



DIocese OF
SALFORD

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

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The Twenty Ninth Sunday
in Ordinary Time (B)



“For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve.”

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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 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: Margaret Thompson, Martin Hughes, Pat Monagle, Peter Kelly, Kate Hegarty, Peter Barrow.

Anniversary: James Carney, Carole Barrow, Bernard Walsh, Michael Walsh.

National Cycle of Prayer: 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.

THE HOLY FATHER'S INTENTIONS

(October) For a shared mission: we pray that the Church continue to sustain in all ways a Synodal lifestyle, as a sign of co-responsibility, promoting the participation, the communion and the mission shared among priests, religious and lay people.

Mission Sunday Prayer

Loving God, inspire us to 'go and invite everyone to the banquet.' Nourished from gathering around your table, may our communities reflect your unconditional love, so that all are welcomed with open arms, and the most vulnerable find refuge, care, and compassion. May our prayers and generosity bring strength to missionaries, enabling them to share the joy that faith brings, so that everyone, everywhere, may experience your hope and love, renewing and healing our world. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen

AT SAINT VINCENT'S THIS WEEK ...

THE TWENTY NINTH WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 1

Monday 21st October
Weekday

📖 Ephesians 2:1-10; Luke 12:13-21

9.30 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday 22nd October
Saint John Paul the Second, Pope
[Memorial]

📖 Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
1.00 p.m. "Getting Together"

Wednesday 23rd October
Saint John of Capistrano, Priest
[Memorial]

📖 Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

10.00 a.m. Funeral MASS of Margaret Thompson

Thursday 24th October
Saint Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop
[Memorial]

📖 Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

9.30 a.m. MASS with Year Six pupils
7.00 p.m. Parish Synod Meeting 1

Friday 25th October
Weekday

📖 Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

9.30 a.m. MASS

Day of Abstinence

Saturday 26th October
Saint Chad and Saint Cedd, Bishops
[Memorial]

📖 Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace

6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)
6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday

Sunday 27th October
The Thirtieth Sunday in
Ordinary Time (B)

📖 Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52

9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre
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THE WORD THIS WEEK

It's often the case that the "values of the Gospel" contradict the "values of the World" – sometimes to the extent that the one is the exact opposite of the other. Today is a typical example: greatness and prominence, success and victory, these are goals that the world has very clear ideas about. The Gospel, however, redefines them: Gospel success is Worldly failure: the Gospel's way of greatness is the World's life of service; and what the World sees as death and failure is in fact life and victory. It's this contrast that we see in the Gospel reading today, where out of a possibly innocent (but possibly sycophantic) question, a debate emerges about prominence and greatness. Jesus makes it clear that his greatness is different to that sought "among the pagans" - he will give his very life, and so become the first of all. We should take his words about the "worldly way of behaving" to heart: "This is not to happen among you."

NEWS AND NOTES

World Mission Sunday

Today is World Mission Sunday in the Catholic Church. It is our chance to show love and 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, and by giving a donation we respond to Christ's call to feed the hungry and clothe the naked. There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend, and your donations will go, in their entirety, to support churches, hospitals, schools and vocations in countries where the Church is new, young or poor. For more information please visit missio.org.uk

October—Month of the Rosary

Available in the porch is a little leaflet with a guide to the Rosary: if you have never tried it, or perhaps did once but gave up, why not have (another) go this October! There is a guide sheet in the porch to assist you—please help yourselves! **We will be reciting the Rosary after weekday Masses this month.** Though you don't need Rosary beads to pray the Rosary (hint—you have ten fingers!) you can easily obtain them from our piety stall or online from a variety of shops.

Getting Together

The next meeting is this coming **Tuesday 22nd October**, from 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, with the usual hospitality, refreshments and raffle. On this occasion we have a special guest Yvonne Pinder, who will give a talk and a demonstration of her painted pots (there will be decorated pots for sale). Everyone very welcome!

Synod Meeting

The Diocesan Synod is now in a new phase, where we take the results of the "Big Listen" and seek to formulate more specific proposals for the main Synod event in March 2025. Four main themes emerged, and you will have seen two summary sheets with questions to ponder. The idea is that we now bring that prayerful pondering to a Parish meeting, to see what proposals we can contribute to the process. The first meeting is this coming Thursday 24th October at 7.00 p.m. There will be a second meeting to consider themes 3 and 4 in December. Everyone is very welcome.

Book of the Names of the Dead

With November coming up we will shortly be reprinting the Book of Names behind the organ. Next to the book are some little cards to fill in to ADD names to the book—all names currently included will remain. Please complete this by next **Sunday 27th October**.

Cemetery Mass

On **Saturday 2nd November** (All Souls' Day) Mass will be offered in Rochdale Cemetery Chapel for those buried or cremated there and all our departed brothers and sisters. The Mass will be a 11.00 a.m. and all are welcome.

Deanery Day for Readers

As we prepare for the introduction of the new Lectionary at Masses on the First Sunday of Advent, there is a Study afternoon for all Parish readers in our deanery on **Sunday 17th November** from 2.00 - 4.00 p.m. We are hosting it here in our Parish Centre (volunteers to serve refreshments would be appreciated!) All our readers are warmly encouraged to attend if possible!

New Lectionaries

Our new Lectionaries and Gospel Book have arrived. As you may recall, we invited people to make donations for these books in memory of deceased family or friends, whose names would be inscribed in them. Thanks to those who have already made donations: if you would still like to do so, please hand them in or pop your donation through the letterbox in an envelope together with the names you wish to be included, labelled "Lectionaries." Thank you.

Free Hymn Books!

I'm clearing out the Sacristy at the moment, and we have a number of hymn books that we won't be using again. Please help yourself from the box in the porch—and if you would like to make a donation to CAFOD for one that would be lovely!

Saint Joseph

You will notice that Saint Joseph has acquired some votive candles! Lighting a candle is a sign of our prayer, asking the assistance or intercession of a

saint. Saint Joseph is patron of several things, which might prompt you to take a particular intention to his intercession: he is patron of the family, of fatherhood, of human work and of a happy death.

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.

WHAT'S IN A CHURCH?

8: The Baptismal Font

A new series where we will look at the various parts of our Church to understand their history, meaning and significance in our liturgy and devotion.

Few items of church furniture have wandered around as much as the font - and I'm not just talking about ours here at Saint Vincent's! In medieval churches you will normally find the font near the main entrance - this was because baptism is our "entrance" into the family of the Church. A relic of this is holy water stoups by the doors, where we can still remember our Baptism every time we enter Church. If you go back further, however, baptismal fonts were often in completely separate buildings



(such as the Cathedrals in Pisa or Florence). And if you go back further still, they were lakes and rivers! The font is above all a convenient way of bringing water into Church to celebrate baptism. Ideally it should be a pool big enough to baptise by "full immersion"

- some newer Churches, especially in the States, are now equipped with fonts that can accommodate this! There are many examples of such fonts from the earliest centuries (the one illustrated is the 6th century baptismal pool from Belkata in Tunisia). The Rite of Baptism has many deep symbolisms, but one of the most important is that through baptism we die and rise again with Christ. Whether immersed in water or with water poured over our head, emerging from the water is a sign of that personal resurrection, our new life and new birth as a member of Christ.

Next week: The Holy Oils

DIOCESAN NOTES

Gregorian Chant Workshop

A popular choral workshop is returning to Saint Augustine's in Manchester with a particular focus on Our Lady. The event, led by Manchester University lecturer Dr Rosemarie Darby, will take place on **Saturday 26th October** between 11.30 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. at Saint Augustine's church, Manchester. It is of

particular interest to parish choirs who wish to expand their repertoire of Marian music. No prior experience is required but registration is essential by emailing stphilipnerisingers@yahoo.co.uk

Caritas Homelessness Report

Our diocesan charity, Caritas Salford, is running a campaign in the coming weeks and months to shine a spotlight on issues around the increasing number of individuals and families who are currently homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. There are lots of really simple ways you can get involved to help in your area - please take a look at their website and help if you can: www.caritassalford.org.uk/endhomelessness

Action to Oppose Assisted Suicide

Catholics across England and Wales are being called to unite in prayer and compassionate action in opposition to a new Bill on assisted suicide. The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales has pulled together a range of resources with more information, a pastoral letter from Cardinal Nichols, and a link to an online tool to contact your MP to voice your opposition to the bill. Find out more at <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/opposing-assisted-suicide>

Remembering Our Loved Ones

A Moment of Prayer. The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones in a special way this November. Names will be written down and hung in the centre's willow dome, where visitors will be asked to pray for those people and their families during the month of November. They will also be remembered in a special prayer service on **29th November**. If you would like your loved ones to be remembered in this way, or would like to join the prayer service, please email laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025

We are delighted to announce that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be taking place once again in 2025 between 31st July and 6th August. You can register your interest now by visiting www.salfordlourdes.co.uk or by calling **0161 817 2209**.

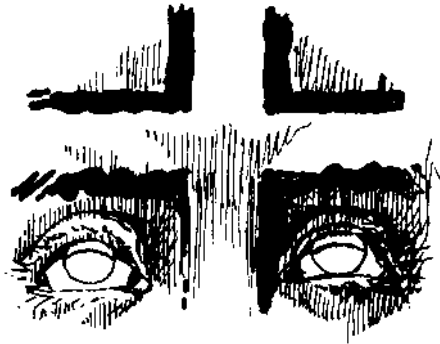
SALFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD PRAYER

Loving Father, be with us as we seek new ways of being your people in our Diocese. May each new day bring us closer to your son, Jesus, as we follow his teaching and become disciples of love. As we continue our Synodal journey draw us closer to each other. May the truth of your Spirit enlighten us. Open our hearts, as we listen to each other and reach out in love to your people. Stay with us, Lord, on our journey. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

As Jesus left Jericho with his disciples and a large crowd, Bartimaeus (that is, the son of Timaeus), a blind beggar, was sitting at the side of the road. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout and to say, 'Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me.' And many of them scolded him and told him to keep quiet, but he only shouted all the louder, 'Son of David, have pity on me.' Jesus stopped and said, 'Call him here.' So they called the blind man. 'Courage,' they said 'get up; he is calling you.' So throwing off his cloak, he jumped up and went to Jesus. Then Jesus spoke, 'What do you want me to do for you?' 'Rabbuni,' the blind man said to him 'Master, let me see again.' Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has saved you.' And immediately his sight returned and he followed him along the road.



THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communion

Brenda Robinson is our Parish Coordinator for Home Communion: 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 holy communion at home, please let Brenda know by phoning **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

Children baptised in the Catholic Church who are in **Year 3 (First Communion)**, and **Year 8 (Confirmation)** but NOT at Saint Vincent's Primary School, please ask Father James for registration forms as soon as possible.

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 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!

GOSPEL WORDSEARCH

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✠ **STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY** ✠