

SUNDAY PLUS

Shared love

Reach out

By James Gallogly



St Vincent de Paul is alive and well in spirit in our prison, if not as formally as a world of scrutiny and evidence would like. His statue looks down benignly from a corner of the chapel, a constant inspiration and call to alms. Challenging us to "love one another" as Jesus did is a tough one at the best of times especially where there are examples of this being flagrantly abandoned.

The call to love, however, is heard in the most inconspicuous of places and where least expected. In the recognition of another's pain, loss and despair the men are continually reaching out to one another; listening over a brew, gifting a shower gel on arrival or a vape at bad news, can all start the process that "will wipe away the tears from their eyes".



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Efforts to develop St Vincent de Paul confraternities within our prison was a stop-start affair. We were blessed by the commitment and vigour of our first president. He was acutely aware that there are many hardships before entering the kingdom of God and owned his part in them. He provided a wonderful example of what can be achieved when putting others first.

Just as the early apostles sought to put "fresh heart" into the new disciples, so my colleagues and I provide endless encouragement to our flock. We share the boundless love that God has for each and every one of us in the hope that tired, troubled and restless hearts can embrace the good news.

Lord of love, sometimes I don't feel very loving and caring towards others and I'd much rather look after my own comfort and convenience. Help me to look beyond myself and teach me to be generous. 🙏 Amen.

Unselfish love

By Sr Janet Fearn FMDM

You might not remember the 2016 World Triathlon Series in Cozumel, Mexico, but you might well remember seeing the news coverage of triathlete Alistair Brownlee, stopping in his tracks when his brother Jonathan (Jonny) – then in the lead – staggered, ready to collapse with the effects of sunstroke and exhaustion. Alistair could have easily continued running, to win the race. Instead, he

stopped, pulled Jonny's arm across his own shoulder and almost carried him to the finishing line, a few hundred metres ahead. On reaching their shared goal, Alistair pushed Jonny into second place, happily taking the third place for himself.

Love will do extraordinary things which are often unplanned, spontaneous and without counting the cost. The Brownlee brothers afterwards joked about what had happened. If asked, they might have shrugged off their example of their love for each other and yet, there it was for the whole world to see. Love is real. Love is unselfish.

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Be men and women with others and for others, real champions in the service of others.

Pope Francis

Jubilee 2025: Pilgrims of Hope 16-18 May: Jubilee of Confraternities



You have a specific and important mission, that of keeping alive the relationship between the faith and the cultures of the peoples to whom you belong. You do this through popular piety. When, for example, you carry the crucifix in procession with such great veneration and love for the Lord, you are not performing a simple outward act; you are pointing to the centrality of the Lord's paschal mystery, his passion, death and resurrection which have redeemed us, and you are reminding yourselves first, as well as the community, that we have to follow Christ along the concrete path of our daily lives so that he can transform us... You express this faith, born of hearing the word of God, in ways that engage the senses, the emotions and the symbols of the different cultures ... In doing so you help to transmit it to others, and especially the simple persons whom, in the Gospels, Jesus calls "the little ones".

Pope Francis

Today: Acts 14: 21-27 Revelation 21: 1-5a John 13: 31-33a, 34-35	Monday: Acts 14:5-18 John 14:21-26	Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28 John 14:27-31a	Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6 John 15:1-8	Thursday: Acts 15:7-21 John 15:9-11	Friday: Acts 15:22-31 John 15:12-17	Saturday: Acts 16:1-10 John 15:18-21	Next Sunday: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Revelation 21:10-17, 22-23 John 14:23-29
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5th Sunday of Easter Sunday 18th May 2025

The Word This Week

We are now closer to Ascension and Pentecost than Easter, but we are still in the Easter Season. The readings this Sunday begin to move us along too, as once more we hear the Lord at the Last Supper preparing his disciples for his departure: he does this by giving them a rule to live by, a new commandment. This commandment, "love one another", is to be the guiding light of the community of believers after Pentecost (check the first reading for the Second Sunday of Easter) – it is the risen Lord's parting gift to his Church.

Congratulations to all the children of our parish who will be making their First Holy Communion this weekend



08.05.2025

Prayer upon the election of a new Pope

Let us pray for Leo, our Pope.

May the Lord protect him and

grant him length of days.

May the Lord be his shield and

deliver him from all harm.

May the Lord give him

happiness and peace

all the days of his life.

Amen.



Mass Times 18th May		
Sunday 18th May	Vigil - Saturday 3rd May	4pm - Leonard Scanlon (BM)
	Sunday Morning	11am - Parish
Monday 19th	Mass 9.30	John Kelly (A)
Tuesday 20th	No Mass	
Wednesday 21st	Mass 9.30	Patrick Delaney (A)
Thursday 22nd	Mass 6.30pm	Michael Price (LD)
Friday 23rd	Mass 9.30	Forgotten Souls
Saturday 24th	Vigil Mass	4pm— Tom Lally
Sunday 18th	Mass	11am— Parish
Saturday & Sunday	Sacrament of Reconciliation	Available 30 minutes prior to the start of Mass

Mass Offerings

Sister Magdalen (LD); Thomas Joseph Green (A, 9th June);
Veronice Byrne (A); Clive Neill (BM); Patricia Farnworth (RIP); Tom Lally (LD); Forgotten Souls

(Please obtain permission from any living beneficiary of a Mass offering before sending it in.)

Please note, All Mass Intentions that are being received are currently being passed toe Fr Laurence to be said on our behalf, as we have no available Masses until June

Vigil Mass; 4pm St Mary’s, Denton ; 5pm St Josephs, Reddish; and 6.30pm Holy Family, Dane Bank
Sunday Morning; 9am St Joseph’s, Reddish; 10am Holy Family, Dane Bank and 11am St Mary’s, Denton

Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse

Every year the Church in England and Wales keeps the Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter as the Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Abuse. This year it falls on Tuesday 20th May. There is an open invitation to people to gather with Bishop John for Mass on Tuesday at 6pm at St. Patrick’s church, Livesey St, Manchester to pray for all who are survivors or victims of abuse. Members of parish safeguarding teams are particularly invited.



Altar Prayer Candles

Our Seven Day Candles can be lit next to the Sanctuary, Our Lady’s Altar and The Sacred Heart Statue at St Mary’s. To dedicate a candle for your own intentions please pick up a green form at the back of church and return in an envelope with your donation. This is another way for your special intentions to be remembered and prayed for in the Parish.



Red Mission Boxes

Any Parishioners who have a red mission box please bring them in to be emptied. The Mill Hill Fathers rely on the money raised from these boxes to finance their missionary work overseas and very much appreciate your support and generosity. Thank you, Paula & Dorothy



Email Address.

We are in the process of bringing in a new Parish Email address, **rcdenton@dioceseofsalford.org.uk**. This is a more secure address and will start to be rolled out over he next few weeks



What's coming up in your

Parish



May

21st WED - 6.30pm Faith In Action Meeting

28th WED- 6.30pm Scripture course

June

4th & 5Th WED/THUR 7pm Film Night – Peter & Paul (3hrs – 1.5 each night)

12th THUR – 7pm Scripture Course

18th WED – 6.30pm Faith in Action Meeting

July

3rd THUR – 7pm Scripture Course

9th WED – 7pm Film Night – Remember the Titans (PG) 2hrs

August

7th THUR - 7pm Scripture Course

13th WED – 7pm Film Night – Seabiscuit (PG) 2hr 20min

GIFT AID - Boost your offering!

If you are on the Gift Aid scheme and you have not completed a Gift Aid donation form in the **last 12 Months**, could you please contact the Parish Office and request a form.. The Diocese are introducing a new system for this new Tax Year which enables the Parishes to claim their Gift Aid donation back from the government, on a quarterly basis, rather than annually. For this new system, we are required to upload an **up to date** Gift Aid donation form for every parishioner who has been signed up onto the Gift Aid Donation scheme, If you require a form, or you are not sure when you last completed a form, please speak to the Parish Office.

Salford Diocese Information

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Ladyewell

Join us for a prayerful pilgrimage this summer as we visit Our Lady's shrine at Ladyewell. Situated on the doorstep of our diocese, this day pilgrimage presents a wonderful opportunity to take up the Jubilee call to pilgrimage without travelling too far away from home. The pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 28th June. For more information and to register, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/ladyewell-pilgrimage-2025>

Diocesan Youth Ministry Pilgrimages

Our diocesan youth ministry team is organising two fantastic pilgrimage opportunities, led by Bishop John, for young people in Years 7, 8, and 9. The first pilgrimage will take place on Saturday 3 May with a pilgrimage to Walsingham, in conjunction with our main diocesan pilgrimage. The second is a pilgrimage to The Holy Island of Lindisfarne, taking place between 20-22 June. Find out more and register at <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/youth/ministry/prayer-and-pilgrimage>

Mercy in the Holy Year

The Diocese of Salford has produced a number of resources to help us learn more about the theme of mercy and reconciliation in the Jubilee Year, including an FAQ sheet on Plenary Indulgences. To find out more, please visit <https://dioceseofsalford.org.uk/plenary-indulgences>

Whit Walk

The annual Manchester and Salford Ecumenical Whit Walk is set to return for another year of prayerful celebration.

Taking place on Monday 26th May, the walk will begin at 9:30am from Manchester Cathedral Gardens, and the group will process to St Peter’s Square for an Act of Worship.

Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome to attend!

