

Wednesday 20th July 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



Encountering Christ
Prayerfully preparing for the
Sunday Mass and praying in
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 24th July 2022 - The Seventeenth 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 24th July 2022 (Luke 11:1-13): The Lord's Prayer

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "Say this when you pray: 'Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test.'" He also said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, 'My friend, lend me three loaves because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him,' and the man answers from inside the house, 'Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you.' I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



3 Reflect

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

Luke is the evangelist of prayer. Again and again he shows us Jesus praying. At all the important moments of his life Jesus needs this intimacy with his Father. So he is praying at the baptism; before the choice of the disciples he prays through the night; at the Transfiguration he is praying. Now the prayer which is so often used by Christians is one he gives us himself. Luke's rendering of the prayer he taught the disciples is slightly shorter than the version in Matthew. It begins with the simple call 'Father' (rather than 'Our Father in heaven') - a noble and affectionate way of speaking to God. 'Thy will be done' is omitted, for it is Matthew who often insists on doing the will of the Father. Instead of 'give us this day our daily bread' Luke presents the insistent 'give us each day', which stresses the continuity of our dependence on God. After this prayer follows a series of parables and images which underline the importance of persistence in prayer and continual prayer after the model of Jesus himself. Elsewhere Luke will give us other parables about prayer: the Unjust Judge (again teaching perseverance in prayer) and the Pharisee and the Tax-Collector (teaching the importance of humility in prayer).

What do Jesus' words in the Gospel teach us about prayer? Have there been occasions when God has answered your prayers in a way you did not expect?

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.

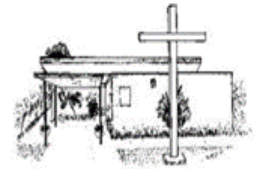


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Newsletter for the Parishes of
Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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17TH JULY 2022 SIXTEENTH 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 17th July	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Peace in the Ukraine
		9.30am	St Vincent's (Children's Mass)	Joe Kennedy
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Birthday Thanksgiving
Mon 18th July	FERIAL	9.30am	St. Ambrose	For all the sick throughout all three parishes.
Tues 19th July	St John Plessington (Memorial)	10:00am	Our Lady's -Thanks giving mass Our Lady's Primary School in church.	Rev Can. Maurice O'Connell
		12.30pm	Funeral Service—OL	Jean Mary Corbett RIP
Wed 20th July	FERIAL (St Apollinaris, B, M)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Parents of Nina Bailey RIP
Thurs 21st July	FERIAL (St Laurence of Brindisi, P, D)	9.30am	St Ambrose' primary Year 6 Leaver's Mass in church	Holy Souls
		7.00pm	Garden Mass-5 Ramsdale Road Bramhall SK7 2QA	Denise & Ian Carlin family
Fri 22nd July	St Mary Magdalene (Memorial)	09:30am	St Vincent's	Damien Jeffers RIP
Sat 23rd July	ST BRIDGET, R (PATRON OF EUROPE) DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Arthur Bailey special int
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose & Baptism	Richard Laurens Special Int Freddie Fitzgerald
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Elizabeth Mullin RIP B/day.
Sun 24th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.00am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Thanksgiving to St Anthony

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 will resume 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: Richard Laurens, 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 **Jean Mary Corbett** and the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Joseph Costello, Mary Kirkham Snr, Margaret Donnellan, Gerry Madeira, David Seeds, Bridget Joyce, Kathleen Gee, Bernard Tracey, John Dobbin, Augustine Monks, Peter Paul Donoghue, Jane Ann Watts, Christopher Little, Gerald Lahan, Fred Selby Snr, Jacqueline Fish, George Ansell, Linda McHugh, Fr. Andrew Grant, Joseph Edwin Watts, Mark Houston

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022—29th July - 5th August 2022 We very much look forward to returning as a Diocese to Lourdes next year. The dates for our Diocesan Pilgrimage have been confirmed as being from 29th July to 4th August (by air); 28th July to 5th August (overland). Full details, itineraries and booking forms will soon be available on the Shrewsbury Pilgrimage Website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office at St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD sezzyj@hotmail.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA—28TH SEPTEMBER TO 5TH OCTOBER: In the light of Pope Francis' re-consecration of Russia, Ukraine and the World to Our Lady of Fatima last month, we are planning a pilgrimage to Fatima with Joe Walsh Tours. Full details are on the parish websites. The cost will be £679 per person, to include a full pilgrimage programme, direct flights from Manchester to Lisbon, transfer to Fatima, full Religious programme including tours and visits to key sites associated with the apparitions, and full board in a central hotel in Fatima for 7 nights. Brochures and forms are available on request. Please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com. You may also contact Lucy in Our Lady's parish office to collect forms or for any queries.

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/>

Catechists dates for your diaries: 26.11.22—St Albans Macclesfield, A day of Discernment of Gifts & Service; **22nd & 29th October 2022**—A new Marriage Preparation Course bookings via Laura Butcher at admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk T:- 01743 290000; **8th & 9th October 2022**—A Marriage Enrichment Retreat *Loving 4 Life* at Wistaston Hall, Crewe for all married people Booking www.loving4.life.co.uk.

SEAFARERS AND FISHERS - Thank you for giving to Sea Sunday. Your generous gifts will ensure that Stella Maris Chaplains can continue to be a friend for seafarers and fishers in times of need. To find out more about how your support helps those who live and work at sea please visit www.stellamaris.org.uk

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): **OLATA**— £442.77 + £3,000 donation, Apostleship of the Sea £102.62 **St Vincent's**- £ 187.30 Apostleship of the Sea 102.25 **St Ambrose' (pending). THANK YOU.**

THANK YOU TO A GENEROUS PARISHIONER: We are very grateful to a parishioner of Our Lady's who made an anonymous donation of £3000 to the parish for the upkeep of the church. I have extended the gratitude of the entire parish to him and pray for God's blessings on him and his family.

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

FOREIGN CURRENCY: Please donate any spare foreign currency, Notes or Coins. There are big jars at the back of all three churches. Proceeds will go to the SVP charitable projects.

HOT WEATHER WARNING—Please follow the link with regards to how to keep cool during the hot weather <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/seasonal-health/heatwave-how-to-cope-in-hot-weather/> Drink fluids, stay indoors, keep your curtains closed in sunny rooms, use sun cream if you go out, walk in the shade. Headache, dizziness, feeling sick are a sign you need to cool down, drink fluids, have a cool shower, bath, keep out of the sun. You should feel better within 30 mins. Some signs of heat stroke—your temperature goes very high, you are sweating a lot, breathing faster, feeling confused, reduced consciousness, fitting. Seek urgent medical advice including dialling 111.

ELECTRONIC BULLETIN: If you would like an electronic bulletin delivered to your email address please contact the office with your preferred details to be added to the list.

Our Lady's News

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES—If you have not yet collected your box of blue envelopes, please check at the back of church. If you would like to start using envelopes or would prefer bank standing order please contact the parish office.



Happy Birthday Father Martin— Lets celebrate Father Martin today as its his birthday and thank him for all he does. There will be light refreshments, tea & coffee after 11am Mass.

SENIORS Family Group—The next meeting of this social group will take place at 12:00 on Wednesday 20th July in the Guild Room. If you have not attended this group before and would like to know more about it, please ring 0161 483 8200 (answer phone available).

St Ambrose News

GARDEN MASS—The Mass on Thursday, 21 July at St. Ambrose will now be a garden mass at Ian & Denise Carlin's home later that day at 7.00pm. The address is 5, Ramsdale Rd, Bramhall. SK7 2QA. Ian Mobile: 07753 203750. Refreshments, tea, coffee and cake, will be provided & all are welcome. Let's pray for good weather.

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

This Sunday - Children's Mass and Chelwood Food collection and Coffee after Mass.

Monday 18th - Service of Word and Communion 10am then Knit and Natter

Dates for your Diary: Church Cleaning Party - Saturday 10th September 10am to midday- help us clear away all the cobwebs!

Praise in the Park Sunday - September 11th - a Churches together in Bramhall and Woodford outdoor musical event

Celebration of St Vincent's Feast day - Sunday 25th September Mass and a social event afterwards

Mary Sunley Boat Trip 17.7.22 the boat leaves Lord Vernon's Wharf higher Poynton. Park at Nelson Pit SK12 1TH. We will be leaving at 12 midday. You can start to board the boat at 1145hrs for a prompt departure.

These are the links for online giving to the Parishes:

For Our Lady's parishioners, the link is:

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

For St. Ambrose parishioners, the link is:

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

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

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/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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