

## Full message of Pope to COP26: Climate change harm is like global war, and we need to act now

'As the Glasgow Conference begins, all of us are aware that it has the vital task of demonstrating to the entire international community whether there really exists a political will to devote – with honesty, responsibility and courage – greater human, financial and technological resources to mitigating the negative effects of climate change and assisting the poorer and more vulnerable nations most affected by it. [1]

At the same time, we realize that this task has to be undertaken in the midst of a pandemic that for almost two years has devastated our human family. Covid-19 has brought immense tragedies in its wake, but it has also taught us that, if we are to succeed in overcoming the pandemic, there is no alternative: all of us must play a part in responding to this challenge. And that, as we know, calls for profound solidarity and fraternal cooperation between the world's peoples.

Our post-pandemic world will necessarily be different from what it was before the pandemic. It is that world which we must now build, *together*, starting from the recognition of past mistakes. Something similar could be said of our efforts to tackle the global problem of climate change. There is no alternative. We can achieve the goals set by the Paris Agreement only if we act in a coordinated and responsible way. Those goals are ambitious, and they can no longer be deferred. Today it is up to you to take the necessary decisions.

COP26 can and must offer an effective contribution to the conscientious construction of a future in which daily actions and economic and financial investments can genuinely protect the conditions that ensure a dignified and humane life for the men and women of today and tomorrow, on a "healthy" planet.

We find ourselves facing an epochal change, a cultural challenge that calls for commitment on the part of all, particularly those countries possessed of greater means. These countries need to take a leading role in the areas of climate finance, decarbonization in the economic system and in people's lives, the promotion of a circular economy, providing support to more vulnerable countries working to adapt to the impact of climate change and to respond to the loss and damage it has caused.

For its part, the Holy See, [as I stated to the High Level Virtual Climate Ambition Summit](#) of 12 December 2020, has adopted a strategy of net-zero emissions operating on two levels: 1) the commitment of Vatican City State to achieve this goal by 2050; and 2) the commitment of the Holy See to promote education in integral ecology. We fully realize that political, technical and operational measures need to be linked to an educational process that, especially among young people, can promote new lifestyles and favour a cultural model of development and of sustainability centered on fraternity and on the covenant between human beings and the natural environment. These commitments have given rise to thousands of initiatives worldwide.

Along these same lines, [on 4 October last, I joined a number of religious leaders and scientists](#) in signing a [Joint Appeal](#) in view of COP26. On that occasion, we listened to the voices of representatives of many faiths and spiritual traditions, many cultures and scientific fields. Very different voices, with very different sensitivities. Yet what clearly emerged was a remarkable convergence on the urgent need for a change of direction, a decisive resolve to pass from the "throwaway culture" prevalent in our societies to a "culture of care" for our common home and its inhabitants, now and in the future.

The wounds inflicted on our human family by the Covid-19 pandemic and the phenomenon of climate change are comparable to those resulting from a global conflict. Today, as in the aftermath of the Second World War, the international community as a whole needs to set as a priority the implementation of collegial, solidary and farsighted actions.

We need both hope and courage. Humanity possesses the wherewithal to effect this change, which calls for a genuine conversion, individual as well as communitarian, and a decisive will to set out on this path. It will entail the transition towards a more integral and integrating model of development, based on solidarity and on responsibility. A transition that must also take into serious consideration the effects it will have on the world of labour.

Especially care must likewise be shown for the most vulnerable peoples, in whose regard there is a growing "ecological debt" related to commercial imbalances with environmental repercussions and to the disproportionate use of the natural resources of one's own and of other countries. [2] There is no denying this.

The "ecological debt" raises in some ways the issue of foreign debt, the burden of which often hinders the development of peoples. [3] The post-pandemic world can and must restart from a consideration of all these aspects, along with the setting in place of carefully negotiated procedures for forgiving foreign debt, linked to a more sustainable and just economic restructuring aimed at meeting the climate emergency. "The developed countries ought to help pay the ecological debt by significantly limiting their consumption of non-renewable energy and by assisting poorer countries to support policies and programmes of sustainable development". [4] A development in which, at last, everyone can participate.

Sadly, we must acknowledge how far we remain from achieving the goals set for tackling climate change. We need to be honest: this cannot continue! Even as we were preparing for COP26, it became increasingly clear that there is no time to waste. All too many of our brothers and sisters are suffering from this climate crisis. The lives of countless people, particularly those who are most vulnerable, have experienced its increasingly frequent and devastating effects. At the same time, we have come to realize that it also involves a crisis of children's rights and that, in the near future, environmental migrants will be more numerous than refugees from war and conflicts. Now is the time to act, urgently, courageously and responsibly. Not least, to prepare a future in which our human family will be in a position to care for itself and for the natural environment.

The young, who in recent years have strongly urged us to act, will only inherit the planet we choose to leave to them, based on the concrete choices we make today. Now is the moment for decisions that can provide them with reasons for hope and trust in the future.

I had hoped to be with you in person, but that was not possible. I accompany you, however, with my prayers as you take these important decisions.

Please accept, Mr President, my cordial greetings and good wishes.

*From the Vatican, 29 October 2021*

## Newsletter for the Parishes of

### Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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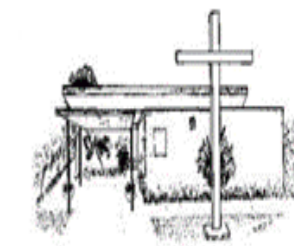
### 21st November 2021 OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/>

[ourladystockport](http://ourladystockport) (for Our Lady's church)

OR click on [tinyurl.com/stockportparishes](http://tinyurl.com/stockportparishes) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](#) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

**IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE DOOR FOR TRACK AND TRACE USING THE QR CODE OR PAPER, THOUGH NOT REQUIRED BY LAW, WE STILL PLEAD THAT YOU WEAR A FACE COVERING, AND GIVE PEOPLE SOME SPACE UNTIL THE PANDEMIC IS OVER.**



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 21st Nov	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE (Day of Special Prayer for Young People— Youth Sunday)	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. <b>St Ambrose</b> Vigil Mass Sat. <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St Vincent's</b>  <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Baptism— OLATA</b>	Bryne & O'Connor Fam Thomas Russell RIP Betty Hickman ann & Our Parish Family Marie O'Neill RIP Tadhg O'Mahoney-Leah
Mon 22nd-Nov	St Cecilia, V,M	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Elizabeth Henshaw RIP
Tues 23rd Nov	Ferial (St Clement I,Pp,M. St Columban, Ab)	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Joseph Ebb
Wed 24th Nov	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P & Companions, Mm	9.30am	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	Deceased Rel & friends of Hayes Family
Thurs 25th Nov	Ferial (St Catherine of Alexandria, V,M)	9.30am 7.00pm	<b>St Ambrose</b> <b>Our Lady's- Special Memorial Mass</b>	Paul Murphy RIP (especially for those who died during Covid)
Fri 26th Nov	Ferial	9.30am	<b>St. Vincent's</b>	David Hayes
Sat 27th Nov	Ferial (BVM on Saturday)	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Mary Hough RIP
Sun 28th Nov	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Vigil Mass Sat. <b>St Ambrose</b> Vigil Mass Sat. <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Maurice Higgins RIP ann

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning before Mass from 8:30am to 9:30am.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday at **Our Lady's**, Wednesday at **St. Vincent's**, Thursday at **St Ambrose's**, and by appointment.

*Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments.*

**Baptisms:** New Baptism classes will commence in **January 2022**

**First Holy Communion:** You may begin now to enroll for next year's classes for those not in Catholic schools. Please send names to the parish office. Would you consider volunteering as a Catechist?

**Confirmation:** Please pray for the **40 young people** who have enrolled for Confirmation on 9th Dec., and for the Catechists.

**RCIA:** Are you or anyone you know **interested in joining the Catholic Church**, or just wish to learn more about the faith? Please send us an email or call the Parish Office to give your details. God Bless!

**In St. Vincent's:** We remember in our prayers all the intentions on the St. Vincent's Prayer Board. Please add your intentions to the Prayer Board in church and you can see who is in need of our prayers on our website under "Thoughts for the week".

**In Our Lady's:** Michael Walsh, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Eileen Melia, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Tommy Higgins, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Mary Brett, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon and Sean O'Callaghan.

**In St. Ambrose's:** Mavis Doggett, Terry Skorzewski, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Barry Lloyd, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Pat Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Marie Hughes.

**Recently Departed:** May the soul Dominic Dickin and the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

#### Anniversaries

Maureen Sylvia Lohbach, Carl Aaron Forshaw, Angela Pugh Gerald Pinnington, Vincent Gerald Adamson, Thomas Joseph Connell, Lucy Ann Core, Christopher Doherty, Aleksander Hertsko, Annie McKee, Goerigina Webb, Joe Selby, Frank Maguire, Samuel Fidler, Eileen Fleming.

#### General Notices:

**Year of St. Joseph:** As the Church's Liturgy teaches, he (St Joseph) "*cooperated in the fullness of time in the great mystery of salvation*" and is truly a "*minister of salvation*". St John Paul II

**NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS** - There are brown envelopes at the back of the church for us to remember our dear departed ones in November. Please complete and return as soon as possible to the Church or through the Presbytery letter box.

**November Prayer Intention**—During November, in addition to praying for the Holy Souls, we join with Pope Francis in praying for **People Who Suffer From Depression**. We Pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life.

**INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS ON THURS. 25TH NOV.**— **Mass for all who died in the times of Pandemic, whether or not death was the result of COVID** (arranged by the Society of St Vincent de Paul, Cheshire, Stockport & Tame-side) "Our God is not a God of death - He is the God of life." Recall when....Many denied funerals as Churches closed. Congregations at funerals were so very limited. Health and Caring Services were under such pressure.

**CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies)** continues in November with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option. [Please Register at ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**LORETO SPIRITUALITY CENTRE - RETREATS**—for the 2022 retreat programme at the Loreto Centre, Llandudno. For further information, visit their website: [www.loretocentre.org.uk](http://www.loretocentre.org.uk)

**ADVENT RETREAT DAY AT ST PETER'S**, Hazel Groove—on Saturday 27 November. 9.30am start. Bring your packed lunch.

**SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY—12th December 2021 - Mass to Celebrate 70 years of the Lourdes pilgrimage** - 3pm - St Vincent's Knutsford, WA16 6HR celebrated by Bishop Mark followed by refreshments in the parish centre. Please note there will be **Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality Meeting** before the Mass at 1..30pm. This meeting will take the form of a hybrid meeting, with both the option to attend in-person or via Zoom. Please note for this meeting Zoom will be audio only. Join us at St Vincent's, Tatton Street, Knutsford, WA16 6HR. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83473360425?pwd=blluU1JtbTRTMjJuL0hQRTNlQnFRdz09> Meeting ID: 834 7336 0425. You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom, on +44 131 460 1196. If you could please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk) or text/call 07451 249267. Please pass on the details to any hospitality members who may be interested in attending. The agenda and minutes can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/> All details of events can be found on the website: [www.teamshrewsbury.co.uk](http://www.teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**LAST WEEKEND'S COLLECTIONS** ( excludes standing orders) : **OLATA- £462.52** Clergy Education Fund **£78.25** **St Ambrose- £165.95** Clergy Education Fund —**£94.78** **St Vincent's- £127.50** Clergy Education Fund was £145.95 **THANK YOU!**

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES** can be obtained from the Parish Office or see links for online giving to the Parishes: Please check our websites

**Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to the Parish Office by lunchtime on Thursday. Kindly indicate parish of choice for you mass intentions. Bear in mind that dates might not be available.**

#### Proposed times for Christmas Masses:-

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Eve</b> <i>Vigil Masses for Christmas</i>	4.30pm 5.45pm 7.00pm Midnight Mass	<b>St. Vincent's Children's Mass</b> <b>St. Ambrose's Children's mass</b> <b>Our Lady's Children's Mass</b> <b>Our Lady's, Shaw Heath</b>
Sat 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>The Nativity of the Lord</b>	8.15am 9.30am 11.00am	<b>St. Ambrose's, Adswood</b> <b>St. Vincent's, Bramhall</b> <b>Our Lady's, Shaw Heath</b>
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Holy Family Sunday</b>	9.00am 10.00am 11.15am	<b>St Ambrose's, Adswood</b> <b>St Vincent's, Bramhall</b> <b>Our Lady's, Shaw Heath</b>



**Advent Penitential Service**— for the parishes of **St Joseph, Our Lady's, St Ambrose's and St Vincent's** will be on **Thursday, 16th December** at Our Lady's church, 7pm.

**Penitential Service for Confirmation** will be at Our Lady's on **Wednesday, 1st Dec., 7pm.**

**Visit of the sick and housebound**—Fr Martin will be visiting across our 3 parishes this Advent in preparation for Christmas!

**Ministers of The Eucharist at our 3 Parishes** —if you are a Eucharistic Minister and feel able to resume the ministry at Mass and in visiting the sick and housebound, please could you let us know by emailing the parish office, telephoning or by a note through the letter box. We are hoping to begin visiting the sick and housebound with Holy Communion as soon as possible. Please let us know if you (or anyone you know) would like to receive Holy Communion at home so that arrangements can be made.

**A Get together**—to thank the parish volunteers who helped to keep our churches going during the Covid lockdown is planned for 14th Dec., at Our Lady's Club, 7-9.00pm.

#### Our Lady's News

**Special Memorial Mass for all those who died during Covid**—at Our Lady's on Thursday 25<sup>TH</sup> November at 7.00pm  
**The Piety Stall**—is now open and has confirmation and communion cards and gifts, Christmas cards - single and boxes - advent calendars and a selection of rosary beads.

**Our Lady's Cleaning Team:-** Please consider volunteering to join the clean team. If you need more information, please ring Hazel on 483 8200.

**Children's Liturgy:** Hand sanitisers will be available and surfaces will be wiped down. The leaders will be wearing face masks as per the diocese guidance and we respectfully ask any parents/ guardians to wear a face mask if attending with children. Please can we ask that children do not attend if they have been in contact with anyone who is covid positive, have a temperature, cough or cold symptoms to avoid spreading viruses to others.

#### St Ambrose News:

**Special Memorial Mass for all those who died during Covid**—at Our Lady's on Thursday 25<sup>TH</sup> November at 7.00pm  
**Fr Martin is available for confessions** at St Ambrose' after Mass on Thursday mornings.

**Ministers of the Eucharist**—Please see above.

**Christmas Raffle**—We will be holding a Christmas raffle and tickets will be on sale from this Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> November, after Mass. Please hand in any raffle prizes you can donate, as soon as possible. All contributions, including bottles, chocolates and unwanted gifts gratefully accepted! The raffle will be held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

#### St Vincent's News:

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**Fr Martin is available for confessions** at St. Vincent's after Mass on Thursday mornings.

**Coffee after Mass this Sunday**—Stay and listen to the update about the parish we support in Sudan. LAMBS Christmas party collection continues.

**Prayer Group meets** on Monday after the 10am Service.

**Travelling Nativity** - we hope to have the sign up sheet ready for you to pick a day in Advent to host our Holy family figures at your home.

**Housebound parishioners**—if you would like to receive Communion at home, please call Jane Roberts(439 4326)

**CSS update**—We are pleased to announce the arrival of a new baby last week to our family. Mum and baby are well and home.

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