

The Roman Catholic Parish of
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
Norden



**Diocese of
Salford**

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

24th November 2024
**Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe (B)**



*“Yes, I am a king. I was born
for this, I came into the
world for this: to bear wit-
ness to the truth.”*

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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: Joe Thorpe.
Anniversaries: Eamonn Feeney, Kevin Bebb, Susan Entwistle, Colin Kildunne.
Other: The Ingram Family.

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 Intention (November) For anyone who has lost a child: We pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or daughter find support in their community and receive peace and consolation from the Holy Spirit.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
This week we pray for the parishes of Saint Mary, Bamber Bridge, and Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gerard Majella, Lostock Hall, with Father Mark Harold, their parish priest, and Father Colin Battell, OSM. We pray for their parish primary schools, for Brownedge Saint Mary's High School, and for Saint Catherine's Hospice.

A Prayer for Life
Merciful God, we pray with thanks and gratitude for the great spiritual gift of Saint John Paul II's apostolic life and mission. Through his heavenly intercession we ask that the 'Assisted Dying' Bill be defeated and that the infinite worth of each human person is upheld through proper investment in palliative care. Grant also that we may grow in love for You and proclaim boldly the love of Jesus Christ to all people. Amen.

At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

The Thirty Fourth & Last Week of Ordinary Time <small>PSALTER WEEK 2</small>	
Monday 25th November Saint Catherine of Alexandria, Virgin and Martyr [Memorial]	📖 Apocalypse 14:1-5; Luke 21:1-4 9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Tuesday 26th November Weekday	📖 Apocalypse 14:14-19; Luke 21:5-11 9.30 a.m. MASS 1.00 p.m. "Getting Together"
Wednesday 27th November Weekday	📖 Apocalypse 15:1-4; Luke 21:12-19 9.30 a.m. MASS 10.00 a.m. Cosy Coffee Morning
Thursday 28th November Weekday	📖 Apocalypse 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9; Luke 21:20-28 9.30 a.m. MASS
Friday 29th November Weekday	📖 Apocalypse 20:1-4, 11; 21:2; Luke 21:29-33 9.30 a.m. November MASS for Holy Souls <i>Day of Abstinence</i>
Saturday 30th November Saint Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland [Feast]	📖 Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22 11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace 6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday
Sunday 1st December FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Cycle C)	📖 Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thess 3:12-4:2; Lk 21:25-28, 34-36 9.00 a.m. MASS <i>Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</i> 11.00 a.m. MASS <i>Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</i>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

Every time we complete the cycle of the liturgical year, there is a seamless blending into the new year: so, just as this week we hear of the King who is to come, next week, we begin a New Year and the Season of Advent by more meditation on the end of time, and the One who is to come again, as he once came among us. This feast affirms that Christ is King, that he is Judge, that he is Ruler of the kings of the earth. By his own words we know that this is true, as he stands before Pilate and says, "Yes, I am a king." But his kingship is different: it is not of the same kind as earthly kings, whose empires fade and pass away. His kingship is eternal, and holy until the end of time. Through his love for us, we share in this sovereignty - this holiness - as priests and kings who "serve his God and Father". We end our year in simple, awe-filled praise of the One who is, who was, and who is to come - the Almighty. Alleluia! Amen!

NEWS AND NOTES

Assisted Suicide

This coming **Friday 29th November** Parliament will be voting on the so-called Assisted Dying bill. Our bishops have urged the Catholic community to contact our MPs to make our opposition to this bill heard. The easiest way to send a message to your MP is through <https://righttolife.org.uk/Asthreat>, where all you have to do is input your postcode, then your name and address and a letter (which you can edit if you wish) will be sent automatically.

"Getting Together"

The next meeting is this coming **Tuesday 26th November**, from 1.00 - 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, with the usual hospitality, refreshments and raffle. On our last meeting in our Parish Centre of this year, we welcome special guests Lorraine, Glynn and Les from ROB Epilepsy Society, who will provide a talk, information and advise, with addition of our talented "Mini Vinnies". Everyone very welcome.

School Christmas Fair

Our Primary School is holding its Christmas Fair this coming **Friday 29th November** from 5.30 - 7.30 p.m. and everyone is invited! Tickets should be purchased in advance, and are £1.00 for adults (children free) and can be obtained from pta@st-vincent.sch.uk

Advent & Christmas Appeal 2024



Every year we run an appeal in Advent and Christmas, so that this season is not just about consumption but compassion! Last year we raised almost £4000.00 for Father Moses in war-torn Ethiopia. This year we are supporting something

much closer to home. Many people in our own communities are isolated or even trapped because of mental or physical difficulties: council run social services often refer such individuals to other groups. One such is a Catholic organisation, run by the Brothers of Charity - a religious order founded in Belgium, inspired by the example of Saint Vincent de Paul. The Brothers were first invited to Rochdale by Bishop (later Cardinal) Vaughan, where they ran the Buckley Hall Orphanage until its closure. While still a worldwide religious order, in this country they have moved into compassionate care for the vulnerable, and actually have a base down the road in Bury. From there the workers embrace people with so many problems across Greater Manchester - often those whom no other charity or organisation will take on. They seek to provide help, companionship, practical support and most importantly a sense of dignity to people who are often abused, forgotten or dismissed in our society. While they receive basic funding from local government, they go above and beyond, contributing out of their own pockets to transport clients, provide them with activities and outings, and generally rebuilding broken lives and restoring lost dignity. This year we are asking for funds to support this work: over the coming weeks we will share some stories of the work done by the organisation, and there will be a collection basket for donations from next weekend until 12th January 2025, the end of the Christmas Season.

Charity Jam Night

Our very own Jimmy Cricket is hosting another of his wonderful "Jam Nights" on **Tuesday 3rd December** in the Parish Centre at 7.30 p.m. Entrance is free but donations are welcome to support local charities (the last night raised over £300 for Francis House!) Everyone very welcome!

CAFOD World Gifts

Catalogues are available in the porch for this year's CAFOD World Gifts - whereby you can "buy" a gift that will benefit an individual or a community in the developing world, while doing so in the name of a loved one, who will receive a message that such a gift has been made in their name. Please feel free to take a copy!

Caritas Virtual Gifts

Caritas Diocese of Salford similarly have a list of Christmas gifts you can give to those in need in our Diocese by donating to Caritas: please see the brochures in the porch and on the noticeboard.

Wednesday Warmer

Starting this **Wednesday 27th November** we are opening the doors of the Parish Centre for a cosy cuppa and a warming brew! Turn your heating off for a couple of hours and pop in between 10.00 and 12.00 noon! Everyone is very welcome. *If the Coffee morning proves successful, we will think about extending hours over the Winter to provide a longer "warm space" for anyone to enjoy! Please spread the word and invite a friend!*

From “Dilexit Nos”

Pope Francis has recently published his fourth encyclical letter, entitled “Dilexit Nos” (“He loved us”), all about the Heart of Jesus, and the way of the heart.

“When we witness the outbreak of new wars, with the complicity, tolerance or indifference of other countries, or petty power struggles over partisan interests, we may be tempted to conclude that our world is losing its heart. We need only to see and listen to the elderly women – from both sides – who are at the mercy of these devastating conflicts. It is heart-breaking to see them mourning for their murdered grandchildren, or longing to die themselves after losing the homes where they spent their entire lives. To see these elderly women weep, and not feel that this is something intolerable, is a sign of a world that has grown heartless. Whenever a person thinks, questions and reflects on his or her true identity, strives to understand the deeper questions of life and to seek God, or experiences the thrill of catching a glimpse of truth, it leads to the realization that our fulfilment as human beings is found in love. In loving, we sense that we come to know the purpose and goal of our existence in this world. Everything comes together in a state of coherence and harmony. It follows that, in contemplating the meaning of our lives, perhaps the most decisive question we can ask is, “Do I have a heart?”

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?

11: Votive Candles



One of the most distinctive features of any Catholic church is the rack of little votive candles in front of altars and statues. The largest I have ever seen was in Cologne Cathedral, where there is a thirty foot long row of votive candles in a transept! Similar to this is Lourdes, where on the other side of the river pilgrims leave candles (some of them massive): there is an inscription in many languages on the votive candles stands in Lourdes: “*May this light prolong my prayer,*” which gives us the meaning of these little flames. They are a **symbol** of our prayer - not some magic device. The idea is that we have a prayer in mind, light a candle and sort of “place” our prayer in that flame, so that when we leave, it somehow continues - and at the same time we continue to hold onto our prayer, knowing we have shared it with the person the statue or altar commemorates. We also make a donation - not buying a candle, and certainly not “buying” a prayer - but putting a little bit of ourselves into the flickering flame, as a sign that the prayer comes from our heart, through the intercession of Our Lady or a saint, to our loving Father. *Next week: The Advent Wreath*

DIOCESAN NOTES

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

Salford Cathedral Christmas Fayre

Join our Cathedral parish on **Saturday 30th November** from 1.00 p.m. for an afternoon of festive fun with the return of the annual Christmas Fayre, taking place in the Assembly Room and Cloister. With tombolas, gift stalls, food, drink, and music from our wonderful choir, there's something for everyone to enjoy. All are welcome to join!

Laudato Si' Centre - Wreath Workshop

Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team on **Friday 6th December** for the return of its Advent Wreath Workshop, where you will have the opportunity to learn how to create your own wreath from natural materials under the guidance of our skilled team. Find out more and book at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/wreath-workshop>

Diocesan Mass for Young Adults

Our Diocesan Mass for Young Adults returns to St Augustine's in Manchester next month with a festive feel! Join us at 5.30 p.m. on **Sunday 8th December** as we gather together for Mass before enjoying some seasonal treats and the return of our series of talks exploring the Catholic faith. All are welcome!

Carol Services

The Diocese of Salford is delighted to announce the return of its Salford Schools Singing Programme (SSP) Carol Services, which will take place in churches across the diocese this December. For a full list of dates and locations for our services, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ssp-carol-services-24/>

Caritas is buzzing about new launch...

This year Caritas are asking people to make a real difference this Christmas and not make it all about the tinsel, the parties, and the supermarket queues. Watch the specially created animation, find out more, donate, or take part in the appeal in another way: www.caritassalford.org.uk/beethere

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

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near. But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'



THE SACRAMENTS

Home Communion

Brenda Robinson is our 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 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

The First Communion program begins next weekend, and registration is now closed. Children baptised in the Catholic Church who are in **Year 8** but NOT at a Catholic High School, please ask Father James for registration forms for Confirmation 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 rochdale-foodbank.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** ✠