



**Diocese
of Salford**

SUNDAY NEWSLETTER

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The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time [C]



*"Lord, have mercy
on me, a sinner."*

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At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

The Twenty Ninth Week of Ordinary Time

PSALTER WEEK 1

Monday 27th October Weekday	Romans 8:12-17; Luke 13:10-17 9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Tuesday 28th October Saint Simon and Saint Jude, Apostles [Feast]	Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-19 9.30 a.m. MASS 1.00 p.m. "Getting Together"
Wednesday 29th October Weekday	Romans 8:26-30; Luke 13:22-30 9.30 a.m. MASS
Thursday 30th October Weekday	Romans 8:31b-39; Luke 13:31-35 9.30 a.m. Word & Communion
Friday 31st October Weekday	Romans 9:1-5; Luke 14:1-6 9.30 a.m. MASS <i>Day of Abstinence</i>
Saturday 1st November Weekday (Note that All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation, is transferred to Sunday, and All Souls to Monday)	Rom 11:1-2a.11-12.25-29; Luke 14:1.7-11 11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace 6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions) 6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday
Sunday 2nd November The Solemnity of All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation)	Rev 7:2-4.9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a 9.00 a.m. MASS <i>Refreshments after Mass</i> 11.00 a.m. MASS <i>Refreshments after Mass</i>

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:

Parking: please try to give priority to places nearest Church for people with restricted mobility. Thank you.

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 ...

Masses & Prayer Requests

Anniversaries: Colin Ramsden, Rita Swindells, George Andruszko, Tony Mulleeney, William & Margaret Doolan, Jo Gollcher.



Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

We pray this week for the people of Saint John Henry Newman's parish, Davyhulme and Urmston, and for Father Kieren Mullarkey, their parish priest, and Deacon John Walsh. We pray for their parish primary schools and for Saint Antony's High School.

National Cycle of Prayer

During Ordinary Time (Autumn) 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.

Holy Father's Intention (October)

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

THE WORD THIS WEEK

A few weeks ago (22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time) we had a Gospel about humility in social life - today we hear the Lord reiterating the message, but this time in reference to our prayer lives. The two Gospels are linked by the last words today, which also appear in the other story: "Everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted." This phrase is obviously a key part of our Lord's teaching! The sin of 'self-exaltation' consists in putting others in a lower place - as the Pharisee does to the tax collector. Perhaps the most telling phrase in today's Gospel is where Jesus refers to the Pharisee saying this prayer "to himself," rather than offering it to God! And since the Pharisee wasn't really talking to God, how could he expect to be heard?

NEWS AND NOTES

OCTOBER ROSARY

This month is traditionally devoted to the recitation of the Rosary. There's still one more week of October to go—we are reciting the Rosary after Mass on weekdays, and everyone is encouraged to "have a go" at this simple but profound type of prayer. We will be praying five mysteries of the Rosary after Mass on weekdays (Monday to Friday) throughout October: if you would like to lead, please sign up on the list in the porch.

BOOK 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 this **Sunday 26th October**.

NOVEMBER MASSES FOR THE DECEASED

In November we pray especially for the Holy Souls, and there are several Masses throughout the month: All Souls Day itself is this year transferred to **Monday 3rd November** (since we are celebrating All Saints on the 2nd), and there will be two Masses here that day at 9.30 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. There will be a Requiem Mass for deceased clergy on **Tuesday 18th November**. As well as these our First Friday Mass on **7th November** will also be a Requiem Mass—but celebrated in Latin: this will not be a "Tridentine" Mass, but the same Mass as usual. This might

be nostalgia for some, a curiosity for others, but it can remind us that Latin is still the "official" language of the Church! *There will be a short pronunciation and responses practice before Mass at 6.00 p.m.!*

CEMETERY MASS

I have booked Rochdale Cemetery Chapel for a Mass on **Saturday 15th November** at 11.00 a.m. This Mass will be offered for all resting in the Cemetery and all whose committal was at the Crematorium—all are welcome, and please let others know who might have family or friends buried there. The Chapel is small, so it may be an outside Mass for some—please dress for the weather!

GETTING TOGETHER

The next meeting is on **Tuesday 28th October** from 1.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. in the Parish Centre, with the usual hospitality, refreshments and raffle. This week we will be having a social with a Quiz and Bingo. Everyone is very welcome.

THE NIGHTINGALE SINGERS

Next **Saturday 1st November** at Bamford Chapel, Rochdale Catenians are organising a Choir Concert in aid of Petrus, featuring The Nightingale Singers. The Concert starts at 7.00 p.m. and there will be refreshments and a raffle. For Tickets please contact Graham on **0787 584 2218**.

S.V.P. YOUNG ADULTS

The next meeting of the S.V.P. Young Adults Group (18 to 35) will be in the parish centre at 7.30 p.m. on **Saturday 1st November**.

COMMUNION CHANGES

Starting on **8th November** we will be doing communion differently at Sunday Masses. As you probably know, our church is not best suited to movement at communion—especially for people who wish to take the chalice. So the new way of doing things will be in **sections**: the priest and minister with hosts will begin in the **centre** for people sitting in the two central sections of the Church, with ministers with the Precious Blood to left and right. **People in the "side" sections will be asked to wait patiently**: the priest and ministers will then MOVE to the sides (where they normally stand currently) to give communion to those people sitting at the sides. This will avoid people having to walk across queues to receive from the chalice or return to their places. Hopefully this will help make communion time more reverent, and also allow more people who so wish to consume the Precious Blood.

WOMEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

17: ABIGAIL

Last week we met King David's second wife, Michal, daughter of King Saul: he already had a first wife, Ahinoam, and today we meet his third wife, Abigail. This is a name that we are probably more familiar with, since Abigail has come down through the Bible story as a woman of beauty, fidelity, faith and wisdom. An Israelite woman, she was originally married to a man named Nabal, whose name means "Fool". He certainly seems to live up to that name: Abigail first meets David when Nabal has angered David, who arrives with troops to destroy him and his household. Without hesitation, Abigail rushes out and pleads for her husband, offering food and begging that David not shed blood in revenge, because God has promised him an "undying dynasty". David relents, raising Abigail's wisdom and thanking her for her intervention. Shortly after this Nabal dies, and David marries Abigail. A moment of peril comes when she and Ahinoam are captured by the Amalekites, before being rescued by David and his forces. They settle in Hebron, where Abigail bears David a son, called Chileab or Daniel. Later, when David becomes king and settles in Jerusalem, Abigail seems to disappear from the story—we do not know what happened to her. The only wife mentioned in Jerusalem is Michal,



though David is reported to have had many concubines. Even that was not enough for him, as we will hear next week ...
Left: Abigail pleads with David from an anonymous Medieval manuscript

Next Week: Bathsheba

DIOCESAN NOTES

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES - A MOMENT OF PRAYER

The Diocese of Salford's Laudato Si' Centre is inviting people to remember loved ones who have died in a special way this November with the return of its Memorial Service. Taking place on **Friday 7th November**, between 9.30-10.30 a.m., the memorial service provides a peaceful opportunity to remember and give thanks for our loved ones in the beauty of God's creation. Please register your interest and find out more by emailing:

laudatosi@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

"WORD ON FIRE" IN SALFORD - 'EVANGELISING THE CULTURE'

Join us for a thought-provoking evening as Bishop Robert Barron's "Word on Fire" program comes to Salford Cathedral, inviting us to explore how we can each play a part in bringing Christ's light to the world around us. The event will take place at 7:30pm on **Thursday 13th November** at the Cathedral Temporary Church, and refreshments will be served beforehand at 6:45 p.m. in the cloisters. Please book your place by emailing

enquiries@salfordcathedral.co.uk

or call **0161 817 2210**.

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE FOR LIVES CUT SHORT

There will be a Service of Remembrance for Lives Cut Short held at Manchester Cathedral next month, which will honour and commemorate those who have died as a result of homicide. Organised by the friends and families of those lost in this tragic way, the service will take place on **Monday 24th November** at 7.30 p.m. Any person wishing to commemorate a loved one by name as part of the service is invited to contact organiser Steve Williams on 0775 744 1377 or email st.gab.prest@gmail.com

ADVENT TALKS: REFLECTING ON "DILEXI TE"

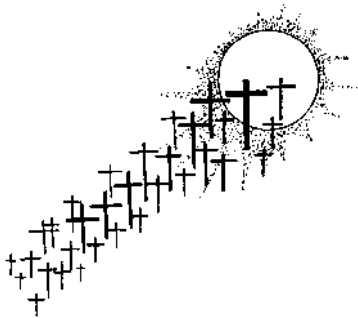
During Advent, we are pleased to be joined once again by Sister Joan Kerley and Maria Kidd for a series of talks reflecting on Pope Leo's Apostolic Exhortation "Dilexi Te". Join us every Tuesday between **25th November** and **16th December** as we consider how we welcome the birth of the Messiah into a world of multifaceted poverty. The venue for this year's talks will be Our Lady and Lancashire Martyrs Church Hall, M38 0DL, and will take place from 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.. Please email joankfmsj@gmail.com or phone **0793 481 6796** to register your interest.

MINISTERS NEXT WEEKEND	
Ministers of God's Word	
6.30	Caroline Dunne
9.00	Jacquie Williams
11.00	Edward Robakowski
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	
6.30	Bore Monka, Terence Moore, Monica Power
9.00	Cath Taylor, Elizabeth Ramsden, Deborah Holding
11.00	Pat Hoyle, Win McGhee, Catherine Wilson

NEXT SUNDAY'S GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

At that time: Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.'



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 by appointment. Please take an information leaflet from the porch and return the tear-off portion to arrange an interview. Do not make bookings before the interview. 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

First Holy Communion is normally in Year 3: families of children in Saint Vincent's Primary School have been contacted; otherwise please speak to Father James.

Confirmation is in Year 8—again children in Catholic High School will soon be invited directly, otherwise please have a word!

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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VIRTUOUS

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✠ STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY ✠