

GROUPS AND CONTACTS AT ST. VINCENT'S PARISH

ST. VINCENT'S PARISH DIRECTORY

Welcome to St. Vincent's. Whether you have been a parishioner for many years or have just started coming along you may be wondering what groups currently exist in the parish, or who is responsible for a particular area – if so, we hope that this booklet will provide the answers.

Furthermore, you may be looking to get more involved in parish life. You will see from this booklet that there are a wide range of groups already active. All of them would be keen to welcome new members and participants. To get more information on any of the activities, and to find out how you may be able to help, please use the contacts given (all phone numbers are Sheffield unless indicated otherwise). If no contact name or details are given for a particular area, please contact Fr Paddy in the first instance.

Our parish functions as a vibrant and outward-looking community as a result of parishioners like yourself taking on responsibilities and getting involved, so please take the plunge and find out more.

This is the first time we have compiled such a list, so it is possible that we have missed some groups or responsibilities which could be usefully added; or that we have made some mistakes in the existing text. If so please let us know so we can amend future editions. You can contact Fr Paddy or Dominic Rice, at church or using the details below:

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Fr Patrick Walsh: crookes@catholicweb.com; tel: 2680716

The information in this booklet is also available on the St. Vincent's parish website:

www.stvincentschurch.com

UNION OF CATHOLIC MOTHERS (UCM)

"The Mothers" have met in St. Vincent's Parish since the early 1900s. Currently members meet in the hall each Wednesday evening after the evening mass. The meetings involve: prayer; organising fundraising and social events; discussions; organising visits to the sick and housebound parishioners; etc. St. Vincent's Foundation members attend Diocesan meetings, study days, retreats and the National UCM Annual pilgrimage to Walsingham.

They were first known as the Guild of St. Anne and met in the Parish hall on Monday afternoons before collecting their children from school. When the Chapel of Ease opened on School Road, Crookes, Sr. Agnes, a Daughter of Charity suggested that mothers from Crookes and Walkley (St Joseph's) should join the National organisation of the Union of Catholic Mothers. This was in 1958 and the group has met on a regular basis ever since. The number of members has dropped since those early days but 14 members still meet each Wednesday evening after mass.

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	Theresa Finnigan (Secretary)	tel: 2664457	Philther@Philip22.plus.com
	Kath Hunt (Treasurer)	tel: 2667654	

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S SOCIETY (CMS)

The Catholic Men's Society, established in 1854, is the oldest Catholic lay society in Great Britain. The object of the Society is the continual formation of its members spiritually, so that each may better fulfil his Christian vocation within the parish and the world. The aim is to be achieved through regular meetings and four special works or 'promotions': the Mass; planned study discussions; retreats; and community service. There is a St. Vincent's branch of the Society in Sheffield.

Contact:	Mick Howell (parish contact)	tel: 07963 263560	mickhowellswfc@gmail.com
	John Dempsey (Chair)	tel: 07828 558426	snhoj01@sky.com
	Hugh Finnigan (Secretary)	tel: 2341232	hughfinnigan@googlemail.com

ST. JUSTIN SOCIETY

The St. Justin group was established over 40 years ago to help the parish of St. Vincent to support people in developing countries. The group meets every two months (Friday, 7pm) at St. Vincent's. Events to raise funds are organised throughout the year and money is distributed to projects in developing countries via personal contacts. The society distributes the money raised as soon as possible so that it gets to those in need in countries such as Ethiopia and Kenya. Recent events include themed international evenings, concerts, coffee mornings and stalls at the Christmas bazaar. Coffees after the Sunday 9:30am mass raise money for St. Justin's each week. If anyone would like to help organise a social event to raise funds please come along to a meeting or get in touch with one of the committee members.

Contact:	Marcelle Mattli (chair)	tel: 2759348	
	Marie Miller (secretary)	tel: 2683202	millerbolehills@gmail.com
	Steve Foley (treasurer)	tel: 2305254	spfoley@tiscali.co.uk

ST. VINCENT'S PANTOMIME PLAYERS

This is a group of people of the parish - of all ages - who volunteer to put on a pantomime each year, usually some time in February. The commitments are 5 rehearsals and 3 performances, during January and February. The aim is to create a good social occasion and to raise money for charity. If you can't be in it, come and support the show.

Contact: Pete & Pauline Delamere tel: 2682234 delamerep@hotmail.co.uk
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FINANCE GROUP

The Finance Committee is a small group of parishioners and members of the wider Church community who assist Father Paddy in managing the Parish's finances and property. The Committee meets on a regular basis to review the Parish's accounts, set a budget, consider proposed items of expenditure and assist Father Paddy with any other legal or financial matters that arise from time to time. The Committee works also closely with Father Paddy and the Diocesan Trustees to manage and develop the Parish's land and property, including the Church at Pickmere Road, St Michael's Cemetery and the Mission Hub at Solly Street.

Contact: James Walters tel: 07874 004983 jmwalters777@gmail.com
Dominic Baster tel: 07748 982521 dbaster@yahoo.com

MUSIC GROUP (Sunday morning mass)

This group contributes to the liturgy at the Sunday 9:30 mass, playing and singing for the sung parts of the liturgy and hymns. All ages contribute, and both instrumentalists and singers of any standard are welcome. The music is planned by the co-ordinator several weeks in advance, and the schedule for the next few weeks is sent to members of the group. You do not have to commit to coming every week to join the group. They practice on Sunday at 9am, half an hour before mass. They also sometimes contribute to other parish events, such as weddings or specific concerts.

Contact: Theresa Rice tel: 2665373 domtheresa.rice@gmail.com

MINISTERS AT MASS: READERS, OFFERTORY, COMMUNION

Lay ministers make an essential contribution to Sunday mass, and to weekday masses. There is a weekly rota for the Sunday 9:30 mass, which covers: Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and the Offertory procession. Similar is organised for the 6pm mass.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: These ministers assist the priest in distributing communion during mass, under both kinds. Some ministers also take communion to the sick of the parish. Training and commissioning are organised for those becoming communion ministers, either by the diocese or the parish. This comprises both initial training for those taking up the ministry for the first time, as well as up-date sessions for existing ministers. Communion ministers should be re-commissioned every 4 years or so, and this is usually done within the parish at one of the Sunday masses.

Readers (Ministry of the Word): These ministers read the first and second readings, and the bidding prayers at mass (and sometimes the Psalm, if it is not sung). Training is arranged now and again for readers, both at deanery and parish level. In St. Vincent's we have also arranged commissioning services for readers in the past, as part of Sunday mass, to emphasise the importance of the ministry.

Contact: Kate Smith tel: 07799 288369 katefleur@googlemail.com
Ellen Coefield tel: 07764 514807

CONFIRMATION

We aim to run the confirmation programme each Autumn on Sunday evenings from 7-8pm - depending on demand. Covering a variety of topics in an interactive and (hopefully) engaging way, we give the young people a chance to consider their decision to become mature members of the church. Candidates should be aged Year 9 and above.

Contact: Russell Brynes tel: 07775 573443 russellbrynes@gmail.com
Kathleen Baster tel: 07950 541757 kathleenbaster@yahoo.com

SACRISTAN: GROUP OF HELPERS

The sacristan role is currently carried out by a group of people, who between them ensure that everything is prepared for mass, as well as tidying up afterwards. Tasks include: washing the vestments and linen (such as altar cloths, cassocks, purificators, finger towels, corporals); sewing; cleaning the brasses and chalices; maintaining and sorting the candles; preparing the altar; putting things away after mass.

Contact: Wyn Mara tel: 2681289
Helen Williams tel: 2663111 helen@vinvanvin.com
Christine Hopewell tel: 2667468

FLOWERS

This very small group maintains flower arrangements in the church throughout the year; they also decorate the church for major feasts, weddings, First Holy Communion and Confirmation days, etc.

Contact: Theresa Finnigan tel: 2664457 Philther@Philip22.plus.com

PLAYGROUP

The parish playgroup meets at St. Vincent's on Mondays from 12:00. It is an opportunity for mums - and dads and grandparents as well - to catch up over a cuppa while our children play. It is a very informal arrangement but it has led to the children making friendships that have continued through to school. If you would like to join us, please come and bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and conversation are provided.

Contact: Nicole Jones tel: 07946 712776 nicolejones299@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LIBRARY (in church)

The parish has a wonderful selection of religious books available for children to look through during Mass. Older children may like to borrow a book to read during the week - please use one of our beautifully decorated bags and don't forget to bring the book back.

Contact: Kathleen Baster tel: 07950 541757 kathleenbaster@yahoo.com

YOUTH GROUP

Run by the University Catholic Chaplaincy, the Youth Group meets on the first and third Saturday of the month in the hall from 4 - 6pm (term-time). We play lots of games and different activities each time - like pizza or smoothie making, acting, sports and challenges. £1 contribution and suitable for Year 6 and above. All welcome but please let us know you are coming so we can notify you of any cancellations.

Contact: Kathleen Baster tel: 07950 541757 kathleenbaster@yahoo.com

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY

Inspired by the works of St John Paul II, we have studied this teaching on "God's plan for love" in a variety of ways - video courses, speakers & studying Vatican documents with discussion. We also run short courses in other parishes.

Contact: Louise Walters tel: 07446 020710 louisemm.walters@gmail.com

SAFEGUARDING

The role of the parish safeguarding representatives is to be the contact for safeguarding at the local level, helping to maintain a safeguarding awareness at all times. They have specific responsibility for promoting safe practices in all activities involving children, young people and vulnerable adults within the parish, group or congregation. With a sound knowledge of the policies and procedures, they understand who to contact in specific circumstances and are the link between the parish, their organizations, the Diocese and the Commission.

Parish safeguarding reps: Russell Byrnes tel: 07775 573443 russellbrynes@gmail.com
Catherine Evans tel: 07986 202772 evs.catherine60@gmail.com

DEANERY JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP (Sheffield Deanery Mission, Justice & Peace, Ecumenism, Cafod)

This group invites representation from all the Sheffield Deanery parishes to share their work or concerns regarding Justice and Peace (J&P) issues. It keeps abreast of local, national and global initiatives, and encourages support across parishes. The deanery meetings are quarterly; items from the meetings are shared with the St. Justin's Group who at present act as an umbrella for J&P matters within St. Vincent's parish. If any parishioner is interested in a specific J&P issue please get in touch. Future plans within the parish include making progress on subjects addressed in Laudato Sí and by the Cafod parish Live Simply award.

Contacts: Columba Timmins tel: 2661411 heavygate@aol.com

MOTHERS' PRAYERS

A small group of women meet once a month to pray for children (of any age) in their lives - finding comfort in offering their concerns and worries to Jesus's tender care. They meet for about an hour in members' homes.

Contact: Catherine Livingston tel: 07847 180475 cathlivingston123@yahoo.co.uk

LECTIO DIVINA

This group currently meets in church each Thursday evening, 7-8pm. The purpose is to read and reflect on the Gospel reading for the coming Sunday, sharing insights, followed by prayer and a hymn or two.

Contact: Catherine Evans tel: 07986 202772 evs.catherine60@gmail.com

REPOSITORY

The Repository (shop), situated behind the glass doors in the narthex, stocks a range of religious goods. These include: cards, rosaries, crucifixes, and candles. It is generally open when the church is open. Goods can be purchased and payment left by the repository.

Contacts: Peter & Theresa Twomey

BOOK-KEEPER

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Contact: Mary Barnett tel: 2685184

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

The parish holds a Christmas bazaar each year at the church, in late November/early December. Different groups and individuals in the parish set up a range of stalls, some of which raise money for particular causes. Refreshments are usually available. It is very much a social occasion for the parish, but also provides an opportunity for fund-raising – and for Christmas shopping! In past years it has included carol singing and visits from Father Christmas.

Contact: Helen Grant tel: 2680884 hlgrant77@gmail.com

FOOD FOR FRIENDS (St. Vincent's Volunteers)

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We all know that there are times at home when things are a little tougher than usual: a new baby; someone going into hospital; a recent bereavement, etc. At such times a bit of help from friends can help enormously. As a community, we want to offer that help in a practical way by cooking for the household for a few days. Whether you are new to the parish or an established member, we have a team of generous parishioners who are willing to cook one dinner each and deliver it ready to be eaten. Just let us or Fr Paddy know if we can help. "*Brother, sister let me serve you. Let me be as Christ to you. Pray that I might have the grace to let you be my servant, too*" - from 'The Servant Song' by Richard Gillard.

PARISH BULLETIN

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The parish bulletin is produced each week and is printed on the back of the Sunday mass sheet. It provides an outline of masses for the coming week as well as notices of what is going on in the parish, relevant events in the wider community, and other news. If anyone wants to put a notice in the bulletin they should send it to the e-mail address below. The deadline for notices for the following Sunday is...

crookes@catholicweb.com

ST. MICHAEL'S, RIVELIN

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St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery (Rivelin Valley Road, S6 5GL) and its chapel are part of St. Vincent's parish. The cemetery is now fairly full, and most burials these days are in existing family plots rather than new graves. Extensive renovation work to restore the chapel to its former glory, with the help of English Heritage, was completed in 2005. Mass is held in the chapel at 10.30 am on the first Monday of every month, plus Bank Holiday Mondays - all are welcome. Many people visit St Michael's, not just from the Sheffield area, but from further afield in the UK and abroad. For more information visit the website for the cemetery:

www.saintmichaelscemetery.org

PARISH SOCIALS

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Various events are organised on an occasional basis by different groups and individuals, which provide an opportunity for parish members to come together socially. If anyone is interested in organising an event to bring people together they can contact the parish priest, and/or contact any group representative if they would like to raise some funds at the same time.

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