18th October**—our chance to show solidarity to our brothers and sisters overseas who share our

faith. In offering our prayers, we join with missionaries everywhere in communion and compassion to support them in spreading the Good News. There will be a retiring collection for the Missions after Masses next weekend. Also if you have a Missio/APF Red Box at home that hasn't been emptied for a while, please bring it (or its contents—labelled "APF") to church next weekend. Thank you.

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.

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 24th 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 25th 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 have 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

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Elizabeth, wife of Zechariah and mother of John the Baptist, only appears in one chapter of Saint Luke's Gospel, and only in the story of the Visitation of Mary and the birth of the Baptist. Nevertheless she is extremely significant as a prophet – one who speaks of the things of God beyond human vision. Her name comes from the Hebrew *Elisheva*, which means “God is a promise” – something she manifests in her story. We are not sure of her relation to Mary – the Gospel is not specific – but it must have been a close relationship for Mary to have dropped everything after the Annunciation and rushed down to Judea to be with Elizabeth! Elizabeth was from a priestly family, but suffered from being childless, which at the time was seen as at best a misfortune or at worst a curse from God. She is now “well past the age of childbearing” when the angel visits her husband on duty in the Temple and informs him that she is to bear a child. (Interestingly, scholars have used this event to calculate the date of Christ's birth: Zechariah's service was thought to be on 24th September, which puts the Annunciation on 25th March and the birth of Jesus on 25th December!) Elizabeth is more than just an elderly pregnant lady though: she is a prophet, who can see what others cannot. So when Mary arrives, bearing in her womb the child Jesus, Elizabeth utters that famous greeting, which for centuries we have used in the “Hail, Mary”: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” In this greeting Elizabeth does something that her son, John the Baptist, will do after her – points to, and announces the arrival of, the Messiah, borne in the womb of “the mother of my Lord.” Zechariah has been struck dumb because of his disbelief of the angel's message, so we can assume that Elizabeth, who would have had a lot of experience running the household when he was absent for Temple duties, with Mary's help, was running things even in the last three months of her pregnancy. Another defining moment comes after John is born, and it is time to give him his name: Elizabeth firmly declares his name to be John, even though no one in their family has had that name: they do not accept her choice, until it is ratified by Zechariah, whose speech then returns. Elizabeth is a powerful figure – a daughter of Aaron, a householder in charge of things, and most importantly a prophetess, who recognises the action of God, the God of the Promise, entering into our world with the gift of salvation.

Next week: Anna in the Temple

Marriage Matters

Add another stitch: God our Father invites us all to His great wedding feast in heaven! In living out our married life, we have been making our wedding garments! It is woven, sewn and stitched with all the

little acts of loving kindness, long forgotten, the courtesies in every little action we show toward each other, our children, family and friends.

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

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

Greater Manchester Churches Together Annual Assembly

GMCT invites you to their Annual Assembly on **Wednesday 14th 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

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. 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 22:15-21

At that time: The Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle Jesus in his words. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone's opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. And Jesus said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.'

Sunday Gospel Wordsearch

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