

# Festivals and Saints' Days (w/c 22<sup>nd</sup> September)

27<sup>th</sup> September



## **Saint Vincent de Paul - *religious, priest***

Vincent was born in 1581 in France. He was ordained priest on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 1600, which was under the canonical minimum age. His appointment as a parish priest was challenged in the courts, so he resigned and continued his studies. Later, he spent some time in Parish working amongst galley slaves. He then became superior of a religious order now known by his name (Vincentians). He also pioneered the training of priests and the raising of clerical standards. He established a women's order (the Daughters of Charity), which was not to be confined to the cloister, but work amongst the poor and needy. He died on 27<sup>th</sup> September 1660.