



Wednesday 22nd June 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM

 <p>THE WEDNESDAY WORD The Parish Version</p>	<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 26th June 2022 - The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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 26th June 2022 (Luke 9:51-62): Uncompromising Discipleship

As the time drew near for him to be taken up to heaven, Jesus resolutely took the road for Jerusalem and sent messengers ahead of him. These set out, and they went into a Samaritan village to make preparations for him, but the people would not receive him because he was making for Jerusalem. Seeing this, the disciples James and John said, 'Lord, do you want us to call down fire from heaven to burn them up?' But he turned and rebuked them, and they went off to another village. As they travelled along they met a man on the road who said to him, 'I will follow you wherever you go.' Jesus answered, 'Foxes have holes and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another to whom he said, 'Follow me,' replied, 'Let me go and bury my father first.' But he answered, 'Leave the dead to bury their dead; your duty is to go and spread the news of the kingdom of God.' Another said, 'I will follow you, sir, but first let me go and say good-bye to my people at home.' Jesus said to him, 'Once the hand is laid on the plough, no one who looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.'



3 Reflect

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

As Jesus embarks on his great journey to his death at Jerusalem, the latter half of Luke's gospel is marked by Jesus' teaching on the difficulties and challenges of discipleship. Right at the beginning of this section Jesus teaches the little lesson that the disciples must not be surprised or take vengeance when they are rejected. Then three lessons follow on the uncompromising demands of discipleship. These are not 'counsels of perfection', but demanded of every disciple of Jesus. First, the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head. The disciple has no right to creature comforts. Second (perhaps the most counter-cultural of all Jesus' demands), burying a dead father was regarded as a sacred duty, and yet not even this may stand in the way of a response to the call of Jesus. Third (a more rigorous condition than even Elijah demanded of Elisha), there must be no backward glance even to bid the family farewell. Not even the most sacred of natural ties may stand in the way of the demands of following Jesus. Jesus expresses his teaching with maximum vigour; these conditions may seem unfeeling and unacceptably harsh. This is partly the nature of the Semitic language (the Aramaic which Jesus spoke), which rarely uses a comparative, 'more than...' It is either day or night, no dusk! There are no half measures. We must beware of softening what remains hard.

Where does following Jesus currently fit on your list of priorities? Do any of your goals, activities, interests or desires for material comforts keep you from following Christ more closely? Is there anything that you wouldn't give up for Christ?

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.

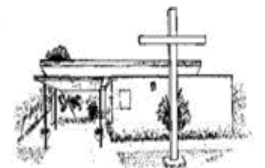


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19th JUNE 2022 THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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 (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 19th June	THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST	5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's (1st Holy Communion)	Our Parish Family John & Madelaine Sexton (Ann)
Collection-Day for Life	(SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE) FATHER'S DAY	9.30am 11.00am	St Vincent's Baptism of Aoife Morrin Our Lady's (1st Holy Communion)	Thanksgiving Albert Werber RIP
Mon 20th June	Ferial	9.30am 10.30am	St. Ambrose St Vincent's—Funeral	Liz Mullin RIP Ann Highfield RIP
Tues 21st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga, R	9.30am	Our Lady's	George Kurtz RIP
Wed 22nd June	John Fisher, B & Thomas More, Mm (Day of special prayer for those who suffer persecution, oppression & denial of human rights.)	7:00 pm	St Vincent's Garden Mass at 5 Wyndham Close Bramhall SK7 2HP	Chief Ambrose Chukwumah RIP
Thurs 23rd June	THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST	9.30am 11am 7.00pm	St Ambrose Our Lady's—Requiem Mass Our Lady's	Private Intention John O'Callaghan Caroline Higgins 1st Ann
Fri 24th June	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS	09:30am	St Vincent's	Caroline Higgins 1st Ann
Sat 25th June	THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY	9.30 am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Our Lady's Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's (1st Holy Communion)	Colin Douglas RIP Our Parish Family The people of Ukraine
Sun 26th June Collection Peter's Pence	THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm	St Vincent's Our Lady's (First Holy Communion) St Vincent's—Baptism	Judith Colgan (ann) Jonathan Colgan (B/Day Remembrance) Mari Porter

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DAD'S! May the Lord bless and reward you for all your love and care.

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning from 8:30am—0930hrs.

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 be 31st of July.

First Holy Communion: Congratulations to all receiving 1st Holy Communion today! Preparations continue in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Congratulations to the seven people recently received/baptised into the Church! 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: Veronica Morrissey, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, 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, 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: Elizabeth Mullen, Sean O'Callaghan, Mons. Chris Lightbound and Fr Paul Hughes. May the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Jim Kelly, Marie Scanlan, Anne Bell, Terence Joseph Fitzpatrick, Michael O'Kane, Sarah Pinnington, Tom Darkin, Kate McGowan, John Duffy, James O'Farrell, Caroline Higgins, John Kelly, Katie Conlon, Peter Howe, Frances Eileen Newbould, Catherine Sheehy, Eileen Goodwin.

During **June:** we pray that **Christian Families** around the world may embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

DIOCESAN VACANCIES: Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. PA to the Director of Schools and Team member for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission team. Details for both posts can be found on the Diocesan website www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies Closing date Friday 24 June. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org.

Stella Maris School - Heaton Mersey KS 2 Teacher - for September 2022 part-time (5 mornings) position, but could become a full-time position. Please register your interest with the school office, by email, addressing your correspondence for the attention of the Headteacher at office@stellamarisschool.co.uk

Vacancies have arisen at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant and a Caretaker. Further details can be found on our website.

Stockport Ukrainian Club and Stockport Council invite you to show solidarity with Ukraine and join together at 7pm in St Peters Square, Town Centre, SK1 1NZ, for a quiet and reflective, prayerful vigil, followed by a celebration of Ukrainian culture through dance, music and song.

Stockport Normandy Veterans Legacy Invitation on 25th June from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm to Our Lady's Social Club. Stockport Normandy Veterans Legacy are launching a DVD called History remembered: We were There. We are showing film clips of WW2 schoolchildren remembering their childhood during the War. There is the opportunity to meet these people; to hear live WW2 music; and see displays of WW2 artefacts and stands from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Imperial War Museum (North); Willow Grove Cemetery War Graves and Stockport Normandy Veterans. This is a children-friendly active event. All welcome.

Footsteps Event Happening Soon: Do come on TUESDAY 5 JULY at 8pm to St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA to hear Fr Chris Thomas reflect on the radical nature of God's love for us and then our love as disciples and what that might mean. There's an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. You'd be most welcome!

Second Collections - Day for Life is today.

Second Collections for Peter's Pence will be next Sunday.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): **OLATA- £566.72 St Vincent- 178.45 St Ambrose £121.03 THANK YOU.**

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

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. It was a lovely Mass and social time last week at the garden of Peter and Elizabeth's garden. We thank them for graciously going the extra mile of treating us to finger food and drinks. The next will be this Wednesday by 7pm, at the Browns, at 5 **Wyndham Close Bramhall SK7 2HP**. 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! This summer is now fully booked but you can make a reservation for next year.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP) is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to help people with needs and disadvantages by offering practical assistance to them. There will be a collection box at the door after Mass to raise much needed finance for this vital work. If any parishioners or their families wish to seek help, the members will be pleased to hear from them. The SVP is seeking for new members 07504 130749.

Please pray for our diocesan priests who dies recently **Mons. Chris Lightbound and Fr Paul Hughes**. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and console their families and loved ones.

Lourdes - Overland by Jumbulance 14 July to 23rd July Helpers and nurses/Doctor required. £950—half price for nurses and young people—financial help available. Contact Tony Murphy 07881656974

Our Lady's News

Sean O'Callaghan funeral arrangements:- Thu 23 June, 11am mass at Our Lady & Apostles. Burial at Mill Lane Cemetery, Cheadle, at 12.15. Reception at The Ashlea pub facing the cemetery gates at 12.45. All welcome, with thanks.

Lost and hoping to be Found. If you find any of our Parish Mass books, Laudate Hymn Books or Order of Mass Cards in your homes, cars or green house, please would you return it to mass next time you come. That would be great. Thank you.

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.

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

St Ambrose News

Year Books—There are still a few Year books available priced £5 each.

Piety Stall—has some new gifts and cards for sale.

St Vincent News

Thanks to all who made the International Mass a success last Sunday, especially the flag bearers! Please take a commitment form if you were on holiday last week and didn't fill one in. It keeps our records up to date and we would love more volunteers. We will be contacting new volunteers soon.

Monday 20th - Funeral Mass for Anna Highfield at 10.30am.

Exploring Faith group in church at 7.30pm

Parishes in Partnership - we have had a letter from Riwoto; this and the latest pictures are on the noticeboard near the kitchen hatch - do take a look.

Holiday at Home - they are looking for volunteer drivers to ferry the participants too and from the URC for the events on 23 to 25th August. Pick up a form at the back of church if you can help.

Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trip 17.7.22 is now fully booked. If you want a reserved place incase anyone is unable to attend please give your name to Lucy or Neal.

Ultimate Book Club—John Harrington will present our penultimate book on Sunday 3 July at 2pm in Centrepoint next to Bramhall Methodist Church. Entry is free and includes refreshments.

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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