

Wednesday 27th April 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM

	<p>Encountering Christ Prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass and praying in particular for our school families</p>	
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Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 1st May 2022 - The Third Sunday of Easter

1 Relax & Remember

Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross † and remain still for a minute of settling silence. **Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present.** Then read the Gospel, preferably aloud and slowly, and pay attention to any words that stand out. If any do, meditate on them for a few minutes and be invited into a dialogue with God.

2 Read

Taken from the Gospel for Sunday 1st May 2022 - Jesus Meets his Disciples at the Lake (John 21:1-19)
Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, "I'm going fishing." They replied, "We'll come with you." They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night. It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, "Have you caught anything, friends?" And when they answered, "No", he said, "Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something." So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord." At these words "It is the Lord", Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land. As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, "Who are you?"; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead. After the meal Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these others do?" He answered, "Yes Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He replied, "Yes, Lord, you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Look after my sheep." Then he said to him a third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter was upset that he asked him the third time "Do you love me?" and said, "Lord, you know everything; you know I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. I tell you most solemnly, when you were young you put on your own belt and walked where you liked; but when you grow old you will stretch out your hands, and somebody else will put a belt round you and take you where you would rather not go." In these words he indicated the kind of death by which Peter would give glory to God. After this he said, "Follow me."

3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

This epilogue to the Gospel of John shows an extraordinary link with Luke's version of the Call of the Disciples: the same unsuccessful fishing all night transformed into success at Jesus' command, and then the commission to proclaim the Gospel. As in so many encounters with the risen Christ, he is an awesome figure, the same person but mysteriously changed, so that the disciples have difficulty recognising him. In addition, here in John's Gospel, we have the touching scene of Peter's restoration: a triple declaration of love and loyalty is extorted from Peter to compensate for his triple denial, and a triple commission is given to him, concluding with the repeat of his call, 'Follow me' - as the prophecy of his martyrdom still echoes in his ears. While Matthew's Gospel concludes with a promise that the risen Christ will be always with his Church, this Gospel illustrates what this will look like in practice: Jesus feeds his followers at the picnic breakfast. Why the 153 fish? For the Venerable Bede it is too obvious: put together the numbers from 1 to 16, to this add 10 for the commandments and 7 for the days of creation, and you get 153. There may be more to it than that!

Is Peter's protestation of love after his denial an example to us (to turn back to the Lord and away from sin)? How can I become more aware of Christ's presence - particularly in the Eucharist, and so in each other?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

4 Respond & Request

Now slowly and prayerfully read the Gospel once again but this time in silence. Consider how this Gospel could apply to your life in general. Then thank God for any insight you may have received. Conclude by asking God to bless you with one of the following spiritual gifts to help you act on any resolution you have made: love, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, self control, patience, or joy. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. **Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.**

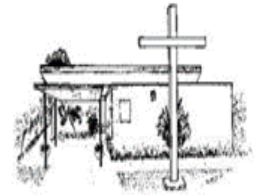
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24th APRIL 2022. SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

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)
(MASKS ARE NO LONGER MANDATORY BUT RECOMMENDED. PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITISER).



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 24th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)	5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Kath Gingell (80th B/d ann)
		9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 2.30pm 3.00 pm 3.30 pm	St Vincent's Our Lady's OL- Baptism OL- Baptism Exposition of Bl. Sacrament Divine Mercy Feast Mass	Our Parish Family Anne Jenkinson (ann) Alexander Robert Covell Henry Meller Divine Celebration/prayers Michael Leadbetter RIP
Mon 25th April	St Mark, Ev	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Holy Souls
Tues 26th April	ST GEORGE, M (Patron of England)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Agalamanyi Family Thanksgiving
Wed 27th April	Ferial	9:30pm	St Vincent's	Collett Murphy Memorial Mass & Internment of Ashes
Thurs 28th April	Ferial (St Peter Chanel, P,M St Louis Marie de Montfort, P)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Our Lady's School Easter Mass.
		7.00pm	St Ambrose	Tommy Higgins RIP
Fri 29th April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENA, V, D (DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Rose Agbim RIP
Sat 30th April	FERIAL (St Pius V, Pp, R BVM on Saturday) VIGIL MASS OF SUNDAY	9.30 am 12.00noon	Our Lady's Memorial service- OL	George O'Neil (Thanksgiving) Peter Louis Smith
		5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family
Sun 1st May	THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR HUMAN WORK)	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	St Vincent's Our Lady's OL- Baptism	Ann Alan RIP (ann) Bridget Crowley RIP (ann) Ronnie Charles Mallamphy

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 resume 23rd April 2022

First Holy Communion: Preparations continue in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass.

RCIA: Are you or anyone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church or wish to know more about the Catholic faith? Please join us after the 11am Mass every Sunday at Our Lady's.

Sick List

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: Lucile Ebbs, 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, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, 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, Sean O'Callaghan and Shelagh Lees.

In St. Ambrose's: June Campbell, 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.

Recently Departed: Allan Stanway, May the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Gertrude Glendinning, Rev. Fr. Patrick Mulcahy, Florence Burrows, Joan Lillis, Emma Murphy, Anne Jenkinson, Annie Wolstencroft, Maureen Swinden, Edmund Roche, Andrew Kelly, William Joseph White, Florence Danyliw, Arthue Whelan, Norah Wood, Timothy Crowley, Bernard John Burke, Mary Bohan, Emma Wood, Owen Tiplady, Mary Krkham, Dilly Burrell.

PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2021-23: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

During **APRIL** We pray with Pope Francis for **Health Care Workers** who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

All red box holders are invited to attend the Shrewsbury Diocesan Mass for mission with Bishop Mark Davies: Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 7pm. St Michael & All Angels Church, New Hey Rd, Woodchurch, Birkenhead CH49 5LE. Refreshments follow at St Michael's Primary School. To assist with planning please email theresa@missio.org.uk.

Red Box 2021: Thank you! In 2021, Our Ladies raised £607.85, St Vincent's raised £539.00 and St Ambrose raised £17.60 through our Red Boxes and donations to mission and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank You! Our Missionary community here at our Parishes is part of a Worldwide network of people supporting missionaries through prayers and financial assistance. The founder of this network (APF/Missio), Pauline Jaricot, will be beatified on 22 May this year. This remarkable lay woman's life was marked by intense suffering and great trust in God. Pauline's life helps us to see how every prayer, however short, and every contribution, however small, is valued by God and can transform the world for the better. Thank you for being a part of Pauline's legacy. Visit mission.org.uk to find out more about Pauline, and how your support of Missio changes lives for the better.

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality-The next meeting will be on the 27th April 2022 at 7.30pm.

This meeting will take the form of a zoom meeting: Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83155265809?pwd=K2VHbVVUMXJZdHFqYmg3T2pKcWJCZz09>

Meeting ID: 831 5526 5809. You can also call in if you don't have access to zoom: +44 131 460 1196 United Kingdom

Please register your attendance and make any requests for the password, apologies or items for the agenda to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267 The agenda and minutes can be found at <https://teamshrewsbury.wordpress.com/agm-and-committee-meeting-agendas-and-minutes/>

Ukrainian Crisis Fundraiser:- Amaretti Chamber Orchestra. 14 May 2020 7:30hrs. St Andrew's Church Cheadle Hulme SK8 5ET. Come for a fabulous night out whilst supporting the Ukraine Crisis Appeal. Romanian Dances—Bartok, Concerto for violin in G major—Hayden, Serenade for string in E major—Dvorak. Tickets £10 accompanied Children are free. Tickets can be purchased on the door or reserved on line at www.amaretti.org.uk. Front row seats can be reserved for children if emailed in advance. This is always a great night out. Even the orchestra pay to play. For 18 years this astounding local orchestra have been raising funds for local charities raising over a staggering £48,000 in total. Please put the date in your diary and look forward to a great night out.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): OLATA—£574.66 & Easter Flowers £50.00, Holy Plac-es (Good Friday) £268.55 Caritas (Ukraine Refugees) £371.45, SVP £20.

St Vincent—£368.77 St Ambrose £ 306.21 THANK YOU.

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

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION IN STOCKPORT—This special celebration will be held this Sunday, 24 April 2022, at Our Lady's Church. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. There will be opportunity for Confessions. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>. Copies will be made available on the day too. Please spread the word!

GOD IN YOUR GARDEN:- Bring the word of God to your street with a celebration of mass in your garden. During the months of May, June, July & August, Fr Martin is offering to say mass in your garden. There are to be four dates available, one per month. The first one in the 3rd week May, followed by 2nd week of June, 3rd week of July and 2nd week of August. The mass will be in the evening at 7 pm. And the day is determined by your local parish. Our lady's on the Tuesday evening, St Ambrose on the Thursday evening, St Vincent's on the Wednesday or Friday evening, of the corresponding week. If you would like to host the celebration of the mass, please let the office know and we can arrange a date. It is first come first served. Fr Martin will bring the mass—you gather the people, family members and neighbours!

May - the month of Our Lady: As May is traditionally the time of devotion to Our Blessed Lady, the Catenian Association has provided a box of FREE Rosary beads at the rear of the church for anyone who does not own a set of Rosary Beads. There are also multi-coloured children's Rosaries for you to take if you would like to pray with your children or grandchildren. 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards are also included in the box.

Notable Feasts in May - 13th Our lady of Fatima—24th Our Lady Help of Christians— 31st The Visitation.

Preparation for the Total Consecration to Jesus the Incarnate Wisdom through Mary will begin on 28 April. This weekend please take a preparation booklet free of charge, which includes passages from the Gospels, Imitation of Christ and St Louis Marie de Monfort's famous work 'True Devotion to the Blessed Virgin', copies of which are also available free of charge.

Our Lady's News

The Piety Stall—is now open for cards and gifts, and a selection of rosary beads. **Children's Liturgy & 1st Communion Preparation Classes** - will take place during the 11am Mass. Please bring the children to learn and pray with us. **We are taking a break this Sunday to resume next Sunday 1st May.**

TEA & COFFEE – Join us for tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

Ian & Cath's Family Group are meeting in the Guild Room on Wednesday 27th April 2022 from 7pm to 9.15pm for nibbles, a chat, session planning and the usual game of bingo for a hamper. The plan is to revert back to monthly gatherings from then on.

Congratulations—To Thelma, the daughter of Peter Muzaale and his wife, Tecla, who came second in national photography competition sponsored by the KSC.

St Ambrose News

The Piety stall - Piety stall has lots of new items for sale including some lovely new children's bibles and christening gifts, many cards, rosary beads, prayer cards and Easter cards. We also have a book case with some lovely books for the children to read if they wish to, just return when they have finished reading.

Books- There is a Library at the back of church with a good selection of books available to borrow. Feel free to have a look and write your name in the register supplied to record any book borrowed. Thank you.

St Vincent News

Prayer Group after Service of Word and Communion Monday 10am. Emmaus Book group Zoom meeting on Monday 25th April at 7.30pm

Collection to help Chelwood Foodbank Plus on Sunday May 8th. There will be a list posted in the church porch of items that are needed, both foodstuffs and toiletries. You can also look on their FaceBook page and click on "Shop on website" to get an idea of what is needed to help those who are currently struggling to feed their families.

PPT minutes are posted on the website and a printed copy is in the porch .

Stay for Coffee—after mass on Wednesday for the internment of Collette Murphy before travelling to the cemetery in Wilmslow

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.

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