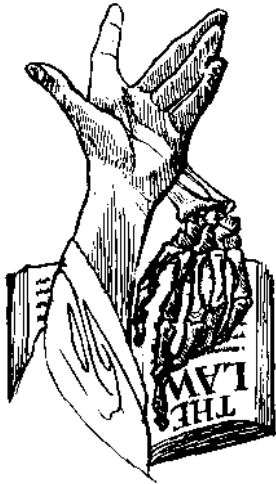




DIocese OF
SALFORD

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

1st September 2024
The Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)



“You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions”

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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.

IN OUR PRAYERS ...

Requests for Masses & Prayers

Recently Deceased: Lillian Fairhurst, Linda Mercer, Peter Galvin, Audrey Eves, Camilla Loveridge.

Anniversary: Gerry Lundergan, Alice & Patrick Freeman, Patrick Freeman Jr, Vincent Cullen.

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 (September)

For the cry of the Earth: We pray that each one of us will hear and take to heart the cry of the Earth and of victims of natural disasters and climactic change, and that all will undertake to personally care for the world in which we live.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

For our hospital and hospice chaplains: Fathers Bob Hayes, Damian Isene, Samson Ojejunie, Gavin Landers, Martin Dowd, John Okeme, Patrick Greasley, Sister Joan Kerley, Sister Bernadette Boland, Sister Sheila Dixon, Mr Duncan Whelan.

AT SAINT VINCENT'S THIS WEEK ...

THE TWENTY SECOND WEEK OF ORDINARY TIME

PSALTER WEEK 2

<p>Monday 2nd September Weekday</p>	<p>📖 1 Corinthians 2:1-5; Luke 4:16-30</p> <p>9.30 a.m. Word & Communion</p>
<p>Tuesday 3rd September Saint Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church [Feast]</p>	<p>📖 1 Thessalonians 2:2-8; Matthew 16:13-19</p> <p>9.30 a.m. MASS</p>
<p>Wednesday 4th September Saint Cuthbert, Bishop [Memorial]</p>	<p>📖 1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Luke 4:38-44</p> <p>9.30 a.m. MASS</p>
<p>Thursday 5th September Weekday</p>	<p>📖 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11</p> <p>9.30 a.m. MASS</p>
<p>Friday 6th September Weekday</p>	<p>📖 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39</p> <p>9.30 a.m. MASS</p> <p> Day of Abstinence</p>
<p>Saturday 7th September Weekday</p>	<p>📖 1 Corinthians 4:6-15; Luke 6:1-5</p> <p>11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace</p> <p>6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday</p>
<p>Sunday 8th September The Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)</p>	<p>📖 Isaiah 35:4-7; James 2:1-5; Mark 7:31-37</p> <p>EDUCATION SUNDAY</p> <p>9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre 11.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass in the Parish Centre</p>

THE WORD THIS WEEK

We now return to Saint Mark, for the rest of the year. The Gospel brings out one of the central problems of all religion: the way in which peripheral laws and customs gradually take over the more fundamental commandments, and the way in which “externalism” and a concern with superficialities gradually suffocates a true “internal” faith which is lived out. Here we see the angry Jesus: he calls them “hypocrites”, as he condemns their “worthless worship”. He teaches a central truth: it is what comes from within that determines whether we are clean or unclean, good or evil. The commandments of God, which Moses puts before the people with such great pride, become the source of justice when they are given a place in the heart. When other rules and regulations about how to wash and what to eat displace them, then they are stifled and justice is practised no longer.

NEWS AND NOTES

August Bank Holiday “Do”

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who made last Sunday’s “do” such a success, especially to the volunteers who helped set up, tidy up and run attractions on the day. Despite the weather not being the best, everyone had a great time, and (though this was not the aim) even managed to make a profit on the day! A big thank you also to everyone who attended—your presence made the afternoon the great experience it was!



SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation runs from this Sunday, 1st September, to the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi on 4th October. It is observed not only in the Catholic Church, but in other Christian denominations and secular groups too. The idea is that we use this time to think about how we use the world that God has given us, and by prayer, discussion and action seek to protect what has been entrusted to us. As Pope Francis has said: *“Despite all attempts to deny, conceal, gloss over or relativize the issue, the signs of climate change are here and increasingly evident. No one can ignore the fact that in recent years we have witnessed extreme weather phenomena, frequent periods of unusual heat, drought and other cries of protest on the part of the earth that are only a few palpable expressions of a silent disease that affects everyone. [...] I ask everyone to accompany this pilgrimage of reconciliation with the world that is our home and to help make it more beautiful.”*

Back to School

Our children are back to school this week after the Summer holidays, for another year of learning and growing. Please remember them and their families in your prayers, especially those beginning at Saint Vincent’s this week. Please also say a prayer for all our staff, who will be joining us for Mass on Tuesday morning.

Salford Diocesan Synod

After the “Big Listen” we now enter into a new phase of the Synod process. Four “themes” came out of the listening, which parishes are now invited to consider, with a view to proposing practical actions that can be put into practice in our parishes. The first theme is **“Nurturing Faith for Tomorrow’s World”**, and you will find copies of the summary document on this theme in the porch. This is the first of four documents, one for each theme. There will be two open meetings here between now and Christmas, when everyone will be able to contribute to putting these themes into action. Please take a copy of document 1, have a read, a pray and a think, and watch this space for our meeting dates.

First Holy Communion 2025

We will soon be beginning the programme of preparation for First Holy Communion next year. If your child is in Year Three at Saint Vincent’s, and is baptised in the Catholic Church, you will be contacted through school. If your child is not at Saint Vincent’s please speak to Father James after Mass for an application form.

S.V.P. Children’s Camp 2024

You might have spotted some new young faces in Church a few weeks ago. These were children heading for this year’s S.V.P. children’s camp for children in Snowdonia. Some 40 children from many different towns and schools in our Diocese attended the camp. After Mass at Saint Vincent’s and a quick pit stop for lunch at Pantasaph Priory, the children arrived in Wales in time for tea and a few ice breaker games before cocoa, biscuits and bed. Next day they were out and about in their four teams discovering the thrills of caving, canoeing, gorge-walking, abseiling, and fun and games on the beach. Tuesday and Thursday saw similar trips out accompanied by the specialist instructors from Plas Gwynant centre. Wednesday, our own volunteer team took the children out by coach to ‘Bounce Below’ at Blaenau Ffestiniog and then on to swimming at Porth Madog. Finally, a quick trip for souvenirs and ice creams at Beddgelert on a busy day. Evenings found the children enjoying the beautiful grounds of Plas Gwynant, and taking part in activities including our own Olympic Games, arts and crafts evening, film night, and then, a not to be forgotten talent night. The week saw even the shyest children gain confidence and make

new friends. With no phone signal and no mobile phones, the week proved an escape from some of the pressures of modern life, and an opportunity for children from many different backgrounds to enjoy an action-packed community holiday in inspiring landscapes. It was a great pleasure and privilege to get to know the children and see them grow and thrive over the course of the week. We were blessed with a strong team of eleven volunteers with an ideal mix of ages and skills. Plas Gwynant looked after us very well with good food, and help and advice when needed. Thank you very much to all the volunteers and children who attended or facilitated the camp but also to parishes like Saint Vincent's that held events to raise money for the camp.

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?

1: The Nave

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.

Why start this series with the Nave? It is the name given to that part of the church belonging to the congregation—where the benches are. It is, of course, the largest part of any church or cathedral! The word “Nave” come from the Latin “navis” - meaning “ship” or “boat”, and conveying the image of a group of people travelling together over the choppy waters of the world! This is where we start because as well as being the largest it is also the oldest element of church design: before altars or lecterns or tabernacles the nave existed—the “church” was simply where the people gathered for the liturgy, be that homes or halls. In fact until the 4th Century the only known “church” spaces were private homes where Christians gathered on Sundays for the Mass. We are told by Saint Paul that the people are the Church—so a building that cannot accommodate a congregation cannot really be called a church! Perhaps a chapel or a private prayer room, but not the place for the Sacred Liturgy—“liturgy” being a Greek word meaning “work of the people.” Most churches nowadays are filled with benches, pews or seats, though this was not always the case. In the earliest churches (and still to this day in some countries) the congregation would stand throughout the liturgy. Some bigger churches or cathedrals would have a bench set into the walls of the nave (hence the possible origin of the phrase “the weakest go to the wall.”) One consequence of this lack of benches was that naves were sometimes used for other purposes—such as markets—though obviously not while the liturgy was being celebrated! As you stand, sit or

kneel in the nave today, know that you are the Church, the Temple of God, and this space is sacred because of you!

DIOCESAN NOTES

Caritas Salford Sponsored Walk

Caritas Salford is organising a sponsored walk around beautiful Whalley, Lancashire, on Saturday 14 September. The walk will cover a moderately challenging route of 14km, with a shorter option available for those who prefer. Every step you take will also help local people experiencing homelessness, poverty and discrimination. To sign up to join the walk, visit: www.caritassalford.org.uk/lancswalk

New Trustees Needed

“Out There” - a Manchester-based charity founded by the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul - is looking for two new recruits for its board of trustees to help guide the charity's mission to offer support to families affected by the imprisonment of a family member. To find out more about the position or the charity, please visit www.outtherecharity.org/volunteer/

CARJ 40th Anniversary

To mark the important milestone of their 40th anniversary, the Catholic Association for Racial Justice (CARJ) is holding a free conference in Oldham on **Saturday 21st September**. The ‘Agenda for Change’ conference will build on the experiences and learning of the past 40 years and put forward a strategy for bringing about greater equality and creating a racially-just Church and society. Find out more at www.carj.org.uk

Young Adults Mass

Our Young Adults Mass returns to Saint Augustine's in Manchester this September after our summer break. Join us at 5.30 p.m. on **Sunday 8th September** as we gather together for our Mass and the start of a series of talks entitled “The Thrill of Orthodoxy”, based on G. K. Chesterton's “Orthodoxy”. The series will unpick how an exploration of religious, philosophical, social, and political ideas leads us to embrace our Christian faith.

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 7:31-37

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'



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 **0793 222 6981**.

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 celebrate First Holy Communion in **Year 3**, and registrations will occur in September. Confirmation is celebrated in **Year 8**, and registration also occurs from September to December.

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** ✠