

Wednesday 24th 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 28th August 2022 - The Twenty Second 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 28th August September 2022 (Luke 14:1. 7-14): Invitations
On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, "When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, 'Give up your place to this man.' And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, 'My friend, move up higher.' In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted." Then he said to his host, "When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again."



3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.
Two parables in today's Gospel about invitations to table. Both are from Luke's special material, without parallel in the other gospels. Jesus moves in a higher stratum of society than he does in Mark and Matthew, and often has in mind the implications of the Gospel in this context. The first parable, however, like several of Luke's parables, seems to be developed from a little Old Testament proverb: 'Do not give yourself airs, do not take a place among the great; better to be invited, "Come up here," than to be humiliated' (Proverbs 25:6-7). At first sight this seems a merely worldly precaution, a false humility engineered to gain attention. But for Luke a banquet is always an image of the heavenly banquet of the Lord. So the message is a moral one too: don't think yourself better than you are. The message is also typical of Luke's open and straightforward approach. One is reminded of the Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax-collector at prayer, where the latter prays only "God be merciful to me, a sinner". The second parable also is typical of Luke: it exemplifies his stress on the inherent danger of wealth, on the need to use wealth well, and on his concern for the poor and neglected in society.
What is the message of these two parables? What does their message say to me about the way I lead my own life?
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.

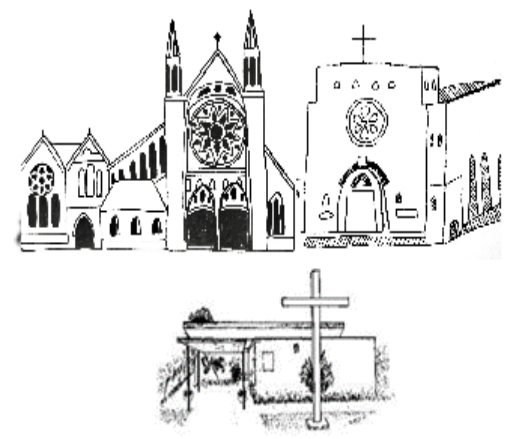


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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady's church)
OR click on tinyurl.com/stockportparishes or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 21st August	TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
Mon 22nd August	The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady's & Baptism	Jim & Joan Bell (family blessing)
Tues 23rd August	Ferial St Rose of Lima, V. (optional memorial)	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Peace in the Ukraine
Wed 24th August	St Bartholomew, Ap	9.30am	Our Lady's	Michal O'Brian RIP
Thurs 25th August	St Thomas of Hereford, B	9:30am	St Vincent's	Ann Evans RIP
		11 am	St Ambrose—Our Lady's—Funeral	For All priests Thomas James Gibbons
Fri 26th August	Ferial Blessed Dominic of the Mother of God Barberi, P (optional memorial)	7.00pm	Our Lady's	Private intention
		9:30am	St Vincent's	Kath Brown - Anniversary
Sat 27th August	St Monica	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Monica Henry (blessing)
		5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Kurtz Family intentions
		7:00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Maurer's Family intentions
Sun 28th August	TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.00am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Our Parish Family McKenzie Kiely (Quick recov.)

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: 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, 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.**

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 now available in the 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

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.

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.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): OLATA— £465.94 St Vincent's-£ 217.82 St Ambrose' £ 34.55 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: It has been a pleasure to see and welcome new faces to our church—this summer—those on holiday, those who have just moved into the area and those returning to Mass. Please remember to introduce yourself to Fr Martin, 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!

THANK YOU - to Jim and Nicola Seggie for hosting our final garden mass of the season. The mass at the last minute was moved in doors due to light rain. So a cosy mass with good company from all three parishes and blessed with children. Already we are looking forward to next year for those that would like a garden mass. Forward your name and contact details to the office, for those who would like to host a mass at their home.

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.

THANK YOU—to all parishioners who donated clothes for those in HM P Hindley—they were very much appreciated from Anne-Marie Harrison the RC Chaplain there.

Please remember in your prayers **Fr Gregory Downing** who died in the Royal Shrewsbury Hospital on 12.8.22.

Our Lady's News

GUILD ROOM REDECORATION: You would have noticed that the guild room is now looking natter. 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 IN FRONT OF GUILD ROOM: Work is underway. We thank all those volunteering so far! Please get in touch if you like to help. 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 be on 6th September at the Cypress Chapel, Stockport Crem.

St Vincent News

No coffee after Mass this month

Foodbank Collection this Sunday for Chelwood Food bank. Tins of ham, corned beef and chickpeas would be very welcome this time!

Church Cleaning Morning - September 10th 10am to midday. Please come along with your cleaning equipment or, if you prefer, you can do some weeding in the church car park! Tea and coffee will be provided to lubricate the workers.

Parishes in Partnership- We have just sent a cheque to Fr Tim in South Sudan for £3,000 from our Mission Account. See the notice board in church for information on how our money is spent. We plan to send another cheque in the next few months as they are likely to be in need at this time. Thanks to all who continue to donate regularly via standing order.

Date for your Diary Sunday September 25th- St Vincent's Feast Day Celebration. This will be a fun social event with food for all and games for the younger children. Exact details will follow soon.

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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