



**Diocese of  
Salford**

## 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 carpark 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.

**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.

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

## In our prayers ...

### Requests for Masses & Prayers

**Recently Deceased:** Mary Holland, Kevin Kelly, Anthony Meredith, Robert Murphy, Katie Janette Overd, Henry Thomas, Anne Jamieson, Anthony Leonard, Susan Whittaker.

**Anniversaries:** Christine Lonergan, Michael Cannon, Members of the Daniels Family.

### National Cycle of Prayer

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

### The Holy Father's Intention (April)

**For the use of the new technologies:** Let us pray that the use of the new technologies will not replace human relationships, will respect the dignity of the person, and will help us face the crises of our times.

### Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

Let us pray for the parish of Saint John Paul II, Padiham, and for Father Joseph Ojelabi OMD, their parish priest, and Father Chris Manu OMD. We pray for their three parish primary schools and Saint Joseph's Park Hill School, together with the Sisters of Mercy and those resident in McAuley Mount.

### 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: 80492523 Sort Code: 20.55.34.

## SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

30th March 2025  
The Fourth Sunday of  
Lent [C]  
"Laetare Sunday"



"He was lost, and is found."

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

The Fourth Week of Lent		PSALTER WEEK 4
<b>Monday 31st March</b> Lent Weekday	📖 Isaiah 65:17-21; John 4:43-54 <b>9.30 a.m. Word &amp; Communion</b>	
<b>Tuesday 1st April</b> THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD [Solemnity]	📖 Ezekiel 47:1-9.12; John 5:1-3.5-16 <b>10.30 a.m. Funeral MASS of Mary Holland</b>	
<b>Wednesday 2nd April</b> Saint Francis of Paola, Hermit [Optional Commemoration]	📖 Isaiah 49:8-15; John 5:17-30 <b>10.00 a.m. Funeral MASS of Kevin Kelly</b>	
<b>Thursday 3rd April</b> Lent Weekday	📖 Exodus 32:7-14; John 5:31-47 <b>7.30 p.m. No Morning MASS Deanery Station Mass 4 at Saint John's, Rochdale</b>	
<b>Friday 4th April</b> Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor of the Church [Optional Commemora- tion]	📖 Wisdom 2:1a.12-22; John 7:1-2.10.25-30 <b>9.30 a.m. MASS 12.00 noon Stations of the Cross followed by Simple Soup Lunch Day of Abstinence</b>	
<b>Saturday 5th April</b> Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest [Optional Commemoration]	📖 Jeremiah 11:18-20; John 7:40-52 <b>11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace 6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday</b>	
<b>Sunday 6th April</b> THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT [C]	📖 Isaiah 43:16-21; Philippians 3:8-14; John 8:1-11 <b>9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre 11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</b>	

## THE WORD THIS WEEK

*"Let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall."* This is the theme of this Sunday: it underlines the need for repentance, which from now on is the focus of our Lenten journey in Year C. Jesus, in the Gospel, uses two recent events in order to illustrate his point about sin and repentance - there is a price to be paid for sin, but there is a way of avoiding it: if we repent, we will have salvation and a new and real freedom. This idea is emphasised in the parable, where we see a tree not being condemned immediately, but given a chance to change and produce fruit. So are we. This links in with the two other readings, which also talk about escape - the escape of Israel from Egypt. This is to be a warning for us, as Saint Paul says: if we are Christians, we must live as Christians, and be aware of the need to watch our lives and the direction they are taking.

## NEWS AND NOTES

### What's this "Laetare"?

"Laetare Sunday" is the name given to this fourth Sunday of our Lenten journey. The name means "rejoice", which together with the rose vestments of this day is a reminder to us that the Lenten journey, though sometimes challenging, is all about letting God's grace work in us, so that we may find the lasting joy of God's kingdom of justice, peace and joy! Today is also an opportunity for us to "recommit" to Lent—perhaps it hasn't started well, or perhaps we have not kept to our Lenten promises: don't despair, start again, and use the rest of this holy season to be ready for Easter!

### Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday has its roots in the history of the Church, as a day when people "in service" would have a day off to return to their homes, to their "mother Church" and their families. It has become a day to reflect on and give thanks for motherhood, to honour our own mothers, and to remember in prayer all those for whom this is a difficult day, especially children who mourn the loss of a mother and mothers who mourn the loss of a child. May Mary, mother of the Church, pray for them and protect them now and always.

### Big Lent Walk

Briege Sivills has been hitting the streets again to do the "Big Lent Walk" in aid of CAFOD. You can help Briege reach her fundraising total by going to her "Just Giving" page and leaving a donation: <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/brieges-big-lent-walk-2025>

## Holy Week

Our Easter Triduum Service this year are:

**Maundy Thursday: 6.30 p.m.**

**EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**  
*followed by watching at the altar of repose until 9.00 p.m. (8.45 p.m. Night Prayer)*

**Good Friday: 3.00 p.m.**

**THE SOLEMN CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION**

**Holy Saturday: 8.30 p.m.**

**THE EASTER VIGIL**

These three services are very special- they only happen once a year, and all Catholics are invited to make special efforts to attend them if possible: they are our opportunity to be with Jesus at the Last Supper, in the Garden of Gethsemane, at the Cross on Calvary and as witnesses to the Resurrection! Please consider if you can spare the time to join these great celebrations, especially the Easter Vigil! **Masses on Easter Sunday will be at 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.**

## Holy Week Ministries

The special services of Holy Week (starting on Palm Sunday) require lots of ministers and volunteers: please sign up on the list in the porch—readers and eucharistic ministers especially please make sure all slots are filled! Thanks you!

## Maundy Thursday Washing of Feet

Maundy Thursday is a very special day, when we remember the Last Supper, and in particular the example of service Jesus gives in washing his disciples' feet. This is part of our evening Mass on that day, and it is a beautiful and thought-provoking gesture, but it needs two things: parishioners who are willing to have their feet washed, and parishioners who will make the effort to come to the Mass of the Lord's Supper to witness it! Please think about being a "foot-washee", and pop your name on the ministers' list in the porch - let's see if we can muster twelve "disciples" this year! *(Please note that anyone - Catholic, non-Catholic, man, woman or child - can have their foot washed.)*

## What's in a Name?

### 10: "Dean"

A few weeks ago we encountered the word "vicar", used once upon a time to describe the role of a Curate - he would act "vicariously" on behalf of the Parish Priest. Bishops too have priests who act vicariously on their behalf - we will be looking at Episcopal Vicars and Vicars General soon! But today we are thinking about the role of "Vicar Forane" - otherwise known

as “Dean”. The word “Forane” comes from the Latin, and just means “distant” or “far away”. A Diocese (which could be very large) was divided into districts, known as “Vicariates”, which being “far away” from the Bishop were “Forane”. Each one would have a priest appointed by the Bishop to represent him in that far off district, who was the Vicar Forane. Nowadays we use the word “deanery” to describe these districts, and the Vicar Forane is more commonly referred to as “Dean”. The job of the Dean is to be an intermediary between the Bishop and the priests and parishes of the Deanery: some roles and responsibilities are delegated to the Dean, one of which being “keeping a pastoral eye on” all the Parishes and clergy, and reporting any problems or issues back to the Bishop. You are appointed Dean by the Bishop for a fixed period of time, (unlike Canons from last week, who have that job for life!), which in our Diocese is five years, though the Bishop can reappoint you after that time. The word “dean” itself is a corruption of the Latin “*decanus*”, meaning someone who has “charge of ten people” - this was used by the Roman army, and by early monastic communities, and eventually just came to mean someone with responsibility for a group of priests. You may also come across ‘Dean’ as the title of the Parish Priest of the Cathedral, or as the head of academic institutions, especially in America. In other countries the person carrying out the role of Dean or Vicar Forane is also known as an “archpriest.”

*Next Week: “Episcopal Vicar”*

## LENT 2025

### PRAYER: Lent Course

There is one more session on **Wednesday 9th April** at 6.30 p.m. here in Church. Please pop a tick in the relevant box on the clipboard in the porch, so we have some idea of how many resources to print for each session. Everyone is very welcome!

### FASTING: Soup and Stations

As in previous years we will walk the Way of the Cross in Church every Friday in Lent at 12.00 noon. You are then invited to a simple “fasting” lunch after the Stations - soup and a bread roll in the parish centre. There is no charge but we will be collecting donations for CAFOD.

### ALMSGIVING: Lent Appeal 2025

This year our Appeal in Lent is for the charity **Lepra**. Please remember **Lepra this Lent**: as well as the white box in Church, there will be a retiring collection next weekend of Sunday 6th April.

## Deanery Station Masses

Our annual “mini-pilgrimage” round the Deanery continues. Masses all begin at 7.00 p.m., with confessions beforehand and refreshments afterwards. The remaining program is:

**Thursday 3rd April**

**Saint John the Baptist, Rochdale**

**Thursday 10th April**

**Our Lady of Dolours, Kersal.**

Full addresses are on the poster in the porch.

## Easter Flowers

As you know there are no flowers in Church throughout Lent, but donations for Easter Flowers in memory of a loved one can be made: if you would like to, please place your offering in an envelope with the name of the individual marked “Easter Flowers” and hand it into the Presbytery before Palm Sunday. All names will be displayed at Easter.

## DIOCESAN NOTES

### Mass for the Sick and Those with Caring Responsibilities

A special Mass to mark the Jubilee for People who are Sick and People with Caring Responsibilities will be taking place on **Saturday 5th April**. The Mass, celebrated by Bishop John, will also include an opportunity for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Mass begins at 2.00 p.m. at Salford Cathedral's Temporary Church. All are welcome to attend.

### Laudato Si' Centre Stations

Experience a reflective journey through the Stations of the Cross, contemplating the Passion of Christ in the midst of nature. Providing a serene setting for prayer and meditation, each station will have an ecological reflection and quotes from Pope Francis' *Laudato Si'* encyclical. All are welcome to join one of two sessions on **Friday 11th April**. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/lsc-stations-apr-25>

### Lourdes Diocesan Youth Group

Why not join the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes between **30th July to 7th August**? Cost per person is £669, including travel by coach, hotel accommodation, and all meals. Young people can join one of three age groups made up of young pilgrims from across the diocese: 13-15 (aspiring volunteers), 16-17, and 18+. For more information or to register, please email [youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk](mailto:youth@dioceseofsalford.org.uk). *Please note that if any young people from our parish are interested in going to Lourdes we can find ways to help assist with your costs - speak to Fr James!*

## NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

John 8:1-11



At that time: Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning he came again to the temple. All the people came to him, and he sat down and taught them. The scribes

and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery, and placing her in the midst they said to him, 'Teacher, this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now in the Law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?' This they said to test him, that they might have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and wrote with his finger on the ground. And as they continued to ask him, he stood up and said to them, 'Let him who is without sin among you be the first to throw a stone at her.' And once more he bent down and wrote on the ground. But when they heard it, they went away one by one, beginning with the older ones, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Jesus stood up and said to her, 'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?' She said, 'No one, Lord.' And Jesus said, 'Neither do I condemn you; go, and from now on sin no more.'

## THE SACRAMENTS

### Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our Coordinator for Home Communions: if you or a relative find yourself house-bound for a period of 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 also by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Please do not make bookings before this interview and note that 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 and First Holy Communion

Registration for First Communion this year is closed, as the program has begun. Children baptised in the Catholic Church in **Year 8** but NOT at Catholic High School, please ask Father James for registration forms for Confirmation.

## CARE AND CONCERN

### 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 send an email to [PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk](mailto:PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk).

Please also remember that donations to the SVP can made at any time through the donations 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!

### Rochdale Food Bank

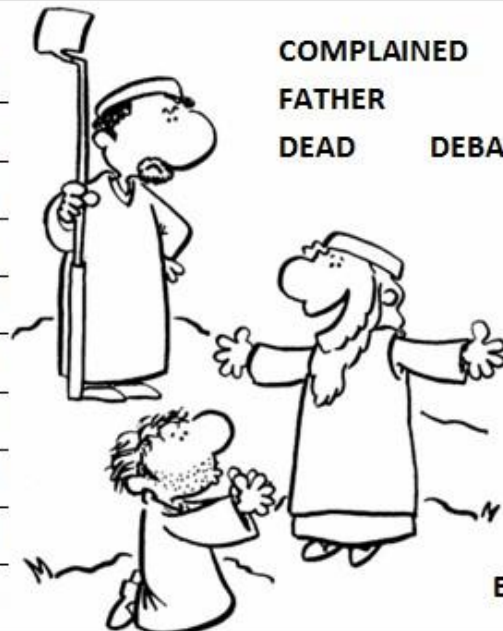
Please place your donations in the boxes at the back of the Church. The Food Bank is currently short of everything, but in urgent need of **Coffee, Tinned Rice/Custard, Sugar, Tinned Potatoes, Fruit Juice and Jam**. More details at [rochdalefoodbank.org.uk](http://rochdalefoodbank.org.uk) and a full "shopping list" is available by the donations box.

### 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!

## Gospel Wordsearch

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BROTHER

✠ STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY ✠