

FRIDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2026

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Highlights

On Thursday, Class 4s celebrated class Mass in church. Behaviour and singing was, as always, exceptional. Our Gospel theme for this week was accepting God's 'invitation' to the Kingdom of Heaven. Children reflected on how they can make time in their busy lives, such as talking to God through prayer or showing kindness and respect to others.

All our pupil leadership groups have now been elected and they will receive their badges soon. The British Values Ambassadors have already been busy, making posters around school to highlight how the 'rule of law' keeps us all safe.

Important Messages

Next week we have an exciting combination of Black History Month, and Design & Technology Week. Each class will be focussing on an important historical figure for Black History Month. Each class will then be creating a hat design based on that famous figure to present to the rest of the school in Assembly on Friday 23rd October.

Please can we ask pupils to bring in any spare cardboard or materials that they can use to create their hats in class next week.

Our Autumn / Winter lunch menu is now available to order via School Grid. Please place orders at least a week in advance to allow for ordering of ingredients.

Award Winners

Achievement Awards

AJ (RS), Arthur (RV), Lucca (1/2S), Peyton-Bree (1/2V), Zachary (1/2P), Heidi (3S), Elsie-May (3V), Maisie (4S), Maheera (4V), Freddie (5/6S), Gabriel (5/6V), Abraham (5/6P)

Values Awards

River (RS), Poppy (RV), Sienna (1/2S), Samuel (1/2V), Elsie (1/2P), Ida (3S), Skye (3V), Conor (4S), Mahnoor (4V), Gabriel (5/6S), Liam (5/6V), Sapphire (5/6P)

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October - PTA pumpkin competition entries to be brought in with £1 donation

Wednesday 21st October - Winners announced for PTA pumpkin competition

Wednesday 21st October - Year 1-2 Teddy Bear's Picnic More Information to follow

Thursday 22nd Oct - Parents Evening 15:30 to 19:00 Appointments are available to book on Arbor

Friday 23rd Oct 15:10 - School closes for Half term

Monday 2nd November Flu Vaccination Catch Up Session

Friday 6th November Reception Stay and Play 13:00 - 14:30

Attendance

Whole School 94%

RS 92%, RV 98%,

1/2S 96%, 1/2V 96%, 1/2P 97%,
3S 92%, 3V 86%, 4S 91%, 4V 95%,
5/6S 94%, 5/6V 94%, 5/6P 92%



Winter Menu 2026

Week 1

Monday

Chicken Shawarma Wrap

Cheese Pizza Slice (V)

Served with Seasoned Potatoes & Vegetables

Sticky Pineapple & Ginger Cake

Homemade Biscuit

Tuesday

Chicken & Gravy

Vegan Sausage & Gravy (V)

Served with Creamy Mash & Fresh Greens

Carrot Cake

Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday

Meat & Potato Pie with Roasted Beetroot

Katsu Crispy Quorn Strips with Steamed Coriander Rice (V)

Bread & Butter Pudding

Chewy Flapjack

Thursday

Meatballs with a Tomato & Herb Sauce & Rice

Baked Lemon and Herb Pollock

Served with Garlic Roasted Potatoes & Steamed Broccoli

Orange Drizzle Sponge

Individual Jelly Pot

Friday

Oven Baked Fish Fingers with Dipping Sauce

Lentil Dahl and Warm Bread (V)

Served with Potato Cubes & Roasted Vegetables

Iced Chocolate and Banana Muffin

Homemade Biscuit

Week 2

Monday

Pulled Chicken Sandwich

Sweetcorn and Red Pepper Pizza (V)

Served with Homemade Wedges & Seasonal Vegetables

Rice Pudding & Fruit Compote

Homemade Biscuit

Tuesday

Chilli Con Carne with Mixed Pepper Golden Rice

Crispy Fish Bites with Garlic Mayo

Served with Parsley Potatoes & Peas

Baked Raspberry Cheesecake

Individual Jelly Pot

Wednesday

Sausage Patties

Vegetarian Sausage Patties (V)

Served with Omelette, Baked Beans & Potato Waffles

Layered Fruit & Granola Parfait

Chewy Flapjack

Thursday

Chicken Korma, Pilaff Rice & Naan Bread

Tasty Fishcakes

Served with Roasted Potatoes & Peas

Steamed Apple Sponge & Custard

Strawberry Mousse

Friday

Homemade Cheese & Onion Pie (V)

Hot Honey Vegan Fillet Strips & Broccoli Cous Cous (V)

Served with Homemade Wedges & Baked Beans

Warm Apple Pie & Custard

Homemade Biscuit

Week 3

Monday

Meat Feast Pizza

Cheese & Tomato Pizza (V)

Served with Fries & Side

Arctic Roll with Poached Strawberries & Smashed Meringue

Homemade Biscuit

Tuesday

Chicken Karahi with Cumin Rice

Crispy Coated Salmon & Noodle Plate

Lightly Spiced Fruit Salad

Strawberry Mousse

Wednesday

Beef Cottage Pie Topped with Sliced Potato

Vegetarian Ravioli Parcels with a Tomato & Herb Sauce (V)

Served with Homemade Focaccia & Broccoli Floret

Chocolate Brownie

Chewy Flapjack

Thursday

Fresh Kitchen Roast Dinner

Fresh Kitchen Vegetarian Roast Dinner (V)

Served with Crispy Roast Potatoes & Chunky Roots

Peach & Raspberry Cobbler & Custard

Individual Jelly Pot

Friday

Smoky BBQ Veggie Melt (V)

Cauliflower Cheese Flaky Pastry Pie (V)

Served with Garlic and Herb Sliced New Potatoes & Peas

Apple & Cinnamon Waffle with Whipped Cream

Homemade Biscuit

Jacket Potatoes with a Choice of Fillings, Various Sandwiches and Hot Pasta (Plain or with a Tomato & Basil Sauce) Served Daily

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SUNDAY NEWSLETTER 18th October 2026

THE TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (A)

At Saint Vincent's This Week ...

Twenty Ninth Week of Ordinary Time (Cycle II; Psalter Week 1)

Monday 19th October

Saint Paul of the Cross, priest [Optional Memorial]

Ephesians 2:1-11; Luke 12:13-21

9.30 a.m. Word & Communion

Tuesday 20th October

Weekday

Ephesians 2:12-22; Luke 12:35-38

9.30 a.m. MASS

Wednesday 21st October

Weekday

Ephesians 3:2-12; Luke 12:39-48

9.30 a.m. MASS

Thursday 22nd October

Saint John Paul II, Pope [Optional Memorial]

Ephesians 3:14-21; Luke 12:49-53

9.30 a.m. MASS

Friday 23rd October

Day of Abstinence

Saint John of Capistrano [Optional Memorial]

Ephesians 4:1-6; Luke 12:54-59

9.30 a.m. MASS

Saturday 24th October

Saint Antony Mary Claret, Bishop [Optional Memorial]

Ephesians 4:7-16; Luke 13:1-9

11.00 a.m. MASS for Peace

12.00 noon Baptisms

6.00 p.m. Sacrament of Penance (Confessions)

6.30 p.m. First MASS of Sunday

**REMEMBER: CLOCKS GO
BACK ONE HOUR AT 2.00 a.m.**

Sunday 25th October

Thirty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Exodus 22:21-27; 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10; Matthew 22:34-30

9.00 a.m. MASS Refreshments after Mass

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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 car park 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.

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

The Word This Week

Everyone on this earth belongs to God. All are made in God's image. Therefore it is right that all men and women, 'from the rising to the setting of the sun', should know the God to whom they belong. The only desire of our God is that all should know and love God, and find in God the fulfilment that they seek. Even a pagan king like Cyrus is used to further this knowledge of God - just as Jesus uses Caesar's head to make the point again: all belong to God, and the mission of all who acknowledge that belonging is to help others to find it. This is exactly what we see Paul, Silvanus and Timothy doing, as they write to the people of Thessalonika. to whom they carried the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In our prayers ...

Masses & Prayer Requests

Recently Deceased: Daniel Hill, Sarah Clintons, Barbara Cave.

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.

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

During the coming week we hold in prayer the people of the parish of Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Gregory the Great, Farnworth, Father David Chinnery, their parish priest, for their parish primary schools and for Mount Saint Joseph's High School. We also pray for Father Bob Hayes and the chaplaincy to the Royal Bolton Hospital.

Holy Father's Intention (October)

For mental health ministry: Let us pray that the mental health ministry be established throughout the Church, helping to overcome the stigma and discrimination of persons with mental illnesses.

News and Notes

World Mission Sunday

Mission belongs to the entire Church. Every baptized person is called to share God's love through prayer, generosity, and witness. Inspired by the dedication of missionaries around the world, we continue working together so that the message of Christ may reach every community, especially those most in need. This is Pope Leo's prayer for this, the 100th World Mission Sunday: **"Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to**

the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures. Bless all missionary men and women, support them in their efforts, and watch over them in hope! Mary, Queen of Missions, accompany our work of evangelization in every corner of the earth: make us instruments of peace, and grant that the whole world may recognize in Christ the light that saves. Amen." World Mission Sunday features the only collection mandated in the Church's canon law, because it's essential to the Church's carrying out the mission Jesus entrusted to us to proclaim the Gospel to all people and nations. What's raised on World Mission Sunday is used to make possible the heroic work of missionary bishops, priests, religious sisters, and lay catechists who labour, sometimes under threat of death, to share our faith. It helps build churches, seminaries, convents, and catechetical centres. It provides for basic needs like transport, food, and shelter. It helps pass on the faith to children and to their parents. Nowhere is this reality more vivid than in a place like Mongolia. This is one of the youngest Catholic communities on earth. If you don't count the occasional forays by missionaries in times long past, Mongolia has only had a stable Catholic community for just over 30 years. It was in 1992, following the fall of communism, that three Catholic missionary priests arrived from Italy. At the time, there were zero Catholics except them. But today, thanks to the hard work of these missionaries, supported in large part by World Mission Sunday, about fifty Mongolians a year have become Catholic. As of Easter Sunday, there are exactly 1,575 baptized Catholics in a nation of over 3.5 million people. The Church in Mongolia is the missionary frontier in the fullest sense, and most of this work has been made possible by the support the missionaries receive from abroad, especially World Mission Sunday. The first three missionaries, and the two dozen or so missionaries who have followed after them, are literally building the Church from scratch. Even today, the first seminary is still in its planning stages, and the first native priest was ordained only in 2016. These Catholics are in the exhilarating but fragile phase of first-generation faith. **There will be a retiring collection for the Missions after Masses this weekend, please as generous as always! Thank you.**

Tabletop Sale

It has been suggested that we have a tabletop sale to help raise funds for Church (especially to face our heating bills in winter - more on that to come!) We would offer tables in the Parish Centre for anyone to "rent" and sell their goods, as well as a big Parish table for any goods you can donate for us to sell! Two things will be needed - a few volunteers to run the day, and a lot of advertising to generate sellers and

especially buyers! I am thinking of a Saturday mid-November – if you could help out, please pop your name on the list in the porch.

The Holy Rosary

October is the month of the Holy Rosary, so as usual we will continue to recite five mysteries of the rosary after Mass and services from Monday to Friday each week. Leaflets explaining the Rosary and how to pray it are available in the porch, and rosaries can easily be obtained online.

Nightingales Concert

Rochdale Catenians are organising a fundraising Choir Concert in aid of Springhill Hospice. The concert features the ever popular Nightingale Singers with a very varied programme. Cost £12.00 including refreshments (children and students free). It will be next **Saturday 24th October** at 7.30 p.m. (right after evening Mass.)

Book of the Names of the Dead

We will be reprinting the book near the organ in time for All Souls' Day: all the names currently in the book will be included, but I am inviting you to propose new names to be remembered. They do not have to have been parishioners here at Saint Vincent's, but any family or friends you wish to be remembered. Please fill in the little form available by the book before next **Sunday 25th October**, so that the new book can be ready for All Souls' Day.

Women of the New Testament 3: The Prophetess Anna

It should come as no surprise that most of the women from the Gospels that we will encounter in this series are given to us by Saint Luke: he seems to give women a special place in the story of Jesus' birth, ministry, death and resurrection! We have already encountered two women who act as prophets – Mary and Elizabeth – and today we meet a third. Anna in the Temple in Jerusalem is explicitly described as a prophet in Luke 2:36. While we do not exactly know how this gift of prophecy was manifested, Luke gives us some fascinating backstory: Anna was married for seven years before being widowed, after which she dedicated her life completely to God and never left the Temple – perhaps for some sixty years! Her prophetic message is that this child Jesus, who has just been presented, is the answer to the promises of the Old Testament – the One who will “redeem Jerusalem.” At the age of 84, she has been faithfully waiting for this moment for decades. She fades from the story as quickly as she emerges, but we can be sure that her final days were filled with joy that she had seen the promised Messiah! Her example is patience and trust, that she would see the fulfilment of God's promise.

Next week: The Bride of Cana.

Marriage Matters

We all need each other: The Pharisees tried to trap Jesus: He told them to give to Caesar what belongs to him, “and to God what belongs to God”. The world tells us to look after ourselves and not to need others. As married couples, we know that we are made by God for one another, not needy but needing to give of ourselves entirely.

Diocesan Notes

Big Sleep Out

Caritas Salford invite you to join people from across our diocese in ‘The Big Sleep Out’ to raise funds for hundreds of people in our area currently experiencing homelessness. So dust off your sleeping bag and get ready to wrap up warm whilst we spend the night in the great outdoors for a great cause. For more information and to register please click the following link: www.caritassalford.org.uk/BSO

Call for Research Participants

Caritas Salford is carrying out new research into how the cost of living and financial difficulties impact people in, and connected to, our parishes and schools. The research will help to better understand people's experiences, and to inform and shape their campaigning work too. If anyone in your parish would be willing to be interviewed sensitively about their own experiences, please contact Annabeth Taylor at a.taylor@caritassalford.org.uk for more information. All information shared will be treated confidentially and used anonymously.

The Sacraments

Home Communions

Brenda Robinson is our Coordinator for Home Communions: if you or a relative find yourself housebound for some 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 & First Holy Communion

Registration for Holy Communion in 2027 has now begun: if you have a baptised Roman Catholic child in Year 3 and not in a Catholic school please speak to Father James. Confirmation is in Year 8—more information on Confirmation 2027 will come soon.

Care and Concern

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 Fruit Juice, Rice, Toothpaste, Shampoo, Treats, Coffee. More details at rochdalefoodbank.org.uk

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: 8049 2523 Sort Code: 20.55.34

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!

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 email PresidentD111410@svp.org.uk. Please also remember that donations to the SVP can made at any time through the 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!

Next Sunday's Gospel

Matthew 22:34-40

At that time: When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 'Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?' And he said to him, 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.'

Sunday Gospel Wordsearch

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PHARISEES	TRAP	DISCIPLES
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MALICE	TAX	HYPOCRITES
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✠ STAY WITH US, LORD, ON OUR JOURNEY ✠