



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: Anthony Meredith, Daniel Byrom, Andrew Warner, Joseph Paisley, Joy Varghese, Anna Turvey, Pam Shuttleworth.

Anniversaries: Kenneth Winstanley, Anne Morley, Mary Morley, Joseph Astley, Edward Rogozinski, Mr Sebastian, Marjorie Lloyd, Bernard Ingham, Bridget McHale, Noreen Ryan, Hannah Mulleeney.

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 Joseph, Todmorden, for Father Allan Swift, their parish priest, and for their parish primary school.

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

13th April 2025
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord [C]



"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

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At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

HOLY WEEK

Monday 14th April Monday of Holy Week	<p>Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11</p> <p>10.00 a.m. Funeral MASS of Mark Meredith</p> <p>6.00—7.00 p.m. Pre-Easter Confessions</p>
Tuesday 15th April Tuesday of Holy Week	<p>Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33.36-38</p> <p>9.30 a.m. MASS</p>
Wednesday 16th April Wednesday of Holy Week	<p>Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25</p> <p>9.30 a.m. Word & Communion</p>
Thursday 17th April MAUNDY THURSDAY	<p>Exodus 12:1-8.11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15</p> <p>6.30 p.m. EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</p> <p><i>followed by Watching at the Altar of Repose until 9.00 p.m.</i></p> <p>8.45 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline)</p>
Friday 18th April GOOD FRIDAY	<p>Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42</p> <p>12.00 noon Stations of the Cross</p> <p>3.00 p.m. SOLEMN COMMEMORATION OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD</p> <p><i>Day of Fasting and Abstinence</i></p>
Saturday 19th April HOLY SATURDAY	<p>11.00 a.m. Błogosławieństwo Pokarmów Przed Posiłkiem Wielkanocnym</p> <p>8.30 p.m. THE EASTER VIGIL</p>
Sunday 20th April EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD	<p>Acts 10:34a.37-43; Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9</p> <p>9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</p> <p>11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</p>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

On Passion (Palm) Sunday the Gospel dominates the celebration, and, in a sense, its meaning is obvious. Do not allow this, however, to detract from the other readings, which give the vital context necessary for understanding the Passion as much more than a simple story. It is THE story of God achieving salvation by the supreme sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Thus the immense depth of the Isaiah reading - a personal testimony to suffering - should open our hearts to understand more of the depth of Jesus' sacrifice.

NEWS AND NOTES

Palm Sunday and Holy Week

In Jerusalem many centuries ago, someone had a good idea: to "represent" Jesus' triumphal entrance into the Holy City, by waving palm and olive branches and singing "Hosanna!" Christians living elsewhere witnessed this and took it home: they would gather outside the limits of the town or village and "remember by doing". Today we do the same—either processing from another place where possible, or by a "Solemn Entrance" in Church—in order to welcome the Lord to his City. We are not acting, or pretending, but remembering and entering into the events of the Entry into Jerusalem. After this, to enter into the Holy Week, and especially for the benefit of those who are unable to attend weekday services, we read the story of the Passion of the Lord—which we will conclude with the account of the resurrection next Sunday.

Good Friday Fasting and Abstinence

Good Friday is to be observed as a day of fasting and abstinence. Fasting means that the amount of food we eat is considerably reduced. Abstinence means that we give up a particular kind of food—our Bishops have decreed that we abstain from meat (those who do not or cannot eat meat are asked to abstain from some other food they enjoy regularly). Those over eighteen are bound by the law of fasting until the beginning of their sixtieth year, while all over fourteen are bound by the law of abstinence.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

The blessing of the Easter Basket containing the food for the first meal of Easter has been a beloved Catholic ritual for centuries among families of Eastern European origin. On Holy Saturday morning, families prepare their Easter Baskets and fill them with symbolic items, bringing them to church to be blessed during a short service. After Easter Mass, each family and their guests share their blessed fare and exchange good wishes. We will be celebrating this blessing here at Saint Vincent's on Saturday morning at 11.00 a.m., and though the blessing will be in Polish, anyone is welcome to bring a basket to be blessed or just come along to pray!

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 evening. All names will be displayed at Easter.

CAFOD Earthquake Appeal

CAFOD (the Catholic Agency For Overseas Development) has shared details of its Myanmar Earthquake Appeal. Funds raised for this appeal will provide much-needed water, food, solar lights, mosquito nets and water purification tablets to those devastated by this disaster. Your generosity will extend far and wide and will help the Catholic Church in Myanmar bring comfort and relief to families who are in urgent need. Visit cafod.org.uk/Myanmar to find out more and donate.

DIOCESAN NOTES

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Are you celebrating a special anniversary this year? Join us on Tuesday 3rd June at 7.00 p.m. at Saint Bernadette's in Whitefield. Couples celebrating a Jubilee Wedding Anniversary during this Holy Year of Jubilee are invited to join us for this special celebration and to acknowledge this wonderful Sacrament. Friends and family are welcome and everyone is invited to join for refreshments after Mass. For more information please email: formation@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

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.

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 20:1-9

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our Coordinator for Home Communions: if you or a relative find yourself housebound 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. Confirmation preparation will begin here after Easter.

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**. Please also remember that donations to the SVP can be 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** 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!

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.

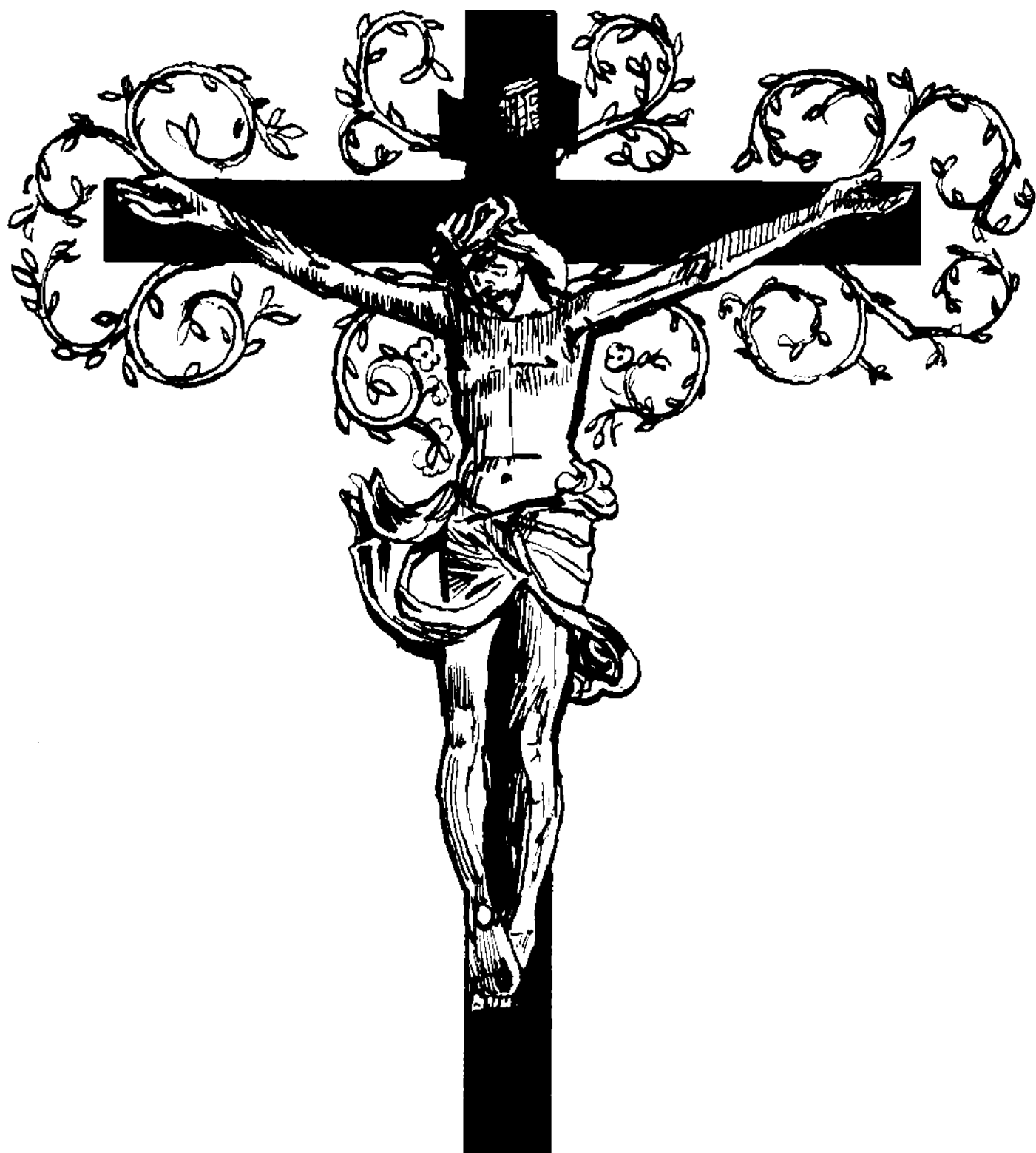
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✠ STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY ✠



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HOLY WEEK