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**19th November 2017
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Day of Prayer for the Poor**

This new World Day, should become a powerful appeal to our consciences as believers, allowing us to grow in the conviction that sharing with the poor enables us to understand the deepest truth of the Gospel. The poor are not a problem: they are a resource from which to draw as we strive to accept and practise in our lives the essence of the Gospel. (Pope Francis)

Today: Mass 6.30pm (vigil), 9.00am and 11.00am.
Monday: Mass 9.30am.
Tuesday: Mass 9.30am. The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
Wednesday: Mass 9.30am. St. Cecilia.
Thursday: Mass 9.30am.
Friday: Mass 9.30am. St. Andrew Dung-Lac.
Saturday: Mass 12 noon. Confessions 12.30 – 1pm and 5.45 – 6.15pm.
Sunday: Mass 6.30pm (Saturday), 9.00am and 11.00am. Baptism 12 noon.

Baptisms: By appointment with Fr. Paul.
Marriage: According to diocesan ruling at least 6 months notice needs to be given.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament weekdays from 8.30 – 9.30am.

Readers:	6.30pm.	Annette Deacy.	Andy Finc.
next	9.00am.	Jacque Williams.	Elizabeth Ramsden.
weekend	11.00am.	Win McGhee.	Zoe Smeeton.

Collection: Thank you for £1113.60 last Sunday. (Gift Aid £505.62. Loose £607.98)

Retired Priest's Collection: Thank you for £694.95 in last weekend's retiring collection.

Counters: Group 3. **Church Cleaners:** Group D.

Toddlers: Wednesdays at 1.30pm. in the parish centre. All welcome.

Parish Centre: Please get in touch with Brian on 01706 357301 for bookings and further information etc.

Offertory Gift Rota: We are asking for volunteers, Children in Year 2 and above, and adults, to participate in the offertory procession bringing the gifts to the altar, at the 9am Sunday Mass. If you are interested in going on the rota then please contact Fiona Dunn (352240).

Christmas Cards: The piety stall at the back of church is now well stocked with Christmas Cards, Advent Calendars, statues and much more. They are very reasonably priced, and depict the true meaning of Christmas. Call in and have a look after Mass.

Choir Practice: At 7pm this evening (Sunday) we will be starting practicing for Christmas. These practices are open to all and will take place in church. Come and join us!

Universe: Sold at the back of church. In this week's is an article about Bishop John launching the B.O.B initiative here at St. Vincent's Parish Centre.

Deanery Prayer: This week we pray for Fr. Gaspar and parishioners at Holy Family, Kirkholt, Rochdale.

Sacramental Programme: Children, please remember to collect your work books from the sacristy after Mass today. Parents, If you have not already done so, your child's enrolment card must be left in the workbook when you next return it to church. Any child who is taking part in the Programme **MUST** return this form.

Ladies: The Ladies from St. Paul's, Norden, have very kindly invited you to a social evening on Thursday 7th December at 7.30pm. This will take place at St. Paul's Church Hall, Blackpits Road, Norden. To assist with catering could you please put your name on the list you will find on the notice board.

School Christmas Fair: 6 – 8pm next Friday in the school. All welcome.

Alpha Youth Series: A new series of films for teenagers - with food included - at Bamford Chapel from 6:00-7:30pm on Sundays 19th & 26 November, 3rd & 10th December. Notice at back of Church and see: www.alpha.org/alpha-youth-series/about Why not take a friend?

Basic IT Classes: For over 50's. Free course designed to help get to grips with modern technology such as tablet computers, smartphones and the internet. For more information contact GM CommunityDevCo Ltd 01706 631291. Please see notice board for further information.

Getting Together: Next meeting 21st November in the Parish Centre 12.45 - 2.45pm. Guest speaker is John Richards on MAF - Flying for Life, also raffle. Everyone welcome.

Traidcraft: Stall open after Sunday Masses in the Parish Centre. Fairtrade tea, coffee, chocolate, biscuits, jams, cereals and much more.

Caritas: Inspired by the Gospel, Caritas helps people in need across our diocese. Please see our latest newsletter, The Caritas Beacon on the noticeboard. Some copies also available at the back of church or see website <http://www.caritassalford.org.uk>

B.O.B: Bird or Bat Boxes available after Sunday Mass in the Parish Centre. Please support this excellent project. £10 per box (flat packed) £7.50 goes to Cafod World Gifts. Contact Graham Sivills 07875842218 to order.

Journeying with Advent Families: Join us at Wardley Hall for our Advent series: 10.30am – 12.30pm.

1st December: Ruth, Naomi and Boaz: Promise Foretold

8th December: Zechariah, Elizabeth and John the Baptist: Promise Foreshadowed

15th December: Mary, Joseph and Jesus: Promised Fulfilled

Contact Marie Sartini, Bishop's PA; 0161 794 2825 E: Marie.sartini@dioceseofsalford.org.uk

Aid to the Church in Need Red Wednesday: Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) are asking parishes to join the ACN's #Red Wednesday campaign this year to Stand Up for Faith and Freedom in solidarity with Christians and others who are persecuted for their faith. On Wednesday 22 November, ACN is inviting UK Christians to wear an item of red clothing and churches/secular buildings (where possible) to light up red to shine a light on the nature and scale of persecution today.

The Word This Week: We must be very careful that the real point of today's first reading is not washed away in genuine concerns over what one can and cannot say about the responsibilities of spouses. This is not, in fact, a recipe for the perfect wife, but an illustration, from one age, of the virtue of fully employing the talents God gives us. Some things are timeless, such as holding out a hand to the poor, while other talents shift and change. The point is that all of us are gifted in varying ways and degrees: none of us should begrudge anyone else their talents, for fear that we overlook our own. We work wisely and well, looking forward to the master's return, when we can hand over to him not just what he gave us, but also the fruits that our labours have gained.