

Always, “Life is Worth Living”: Confronting the Culture of Death with Saint John Paul II’s “Gospel of Life” Rev. Martin Ifeanyi Onuoha Continued from the 9th of January.....

St. John Paul points us to lessons from Africa, with which I will conclude this article: ‘The peoples of Africa respect the life which is conceived and born. They rejoice in this life. They reject the idea that it can be destroyed, even when the so-called ‘progressive civilizations’ would like to lead them in this direction. And practices hostile to life are imposed on them by means of economic systems which serve the selfishness of the rich. Africans show their respect for human life until its natural end and keep elderly parents and relatives within the family.’ Maybe it is this love, respect, and care for the elderly and the vulnerable that will provide the answer to the call for euthanasia. Hence, I could not agree more with Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and the Chief Rabbi, in their joint letter to Parliament, that ‘the aim of a compassionate society should be assisted living rather than an acceptance of assisted suicide’. The end.

Free medical Outreach Umunomo 2022

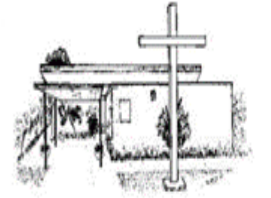
Farther Martin sends in his thanks to everyone for their support and prayers for the free medical outreach programme which was a huge success.

FR MARTIN’S NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS,

Mary, Daughter Zion & Actio Divina published by Peter Lang is available and can be ordered on Amazon and other outlets.

Newsletter for the Parishes of
Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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23rd JANUARY 2022. THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady’s church)
OR click on tinyurl.com/stockportparishes or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent’s and St. Ambrose’s) **IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITISER, SIGN IN AT THE DOOR FOR TRACK AND TRACE USING THE QR CODE OR PAPER, WEAR A FACE COVERING, AND GIVE PEOPLE SOME SPACE UNTIL THE PANDEMIC IS OVER.**

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 23rd Jan	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—Day of Special prayer for openness to the Word of God.	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady’s St Vincent’s Our Lady’s Baptism—OLATA	Mary Willis Our Parish Family Patricia Kenny RIP Nicholas Family– Thkgiving Evie Jane Doran
Mon 24th Jan	St Francis de Sales, B, D	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Theresa Egan
Tues 25th Jan	THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL, Ap	9.30am 12.00pm	Our Lady’s Funeral—OLATA	Norah Heneghan (ann) RIP Dominique Davies
Wed 26th Jan	Ss Timothy & Titus, B	9.30am	St. Vincent’s	Noreen Cowell (Special Int-full recovery to health)
Thurs 27th Jan	Ferial (St Angela Merici, V)	9.30am 7.00pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Holy Souls William, Margaret, Bill, Pat, Felix Norton RIP
Fri 28th Jan	St Thomas Aquinas, P, D	9.30am	St. Vincent’s	Holy Souls
Sat 29th Jan	Ferial (BVM on Saturday)	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Service of Word and Communion
Sun 30th Jan	FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady’s St Vincent’s Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Dominique Davies RIP

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning from 8:30am to 9:30am.
The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning 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?

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: Allan Stanway, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, 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, 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 of Dominique Davies, Anthony Morris, Patrick Broadhurst, Ken Price, Mary Dyer and the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Edward Hazzeldine, Elizabeth Ann Hynes, Kath Farnsworth, Bill McCann, David Brotherton, Evelyn Little, Veronica Mary Power, Bill Kirkham, James Thomas, Traynor, James Gerighty, Alan Riley, Katherine Leech, Michael John Joyce, Kathleen Wood, Peter Murphy, Margaret Noton, William Cook, Chris Conlon, Margaret O'Neal, Ellen Fidler, William Joseph Norton

General Notices:

HOLY FATHER'S PRAYER INTENTIONS FOR 2022—JANUARY PRAYER— For True Human Fraternity; We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Invitation to Stockport Church Leaders Lunch and opportunity to meet the newly appointed Chief Executive of Stockport Council - We are looking forward to hopefully seeing you on Friday 28th January for a gathering of Stockport leaders including church leaders to eat together, listen to what we feel God is saying and be inspired by some input. We are pleased that Caroline Simpson the newly appointed Chief Executive of Stockport Council will be with us for some of our time together. We will be having some Biblical reflection from Ben Jeffery who leads Soul City Church. There will be prayer led by Anne Rodger and we will be having some breakout groups to encourage conversation as to what sort of future we want to build together. It really should be a great time and we thank those who have already booked in and encourage others to book in as soon as possible to help with the catering provision. This gathering will be held on Friday 28th January, 12.30pm – 2.30pm at Soul City Church, Floor 2, Welkin Mill, Lower Bredbury, SK6 2BH. You can book your free place via the eventbrite link : <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stockport-church-leaders-lunch-tickets-228870617177>
Please let us know if you have any dietary requirements.

Vacancy for an Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser has arisen within the Diocese – The role of the Individual Giving and Legacy Fundraiser is to work with parishes in developing a Diocesan individual giving and legacy programme. This will include in person, offline and online activities promoting and developing regular giving in parishes, contactless giving, Gift Aid and legacy giving, as well as supporting giving to Diocesan appeals Hours: 25 hours per week. Salary £25K-£30K FTE pro-rata'd dependant on experience and qualifications. Closing date Friday 18 February. For further details please see <http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies> completed applications to be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

St Joseph's Catholic Primary School—Stockport. Governors are advertising for a new Headteacher. The closing date for applications is 24th January 2022. For further information please visit one of the following websites—
School www.st-josephs-pri.stockport.sch.uk
Diocese www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/education/vacancies/primary
Local Authority www.stockport.gov.uk/job-vacancies

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders) : **OLATA**—£386.06 & Retired Clergy Fund—£541.52
St Ambrose -£97.90 & Retired Clergy Fund- £112.10 **St Vincent**—£170.16 & Retired Clergy Fund—£332.53
THANK YOU!

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

Ultimate Book Club—Rev. Philip Berry will address us on the book of Deuteronomy on Sunday 6th February at 2pm. If you can't make the meeting you can watch on live streaming via the web site. Deuteronomy is a series of sermons given by Moses towards the end of their time in the wilderness. Moses reminds the children of Israel of their history, the laws God has given them and the love God has for them going forward. The meeting will be at Centrepoint and will conclude with a hot drink.

FREE UNIVERSE PUBLICATION! - All Parishioners are invited to receive a free. Digital copy of the Universe Catholic Weekly for the next four weeks. Simply request your free edition by emailing:-
Michelle.jones@universecatholicweekly.co.uk

Mini Vinnies- I will be able to collect the bags of used cards on Tuesday 25th January.

The original idea really worked in helping the Chaplains and the SVP at HMP Berwyn. Obviously those inside were able to give cards to families and partners, but also those who were new to that prison or were socially isolated and friendless or who were in a segregation unit for their own protection were given a card or cards. Apparently the schools really liked the idea as children (members of the SVP Mini Vinnies) learnt about giving another a second chance and about forgiveness.

Thank you - Kevin McKenna.

Dominique Davies (McKee) Requiem Mass will be held on Tuesday the 25th of January at 12pm at Our Lady's. Followed by cremation at the Rowan Chapel Stockport crematorium at 1.45pm.

Our Lady's News

The Piety Stall—is now open for cards and gifts, and a selection of rosary beads.

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

SVP welcome any used postage stamps. These can be handed in at St Ambrose.

The Piety stall has some lovely new items including Calendars and Rosary Beads. Please take time to have a look.

The annual service of "Adswood and Davenport Churches Together" for Christian Unity, will be held this Sunday 23rd Jan at St Gabriel's Church, Adswood at 3pm. All are welcome.

St Vincent's News

Monday - Knit and Natter after Service of Word and Communion at 10am. All welcome

Monday Prayer Group after Service of Word and Communion at 10am

Monday evening - Exploring Faith group 7.30pm in church

Thursday Club (aka Bramhall Day Care) are looking for volunteers to help with teas and coffees and activities for our very elderly when we restart our programme. Join the rota to help for a few hours on a Thursday once or twice a month. For details contact Jane Roberts (439 4326)

These are the links for online giving to the Parishes:

For Our Lady's parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/ourladyandtheapostlesdioceseofshrewsbury2127>

For St. Ambrose parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stambroseadswooddioceseofshrewsbury2185>

For St. Vincent's parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stvincentdepaulbramhalldioceseofshrewsbury2608>

Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to the Parish Office by 12 midday on Thursday. Kindly indicate parish of choice for your mass intentions. Bear in mind that dates might not be available.

Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ St. Ambrose, Adswood Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA, St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3E

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