

The Roman Catholic Parish of
SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL
Norden



**Diocese of
Salford**

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

**16th February 2025
The Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time (C)**



"Blessed are you!"

Please note: Father James is unavailable this week. If you need a priest in an emergency please contact Saint Joseph's Heywood (01706 369777)

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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 Walsh, Wayne Mooney, Mary Walsh, Maria Cahill.
Anniversaries: Kazimiera Andriszko, Bronisław Andruszko, Joanna Anderson, Mary Clegg.

National Cycle of Prayer: During Ordinary Time (Winter) we are asked to pray for these intentions: Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care For Them; Victims of Trafficking and Those Who Work to Combat It; The Unemployed.

The Holy Father's Intention
February: For vocations to the priesthood and religious life: let us pray that the ecclesial community might welcome the desires and doubts of those young people who feel a call to serve Christ's mission in the priesthood and religious life.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer
Let us pray for the people of the parish of the Good Samaritan, Burnley, together with Father David Featherstone, their parish priest and Dean, Father Job Zirra Stephen and Deacon Theo Sharrock. We pray for Blessed Trinity Roman Catholic College and for their three parish primary schools. We pray for the Franciscan Missionaries of Saint Joseph, the Sisters of Mercy and for the Burnley General Hospital.

At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

The Sixth Week of Ordinary Time		PSALTER WEEK 2
Monday 17th February The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order [Optional Memorial]	📖 Genesis 4:1-15.25; Mark 8:11-19	9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Tuesday 18th February Weekday	📖 Genesis 6:5-8. 7:1-5. 10; Mark 8:14-21	9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Wednesday 19th February Weekday	📖 Genesis 8:6-13.20-22; Mark 8:22-26	9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Thursday 20th February Weekday	📖 Genesis 9:1-13; Mark 8:27-33	9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Friday 21st February Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor of the Church [Optional Memorial]	📖 Genesis 11:1-9; Mark 8:34 - 9:1	9.30 a.m. Word & Communion <i>Day of Abstinence</i>
Saturday 22nd February The Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle [Feast]	📖 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19	11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace 12.00 noon Baptism of Miles Henstock 6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday
Sunday 23rd February THE SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME [C]	📖 1 Sam 26:2.7-9.12-13.22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38	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

Life is often about picking our way through opposites - choices and decisions that surround every moment of every day: should I do this or that, choose this way or that way, and so on. Just as there are choices on either side, so there are opposing consequences - blessings and curses, in the language of the first reading, blessedness and woe in the language of the Gospel. In Saint Luke's version of the Beatitudes, we see Jesus setting out very clearly the teaching that life is about choices, and that we must take control, and be responsible for the life we choose, or even the conditions of life that we embrace or accept.

NEWS AND NOTES

Racial Justice Sunday

The theme for Racial Justice Sunday is: "Pilgrims of Hope: Our Journey Together Towards Racial Justice". The theme invites Catholics across England and Wales to reflect on the collective journey towards racial justice in our schools, parishes and wider society. Bishop Paul McAleenan said: "2025 is a very special year. It marks both a Year of Jubilee and the 30th anniversary of Racial Justice Sunday. This year, we invite the Catholic community to reflect on the journey towards racial justice - past, present and future - by asking: 'How far have we come, where are we now and what remains to be achieved?' Just as pilgrims must prepare for their journey and be properly equipped, we, too, need all that is necessary to propel us towards racial justice - the mind of Christ; examination of our progress and of the challenges that remain; a willingness to learn from one another together; and prayers for and on the journey. When turning our hearts to racial justice we'd encourage Catholics to pray the words of Pope Francis taken from his encyclical letter Fratelli Tutti - on fraternity and social friendship: *Come, Holy Spirit, show us your beauty, reflected in all the peoples of the earth, so that we may discover anew that all are important and all are necessary, different faces of the one humanity that God so loves. Amen.*" For much more on this please visit the website of the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) at <https://www.carj.org.uk/>, where you can also make donations to further this vital work.

Coming Up ...

On **Saturday 15th March** at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Centre a Saint Patrick's Night Party, with music and dancing! More details next week, but make a note of the date!

Saint Valentine

Saint Valentine (or Valentinus) is recorded in the Roman Martyrology as a martyr who died in Rome

on the Via Flaminia near the Milvian Bridge at an unknown date, though possibly in the third century. Devotion to him became common in the Church from the end of the sixth century, and eventually became connected with romantic love from the fourteenth century onwards: from there the religious and secular traditions drifted further apart! Nevertheless perhaps it's worth remembering the origins of the day—the generous and self-giving death of a Christian martyr: love is both the source and result of self-giving. Let us pray for generous love in our world today, for married couples, and for all who for whatever reason feel that love escapes them.

Marriage Week

While on that subject, today we come to the end of Marriage Week in the Catholic Church in England and Wales. As Bishop Bosco McDonald writes: "National Marriage Week is a time for all of us to think about this special sacrament and how it can change lives. It's a chance for married couples to strengthen their bond by being kind to each other, talking openly, and sharing experiences. And for all of us, as we celebrate the beauty of marriage this week, let's make sure that we support and encourage couples in their journey. We can offer our contribution towards a culture that respects and values marriage, knowing that it's the foundation for a happy and healthy society." We are all invited to use the prayer for Marriage Week: *"Lord, we pray in thanksgiving for the vocation to marriage and for each couple that you join together to make a family. We ask that every marriage brings each couple closer to you and to holiness. We pray for those who are struggling in their marriage at present, that they can make it through this tough time and find hope and consolation in You. We pray that this Jubilee year can be a year of hope for marriages, with your gentle guiding hand through each action, decision, discussion and event. We make this prayer through Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen."*

What's In A Name?

6: "Priest"

While this word is very familiar to us, it has interesting origins! It is a contraction of the late Latin "presbyter", itself coming from the Greek "presbyteros", which literally means "elder" or "old man" - this in turn comes from two Greek words, "pres" meaning "in front of" and "bos" meaning cows. So a priest is literally an old man walking in front of cows! Perhaps etymology is not that helpful after all! Priests exist in all cultures and religions, though sometimes with different names: the function they all share is to somehow mediate between the Divine and the human - to be an interface between God and people. In the Old Testament the first priest was Aaron, charged with offering sacrifices on behalf of the people - this was the origin of the Temple priesthood. The

Greek for this type of priest is “*hierous*”, translated into Latin as “*sacerdos*.” When Jesus comes he is the New Priest, who offers the perfect sacrifice of himself to establish a New Covenant or relationship between God and humanity. The early Church established a different kind of priesthood: they would be both “*presbyter*” and “*sacerdos*” - as “elders” they would lead and guide the Church, and as “*sacerdotes*” would be the people responsible for offering the sacrifice of the New Covenant - the Mass. Both of these terms are included in the English “priest” - one who leads and one who offers, in imitation of Christ, the Ultimate High Priest. Sometimes other words are used, such a “pastor” - again an agricultural reference, meaning “shepherd” and underlining the role of loving leadership and service in the Church. Priests can also be known as “rectors” - this was a common title for Parish Priests in Catholic England until the early 20th century; since then it has become limited to priests in charge of academic institutions like seminaries. The word “presbyter” lingers on in describing the house a priest lives in - much to the confusion of delivery drivers - the Presbytery. It is also important to remember that every baptised Christian shares in the priesthood of the faithful, because in baptism we are “incorporated” into Christ the Priest: every layperson must be active in prayer, charity, mission and worship. What distinguishes the ordained priesthood from the priesthood of the laity is not the importance of their actions, but simply that each is called to do specific things, which must be complementary. As Pope Saint John Paul II said in “Christifideles Laici” in 1988: *“In fact, at one and the same time it is characterized by a diversity and a complementarity of vocations and states in life, of ministries, of charisms and responsibilities. Because of this diversity and complementarity every member of the lay faithful is seen in relation to the whole body and offers a totally unique contribution on behalf of the whole body.”*
Next week: “Curate”

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.

DIOCESAN NOTES

Jubilee Book Signing Event

A special book signing and reading event is due to take place to celebrate the launch of two new books about our diocese by Monsignor John Allen - 'A popular history of the Diocese of Salford' and 'Pilgrims of Hope: Out and About in Salford Diocese'. It will be held on **Monday 3rd March** at 5.00 p.m. at Saint Patrick's Church, in Collyhurst. You can book your free place now at www.caritassalford.org.uk/booksigning. All proceeds from book sales go to Caritas Salford.

Silent Retreat

Join the Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre team for a peaceful day of prayer this February. This one-day Silent Retreat invites you to spend time with the Lord in silent prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attend outdoor Mass, and explore the beautiful grounds of the Centre. Find out more and register your attendance at <https://laudatosicentre.org.uk/events/silent-retreat>

Pilgrims of Hope: Lenten Talks

The Diocese of Salford is holding a series of talks this Lent that explores themes of journeying and pilgrimage through the lens of the Jubilee. Each week, the talks will focus on a different person from the Bible to help us better understand how the journey we are called to make this Holy Year is rooted in scripture. The weekly talks begin on **Tuesday 4th March** at 11.00 a.m. at Wardley Hall. Contact Sister Joan on joankfmsj@gmail.com or call **0161 971 7842** to find out more.

Understanding our Everyday Beliefs

A three-day Lenten retreat is taking place at the Loreto Spirituality Centre In Llandudno in March to help people reflect on our relationship with God and to gain a deeper understanding of our faith. The course explores three core topics: Scripture, the Sacraments, and the Church and will take place between **Wednesday 12th March and Saturday 15th March** 2025. Further information is available at www.loretocentre.org.uk

“Mercy Brothers” Concert

Join us for a family-friendly night of musical entertainment with clergy band, The Mercy Brothers. The concert will raise funds for our Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage Fund, which supports our sick pilgrims and medical team. The concert will take place on **Friday 21st February** at Hough End Centre, Chorlton. Doors open at 7.30 p.m. Tickets cost £20 (free for under 16s) and includes a hot supper. Book at www.salfordlourdes.co.uk/fundraising or phone the pilgrimage office on **0161 817 2209**.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2025

Our diocesan pilgrimage office is now taking bookings for its annual pilgrimage to Walsingham, which in this Holy Year will be on **Saturday 3rd May**. For more information, prices, and details on how to book, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/walsingham-pilgrimage-2025> or call **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

Luke 6:27-38

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, 'I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

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

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**. 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** ✠