



Wednesday 3rd August 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 7th August 2022 - The Nineteenth 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 7th August 2022 (Luke 12:35-40): Being Ready for the Master's Return

Jesus said to his disciples: "See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."



3 Reflect

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

Just before the reading above, Jesus has warned in St Luke's Gospel about the peril of worldly possession. This is a danger about which Luke, writing to a prosperous audience, continually reminds his audience. Then Jesus issues a series of exhortations to be alert for the final meeting with the Lord, and a series of blessings on those who are so ready. Luke does not have a great scene of a universal final judgement (as Matthew's Gospel does with the parable of the sheep and the goats). For Luke there is no need to wait for a great final judgement scene at the end of the world; instead, with his Greek frame of mind, he is more interested in the individual judgement (for each of these parables concerns a single individual who is rewarded or punished). This is fully compatible with the notion that each individual's final judgement is at death, rather than all together at the end of the world. Most wonderful and startling is the promise (suggested by today's parable) that, after the Master's return at the judgement, he will himself serve the faithful servants.

How may we best be "ready" for the return of the Lord?

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.**

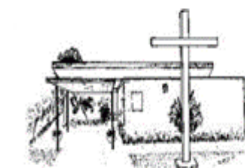


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Newsletter for the Parishes of
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31ST JULY 2022 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 31st July	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Sheila Rose Murphy RIP
		9.30am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Leszek Grzebyta RIP
Mon 1st August	St Alphonsus Liguori, B, D. (Memorial)	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Service of Word and Communion
Tues 2nd August	St Eusebius of Vercelli, B. & St Peter Eymard, P (Memorial)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mary Colgan RIP (ann)
Wed 3rd August	St Oswald, K, M. (Memorial)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Service of Word & Comm
Thurs 4th August	St John Vianney, P. (Memorial)	9.30am	St Ambrose	Service of Word & Comm
		7.00pm	Our Lady's	Service of Word & Comm
Fri 5th August	The Dedication of the Basilica of St Mary Major	9:30am	St Vincent's	Service of Word & Comm
Sat 6th August	THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Henry Colgan RIP
		1.00pm	Our Lady's—Wedding	Jessica Murray & Aaron Liburd
		5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Parents of Nina Bailey RIP Paula Murray—Speedy Recovery
Sun 7th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	St Vincent's Our Lady's St Ambrose—Baptism	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Ava Hill

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 begin today 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.

CONFIRMATION FOR OUR LADY'S, ST JOSEPH'S, ST AMBROSE & ST VINCENTS PARISHES has been scheduled for 9th December 2022 at Our Lady's. Please send names to the parish office.

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 Morrisey, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, 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, 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 soul of **Barry Lloyd, Sheila Rose Murphy, Leszek Grzebyta, Eillen Sinclair,** and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Winifred Breslin, Ken Morris, Colin O'Connor, Stewart Carruthers, John O'Callaghan, Thomas Reginald Woods, Dennis Welch, William J. Kitchin, Thomas Finnagan, Sandra Platt, Gerry Murray, Philip Garner, Samuel Rowland, Dorothy Whitworth, Paul Carruthers, Gerald Francis Wright, James Mullen

During **August** : we pray for **Small and Medium –sized Businesses: in the midst of economic and social crisis may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.**

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES: This Friday our Diocese returns to Lourdes after a two year absence. It is a joy to be able to return to this wonderful place of pilgrimage. We will keep the whole Diocese very much in our thoughts and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. If you wish to join us via the livestream for the International Mass on Sunday 31st July at 8.30am BST and for our Mass in the Grotto on Monday 1 August at 9am BST, please go to the Sanctuaries website www.lourdes-france.org and click on the link. Bishop Mark has proposed the following prayer intentions for the Pilgrimage: *For the renewal of our Shrewsbury Diocesan Pilgrimage, that we may wholeheartedly respond as pilgrims to the message of Our Lady of Lourdes. *For the peace of the world as we entrust all humanity, especially Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. *For all the people of Shrewsbury Diocese, that we may return to the Eucharist with renewed faith and joy. *For all young people of our Diocese, that amidst the uncertainties of our time they may respond with joy to their vocation in life. Please join with us in praying for these intentions. (A message from Fr David Long).

CATENIAN BURSARY FUND: Are you 16-24?, Catholic?, Passionate about helping others?, Planning a future voluntary project?, Needing financial help? Each year the Catenian Bursary Fund makes awards to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimages. For full details including eligibility criteria visit our website catenianbursary.com. Local contact 07504 130749 or 07827 628261.

THE LAST ULTIMATE BOOK CLUB -You are invited to the final meeting with Rev Scott Manning who has made a particular study of the final book of the Bible. We plan to have a strawberry tea after the presentation beginning at 2pm, on 7th August in Centrepoint. It's all free. Mary & Paul Langto

SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE DAY FOR PARISHES - Parishes and parish groups are invited to book a pilgrimage day at the Cathedral. This will include a tour of the Cathedral where you will see how the reordering of the Cathedral is evolving, including the restored east window and the original, recently uncovered encaustic tiles, (which are being matched and recast by 'Craven Dunnill Tiles', whose manufacturing background began at the Jackfield Tile Factory in Ironbridge in 1872). Mass will be celebrated at 12.15pm and followed by a light lunch provided by the on-site Orchard Café. The cost of the day is £10 per head. Telephone: 01743 290077 Email: events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk.

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.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): OLATA— £542.59 St Vincent's-£309.40 St Ambrose' £191.16 Apostleship of the Sea £35 THANK YOU.

FR MARTIN AWAY: 'I will be away visiting friends in New York, from 25th July to 5th August. Masses will be covered as in the newsletter. Please pray for me for a safe and restful break. Thanks and God bless.'

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION—For those wishing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation, this year's preparation will commence in September 2022, with the Date of Confirmation booked for 9th December 2022. Please forward your names to the parish office if you wish to enrol for this sacrament.

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.

WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW PARISHIONERS—Please remember to introduce yourself to Fr Martin, if you are new to the parish, and do indicate if you wish to volunteer for any role in the parish. Perhaps you exercised a particular ministry in your previous parish, or now feel able to, we would be delighted to have your services. You are welcome to our parish family!

Multi-Sport Holiday Camps— Monday—Thursday 0945 hr—1415hrs. 3rd Bramhall Scout Hut, Linney Road, Bramhall, SK7 3WZ Free Summer Holiday Club and Lunch for children 5—11 years. Delivered by Specialist Educational Sports Coaches. Priority places for those on free school meals, contact. Jamie.Mccord@scfcfoundation.com 07760454583 www.scfcfoundation.com@SCFCfoundation Facebook.com/scfcfoundation

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

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 recognize any of the names on the boxes, could you please help deliver to them? Thanks! If you would like to start using envelopes or would prefer bank standing order please contact the parish office.

Tea and Coffee—join us for tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

Message from Fr Long—Fr Totet in Cambodia was delighted to receive your donation and has said they will now create a confession and counselling room with your donation.

The Children's Liturgy Group are taking a break for the summer and will resume on 4th September.

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

There will be **no Prayer Group or Knit and Natter after** Service of Word and Communion during the month of August

Road to Emmaus group - Zoom meeting 7.30pm Monday 1st August

Piety Stall - there is a selection of cards and religious items for sale from the trolley at the front of church, plus some wooden candle decorations.

Diocesan Year books - these are still available in the porch if you would like to leave a donation.

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.

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>

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