

Wednesday 17th 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 21st August 2022 - The Twenty First 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 21st August 2022 (Luke 12:22-30): **The Narrow Door**

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, "Sir, will there be only a few saved?" He said to them, "Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, 'Lord, open to us,' but he will answer, 'I do not know where you come from.' Then you will find yourself saying, 'We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets,' but he will reply, 'I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!' Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last."



3 Reflect

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

The Gospel reading raises a point which is directly opposite to one found in the first reading. There the inhabitants of distant lands will come to draw salvation from Jerusalem. This is repeated in the Gospel, but the daunting carollery is also given to those nearer home and who are expecting to find their way into the heavenly city easily: don't sit back in complacent contentment that you have been called, or you may find the door slammed in your face. Matthew 7:21-23 has the same warning: it is not enough to keep calling out, 'Lord, Lord' without actually doing the will of the Father. There is also the similar, more developed teaching in the parable of the wedding attendants - five who are wise with oil in their lamps, and five who are unprepared for the wedding feast. They too vainly cry, 'Lord, Lord' from outside the door. Today's Gospel almost forms the centre-piece of the instructions to the disciples as they make their way with Jesus up to Jerusalem and to his Passion and Death. There is no cheap way to salvation: each disciple must take up the cross behind Jesus and follow to the end of the road. This teaching is the more striking in Luke, who stresses that both Jews and Gentiles will take part in the festival.

Are we complacent? How do we best journey on the road of salvation?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OBE

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 set 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.

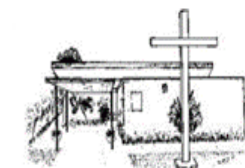


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14TH AUGUST 2022 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGINMARY
You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady's church)
OR click on tinyurl.com/stockportparishes or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 14th August	THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (Solemnity)	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Billy Birkel
Mon 15th August	FERIAL	9.30am	St Vincent's	Connor Quiroz
		11.00am	Our Lady's & Baptism	Paula (Quick recovery) Antonian Torlo
Tues 16th August	FERIAL (St Stephen of Hungary, K)	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Chidi Doris (Quick recovery)
Wed 17th August	FERIAL	9.30am	St Vincent's	William Supple (RIP) ann
Thurs 18th August	FERIAL	11.30am	St Ambrose- Funeral Service	Barry Lloyd (RIP)
Fri 19th August	FERIAL (St John Eudes, P)	7.00pm	St Ambrose- Garden Mass 59 Beech Rd. Cale Green SK3 8HD	Jim Seggie (family intentions)
Sat 20th August	St Bernard, Ab, D (Memorial)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Margaret Conway (Spe.Int)
Sun 21st August	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Private Intention
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Joe and Brenda Dugan family blessing)
		7:00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Msgr. Ray Walden's intentions
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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 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: Eileen McGahan, Winifred Thomas, 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 **Anthony Findell, Anne Evans, Barry Lloyd, Leszek Grzebyta, Eileen Sinclair,** and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

May Gibson, Sandra Thornycroft, Thomas Brett, Joseph Mollard, Edward Scott, James Heath, Marjorie Lee, Isabella Lamb, Stephen Dutton, Gerard Morrissey.

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.**

JUMBULANCE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:- nurses and helpers needed. Leaving 8th—17th September 2022 Chester Across Group. May be cancelled without further support. Must have GB Passport and be COVID vaccinated. Contact Tony Murphy Chester Across Group 07881656 tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk www.across.org.uk

THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE RELICS OF SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES—The relics will be with us at the Cathedral from 1.00pm on Tuesday 13th September until 9.00am on Wednesday 14th September, when the relics will travel to Saint Werburgh's, Chester until 4.00pm that same afternoon. A private visit of Saint Bernadette's relics to Carmel in Birkenhead will follow, however on this occasion, it will not be possible for anyone outside of Carmel to visit the relics. A booking system is being developed and this will be available shortly along with other information about the pilgrimage on the national website <https://stbernadette.org.uk/>. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please contact Canon Christopher at the Cathedral - admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk

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.

CATENIAN BURSARY FUND: 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.

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.

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. We will aim to have 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.

UKRAINIAN REFUGEES - Sadly, with the on-going conflict in Ukraine, families are seeking refuge. Several families have already arrived in the area, but there is a need for more host families. Can you help? Go to: www.eu4ua.org for further details. Thank you.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): OLATA— £537.76 St Vincent's—£258.22

St Ambrose' £ 119.70 THANK YOU.

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

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.

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.

Our Lady's News

GUILD ROOM REDECORATION: You would have noticed that the guild room is now looking nattier. Whist we had the painters on site, we decided to use the opportunity to give it a facelift, as the walls were beginning to look a bit tired and soiled. We hope you like it.

VEGETABLE GARDEN: We thank Claire who has resumed the gardening in front of the guild room, helped by the very 'green-fingered' Louis! We forgot to get pictures of him planting the vegetables and giving Fr Martin a guided tour of his new garden. Please get in touch if you like to help with gardening. 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.

St Vincent News

Foodbank Collection next Sunday for Chelwood Food bank. See porch for details of what is required, but tins of ham, corned beef and chickpeas would be very welcome this time.

Holiday at Home - could you volunteer as a driver for one of the days to give a lift to the United Reformed Church on Robins Lane on 23rd, 24th or 25th August? It only involves picking up in the morning about 9.30am and/or **taking home later in the afternoon. See forms at the back of church (or ring David Langton on 439 2348)**

THANK-YOU - LAMBS Trip to Blackpool - thank you to all our parishioners who helped in all sorts of ways towards the successful trip to Blackpool for our LAMBS members. It takes lots of different types of support to make this trip a success, from prayers to food, financial donations, being there on the day or providing support should anything go wrong at the day back in Stockport. You pulled it off again. The trip was blessed by Fr Martin before it set off and also with the glorious good weather. Our refugee family also joined the trip and met extended members of their family in Blackpool and had a wonderful day. Thank you all for your support.

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-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>

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