



Wednesday 31st August 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 4th September 2022 - The Twenty Third 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 4th September 2022 (Luke 14:25-33): The Cost of Discipleship
Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way and he turned and spoke to them. "If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, 'Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish.' Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions."



3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.
Jesus does not pull his punches, and here delivers a series of devastating body-blows to anyone who is looking for easy discipleship. All through this journey which culminates in Jesus' own death at Jerusalem the cost of discipleship has been a recurrent theme: 'Let the dead bury their dead' (13th Sunday), the Parable of the Rich Fool (18th Sunday), 'From one to whom much has been entrusted, even more will be demanded' (19th Sunday), 'Father against son, son against father' (20th Sunday), and now 'Hate father and mother' and 'Give up all your possessions'. A certain amount of the vigour of these demands may be attributed to a Semitic (Hebrew/Aramaic) mode of expression (they would often use superlatives and rarely use comparatives), but there is no doubt about the absolute demands made on the disciple. When Jesus made these demands he knew what lay ahead of him, and was only asking his disciples to follow his own course. We must count the cost before beginning to build the tower. Most of us have, of course, already started to build the tower by responding to Jesus' call. There is no turning back from the plough (13th Sunday); only pray for a courage and loyalty which exceed our own powers.
Why does Jesus use such fierce language? What is the hardest thing about trying to be a disciple of 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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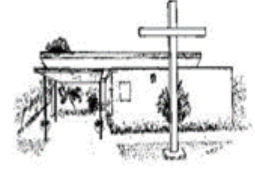
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TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady's church)
OR click on tinyurl.com/stockportparishes or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 28th August	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Kurtz Family Intention
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Maurer Family Intention
		9.30am	St Vincent's Our Lady's & Baptism OLATA- Baptism	Ann Evans RIP
11.00am	Ian Callaghan RIP & McKenzie Kiely (Quick Recov)			
Mon 29th August	The Passion of St John the Baptist	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Julia Higgins (B/d remembrance)
Tues 30th August	Ss Margaret Clitherow, Margeret Ward, V and Anne Line, Mm	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kathleen Roche RIP
Wed 31st August	Ferial (St Aidan, B and the Saints of Lindisfarne)	9.30am 11.30am	St Vincent's	Katie Roche RIP
Thurs 1st September	Ferial (WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE CARE OF CREATION)	9:30am	St Ambrose	Bridget & Thomas Joyce (Remembrance) Michael Joyce RIP (ann)
		7.00pm	Our Lady's	
Fri 2nd September	Ferial	9:30am	St Vincent's	Peter Obi (Private Int)
Sat 3rd September	ST GREGORY THE GREAT, Pp, D	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Cerys Jones (Poorly)
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Deceased Members of McGowan + Higgins families & McGowan + Carney Families
		7:00pm		
Sun 4th September	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Diane & Rich Smith's Family Betty, Robert, Howard, Ken Whitehead (RIP)
		11.00am		
		1.00pm	OLATA- Baptism	Billy Wilson Wall

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 has begun.
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

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: McKenzie Kiely, Eileen McGahan, Winifred Thomas, Veronica Morrissey, 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 **Anthony Stewart Findell, Father Gregory Downing, Eileen Melia,** and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Maisie Horan, Gerard Anthony Hopkins, Margaret Ann McGovern, Charlie Buckley, Joseph Upton, Ada Phyllis, Mary Stafford, Marjorie Woods, Fr. Francis John O'Reilly, Annie Potter, Hilda Hope, Jim Wild, Thomas Whitworth, John O'Higgins, Samuel Goulden Snr., Samuel Goulden Jnr., Benjamin Dove.

During **September** : we pray for the **Abolition Of The Death Penalty:** that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

Recruiting Lourdes Hospitality Volunteers to help with the visit of the Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes. These relics will be coming to the Cathedral on Tuesday 13th September and move to St Werburgh', Chester on 14th September. Lourdes Hospitality members have been approached to carry the reliquary and statue and then stand on guard throughout the visit. This is a real honour so please consider helping if you are a member of the Lourdes Hospitality. If you cannot help yourself, then please do invite others to do so. For further details please contact the Hospitality President, Siobhan Cartwright: siobhanbc@gmail.com or phone on 07761138947.

SAINT BERNADETTE RELIC TOUR 2022: The relic of Saint Bernadette will be in our Diocese on Tuesday 13th September in Shrewsbury Cathedral and Wednesday 14th September in Saint Werburgh's Chester. This is an amazing opportunity and time of grace for us. Those wishing to venerate the relic are strongly encouraged to book a time to visit via the national website <http://www.stbernadette.org.uk> . Resources to help us prepare for the visit are being now available soon in your parish and via the Diocesan website. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the Cathedral Office: Tel 01743 290000 or email admin@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.

Renew Stockport is inviting everyone on Friday 2nd September, 8.00am – 9.00am, to St Mary's in the Marketplace to vc pray for our Stockport Schools at the beginning of the new academic year.

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE UKRAINE: 14th September A day of prayer has been proposed across Europe on Wednesday 14th September, the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross. It is, of course, the day Saint Bernadette's relics are arriving in Shrewsbury. There will be a dedicated hour of prayer in the Cathedral that day for the suffering of the people of the Ukraine. We are also invited to consider remembrance in the Mass and/or a dedicated hour of Eucharistic Adoration for the Ukraine on that day.

FOOTSTEPS COMING SOON—Do come to the next Footsteps event on Thursday 8 September at 7.30pm in St Peter's parish centre (Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA). Anthony Delaney will consider and suggest how we can make a difference to others.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): **OLATA— £435.21 St Vincent's—£ 1185.22 St Ambrose' £ 142.00 THANK YOU.**

Offertory envelopes can be obtained from the Parish Office or see links for online giving to the Parishes or

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!

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION: For those wishing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation, this year's preparation will commence after the school holidays, 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.

MASS INTENTIONS: There are loads of available spaces now for Mass intentions. Please complete the envelopes at the back and submit, if you would like to have Masses offered for yourself or your loved ones.

Fatima Pilgrimage— There will be a meeting for those booked on the Fatima Pilgrimage on Thursday 15TH September 2022 at Our Lady's after 7pm Mass.

Our Lady's News

VEGETABLE GARDEN: Please get in touch if you wish to help with gardening. Please enter your name in the paper provided at the back of the church. Thanks.

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.

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.

RIP: We pray for the repose of Patsy's husband, **Anthony Findell**, who died recently and for his family. The funeral will on Tuesday 6th Sept at 12 mid day at The Cyprus Chapel at the Crematory and afterwards at Our Lady's Social Club.

St Vincent News

No Service of Word and Communion on Bank Holiday Monday

Emmaus Book Group - starting with a new book(The Prince Rupert Hotel for the Homeless by Christina Lamb) on Zoom on Thursday 1st September, 7.30pm. Contact C Allan if you wish to join the group (cecilia.allan3@gmail.com)

Thank you for all the donations for Chelwood, they were gratefully received on Tuesday.

Coming up soon: Church cleaning morning Sept 10th 10am and St Vincent's Feast celebration on Sunday 25th September, starting with Mass at 1pm

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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