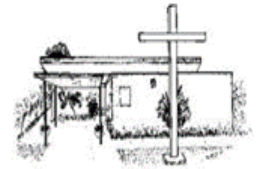


Newsletter for the Parishes of
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Wednesday 6th July 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM

	<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 10th July 2022 - The Fifteenth 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 10th July 2022 (Luke 10:25-37): The Good Samaritan

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, "Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He replied, "You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." "You have answered right," said Jesus. "Do this and life is yours." But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus replied, "A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.' Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?" "The one, who took pity on him," he replied. Jesus said to him, "Go, and do the same yourself."



3 Reflect

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

To many a Jew at the time of Jesus the hatred of the Samaritans was such that a Good Samaritan was a contradiction in terms. It is striking that Luke changes the dialogue about the two commandments. In Mark's and Matthew's accounts Jesus answers the question about the commandments, while in Luke Jesus challenges the questioner, who then himself gives the right answer. It is also striking that, in his reply at the very end, the lawyer, despite Jesus' praise of him, cannot bring himself to pronounce the hated name, 'Samaritan', and says 'the one who...'. The conscientious dilemma of the priest and the Levite reveals a dry humour within this story: if the huddled traveller turns out to be dead, they will incur corpse-defilement and be unable to perform their sacred duties! This legal difficulty makes the Samaritan's attentive generosity all the more poignant, for a Samaritan is free of any such hang-ups. Love shown to the unfortunate and the down-trodden is a major theme in Luke's Gospel. But note also the Samaritan's careful administration of his funds: he gives not a blank cheque but two days' wages, which he will supplement on his return if necessary!

What is the main point of Jesus' story? Is it to be generous or not to be judgmental?

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.



The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

www.wednesdayword.org

3RD JULY 2022 FOURTEENTH 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')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 3rd July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St Vincent's Our Lady's (1st Communion thanksgiving) St Vincent's—Baptism	Seamus & Maureen Colgan RIP Lily Kean RIP John O'Callaghan RIP David Jones RIP Alexander Anthony Greenstreet
Mon 4th July	Ferial (St Elizabeth of Portugal, Q)	9.30am	St. Ambrose	For all Clergy and Parishioners killed in Nigeria church attack
Tues 5th July	FERIAL (St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, P)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Brian Martin- Recovery following an accident
Wed 6th July	FERIAL (St Maria Goretti, V,M)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Thanksgiving— For Father Martin & Deacon Moses
Thurs 7th July	FERIAL	9.30am 7.00pm	St Ambrose Our Lady's	Holy Souls The Saubadu Family-Those have died of Corona Virus
Fri 8th July	FERIAL	09:30am	St Vincent's	Yves Saubadu James –The Corona Virus Afflicted
Sat 9th July	FERIAL (ST AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG & COMPANIONS, MM BVN ON SATURDAY)	9.30 am 5.30pm 7.00pm	Our Lady's Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose (Baptism & First Holy Comm) Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	The Murtagh Family Our Parish Family Summer Louise White The people of Ukraine & Poland & their supporters
Sun 10th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. (Day of special prayer for Seafarers)	9.30am 11.00am	St Vincent's Our Lady's - Baptism	Our Parish Family Barry Cropper RIP Poppy Rose Carlin

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO RECEIVED 1ST HOLY COMMUNION THIS YEAR!

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: Preparations continue in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass from September.

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: May the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Bernard McGovern, Phyllis Mary Roberts, Mary Giblin, Josie O'Brien, Tony Dove, Mary Dolan, Maria Ford, Jock Kelly, Eddie Cooke, Wilfred Hampson, Stanley Curtis, Michael Dove, James Angus Faulkner, Seamus Croke, Fred Arden, Alice Lewis.

During **July** : we pray **for the Elderly** who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look toward to the future with hope and responsibility.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE Any couples planning to get married in 2023 who haven't yet booked marriage preparation need to do so as the course fills up very quickly. The course will be put on the National Marriage Care website early next week. To book, couples need to click on this link: <https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course/>

MADONNA DEL ROSARIO PROCESSION - SUNDAY 3RD JULY 2022 - 1.15pm - All Welcome—Each year the Manchester Italian Association have a procession through Manchester. As some of the Diocese of Shrewsbury falls within the Greater Manchester area, we have been invited to again participate in the procession as a pilgrimage family we hold a devotion to Our Lady. If you would like to join in the procession with our pilgrimage banner or as a spectator, please meet us on George Leigh Street in Ancoats, we are normally where it crosses with Sherratt Street, at 1pm and, if you have one, please wear a Diocesan Polo Shirt. The procession will begin in George Leigh street cross onto Newton Street through Piccadilly onto Portland Street turning right at Princess Street into St Peter's Square. There is normally a short service in St Peter's square before returning.

FOLLOWING THE DIOCESAN LISTENING PHASE a national synthesis of diocesan reports has been brought together. The bishops will be meeting this week to reflect on our shared discernment to be offered to the continental phase of this process eventually leading to the October 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome.

WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL -In Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival. They are facing terrifying drought and rocketing food prices. Schools are closed, and the threat of extreme hunger is forcing people to spend their life savings or leave their homes. Help today by donating to Cafod! For further details go to: www.cafod.org.uk

Footsteps Event Happening Soon: Do come on TUESDAY 5 JULY at 8pm to St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. You'd be most welcome.

SEAFARERS AND FISHERS play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday the 10th of July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' TO 70460 TO DONATE £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank You.

Second Collection for Apostleship of the Sea will be on the 10th of July.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): **OLATA— £683.24 & Peter's Pence £71.19 St Vincent- £222.97 Peters' Pence £39.05 St Ambrose £206.02 & Peters' Pence £ 52.61 THANK YOU.**

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

Lost and Found! - A gold ring was found in Church. Contact the parish Office for collection.

'A SUMMER FAREWELL TO THE SACRED HEART FATHERS On Sunday 26th June the Sacred Heart Fathers announced they will be leaving the parish apostolate at Saint Joseph's, Stockport after almost 40 years. The parish was entrusted to the Sacred Heart Fathers by Bishop Joseph Gray in October 1983. On 1st September this year Saint Joseph's will return to the care of the Diocesan Clergy. I will be writing to the people of Saint Joseph's next Sunday concerning the future of this much-loved church of our Diocese. I am sure we will all understand the decision made by the Provincial Council and know it is never easy to make these choices with a declining number of priests. I know you would wish to record with me our gratitude to Father Jim Matthews SCJ, Father Blaise Nsangou SCJ and all the members of the Congregation who have served the parish with great devotion across the past four decades. I hope we will have the opportunity to give thanks to God with the community for all their work and witness. We have known a long association with the Sacred Heart Fathers in the work of the Diocese and hope this connection may continue through availability for supply support in our parishes.'

Bishop Mark

'The SVP Prisons Group provides clothes for men in prison. Prisoners (male or female) have to provide their own clothes out of meagre prison allowances. How can they leave prison for families, employment, a hostel or new accommodation looking so tatty? Thus the SVP Prisons Group collects clothes – this time to the SVP Chaplain at HMP Hindley (Near Wigan). The chaplain asks for trousers, shorts, shirts, particularly T shirts. They must not be dark coloured. **Please leave in the box at the back of Church over the next few weeks.'**

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

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

Monday 4th July- Service of Word and Communion at 10am followed by Knit and Natter.

Please take a Commitment form from the back of church if you haven't filled one in yet. It keeps our records up to date and we would love more volunteers. We will be contacting new volunteers soon.

Holiday at Home 23-25th August - volunteer forms for drivers at the back of church

Festival Manchester in Wythenshawe 1-3rd July - organised by churches in the North West. There will be a bus from Bramhall Baptist Church picking up near Neville Road. Friday 5.15 returning 22.00 Saturday and Sunday Outbound 13.45, 15.00, 17.30 Inbound 17.00, 19.00, 20.45 and 21.45. Courtesy of Bramhall Baptist Church.

Children's Books and Display Board—The Children's Book Shelf is available again in the Library in the Meeting Room with books for use during Mass. Please return books when your children have used them. The board has also been updated.

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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