

Wednesday 16th November 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 20th November 2022 - Christ the King

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 20th November 2022 The King of Forgiveness (Luke 23:35-43)
The people stayed there before the cross watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.'



3 Reflect

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.
The crucifixion scene in Luke, as in all the gospels, is the climax of the story of Jesus. Emphasis is placed on the role of Jesus as King. The soldiers mock him as such, but the Gospel's use of irony ensures that we understand that they are saying more than they realise. Jesus is also ridiculed as Saviour ('Save yourself and us as well'): especially in Luke (from the Infancy Stories onwards) Jesus is presented as the true Saviour – who is God. In Luke the crucifixion scene is primarily a scene of forgiveness, where Jesus carries on to the very end and his work of forgiveness, which Luke has underlined throughout his Gospel. The scene begins with the women of Jerusalem mourning for Jesus, and ends with all the spectators departing, beating their breasts, recognizing their universal guilt. Jesus spontaneously forgives his executioners, asking God's forgiveness for them before they even ask it for themselves. He welcomes into his kingdom of Paradise the bandit who spontaneously acknowledges his wrongdoing. Here we see the culmination of all those scenes throughout Luke's Gospel where values are reversed: the King presented as a wretched figure dying on the Cross, to whom homage is paid not by dignified courtiers, but by another wretched figure dying by his side.
What sort of person should a citizen of the kingdom of forgiveness be?

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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THIRTY THIRD 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')

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 13th November	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
		8.30am	St. Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		9.45am	St Vincent's	Brian McNulty -RIP
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Raymond O'Neil –ann
Mon 14th November	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Ceris Jones (Private Int)
Tues 15th November	Ferial (St Albert the Great, B,D)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Paul Collins –RIP
Wed 16th November	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Holy Souls
Thurs 17th November	Ferial	9:30am	St Ambrose	For Deceased family of the Morrell & Quirk Family
		7.00pm	Our Lady's	For Peace in Ukraine
Fri 18th November	Ferial (Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss Peter & Paul, Ap)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Peter Jeffers –b/day mem
Sat 19th November	Ferial (Blessed Virgin Mary)	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Richard Burke –b/day
		6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	For The forgotten Souls
Sun 20th November	OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE	8.30am	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		9.45am	St Vincent's	For Everyone on the sick lists
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Dominic Fitzmaurice RIP –b/ day mem
		2.30pm	Our Lady's –Baptism	Sarah Rose Jenkins Grannigan

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 start on the 15th January 2023.

First Holy Communion: Preparations will soon resume in school and at Our Lady's church for 2023. We are collecting names and all candidates are expected to come to mass and join the children's liturgy 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. Preparation programme has started!

Safeguarding Leads for the Three Parishes are as follows:- St Vincent's—Judy Carey carey.judith@yahoo.com OLATA Ged Murtogh gedronimo@gmail.com St Ambrose—Karen Tatton thetattons@ntlworld.com

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, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, 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.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, 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, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Shelagh Lees, Eileen Mains, Thomas Frederick Bowling, Elizabeth Burke, Dorothy Boardman, and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

George Gould, Ernest Platt, Annie Conboy, Brian Clarke, Tom O'Gara, Peter John McDonald, Michael Shields, Hilda McDonald, James Stephen Riley, Annie Hassett, Peter Shields Snr., Terry Kilduff.

In November we pray with Pope Francis for – Children who are suffering, – especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION Next weekend the annual Collection for the Clergy Education & Training Fund will be held. On the training and formation of Priests, the future of our Diocese so much depends. If you wish to Gift Aid your donation, please make your donation Online. To donate Online please go to www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/clergy-education-and-training-fund. An electronic version of a leaflet about the Fund is available on the Parish website. This explains how you can also donate to the Fund by Standing Order or Cheque and how to Gift Aid donations made using these methods.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: There are envelopes at the back of the church for us to remember our dear departed ones in November. The names will be placed on the altar throughout the month of November and, as usual, Masses will be offered for their eternal repose throughout the year with any donations enclosed. Please complete and return as soon as possible to the Church or through the Presbytery letter box. May we remember our departed ones at Mass and other prayers.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, 23rd November –10.30am -3.30pm—Clergy Day of Recollection at OLATA

Sunday, 27th November—Mass and lighting of candles for Recently Deceased and their families at each church

MONDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 7PM —Joint Pastoral/Mission Team End of Year Get-Together at Our Lady's club

Friday, 9th December at 7pm—Mass of Confirmation at OLATA for four parishes. All welcome!

Week beginning 6th December— Outdoor Christmas Trees to up at our three parishes

Sunday 11th December 2pm—Mass of Anointing of the Sick at OLATA

Tuesday 13th December 1.30pm—Aquinas College Carol Service at OLATA. All welcome!

Wednesday 14th December 2pm—Our Lady's Primary school Carols at OLATA. All welcome!

Thursday, 15th December 7pm—Advent Penitential Service at St Vincent's for 4 parishes (St Josephs, Our Lady's, St Ambrose, and St Vincent's) . All welcome!

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING (EGM) followed by a general Hospitality Meetings will take place on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 2pm at St Columba's Parish Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1PL. The EGM is being held to discuss constitutional change (as discussed at the AGM) and any proposals **need to be received by no later than 14 days before the meeting**. Agenda items for the General Hospitality Meeting need to be received **no later than 7 days before the meeting**. Papers to be sent to the Hospitality Secretary. Please pass on the information to other Hospitality Members. Can you please register your attendance/apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call [07451 249267](tel:07451249267)

FOREIGN AND OLD CURRENCY: Please donate any foreign notes and coins also old British coins to the big jars at the back of all 3 churches. Donations will go to SVP Charities.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be obtained from the Gift Aid Coordinator of each parish, through the Parish Office. We thank the many who give through Standing Orders. Also get in touch if you need help with this Or follow these 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>

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: People have asked for some idea of Christmas Mass times this year to help them plan rotas, etc. Here is the draft schedule of our Masses for this year, which is almost same as last year's.

Sat. 24 th Dec 	Christmas Eve <i>Vigil Masses for Christmas</i>	4.30 pm 5.00 pm 5.45 pm (6 pm Mass) Midnight Mass	St. Ambrose's Children's Mass St. Vincent's Children's Mass Our Lady's Carols followed by Children's Mass Our Lady's Midnight Mass
Sun 25 th Dec 	The Nativity of the Lord	9.15am 9.30am 10.45am (11am Mass)	St. Ambrose's St. Vincent's Our Lady's Carols followed by Mass at 11am

FREE MEDICAL SERVICES 2023: Fr Martin is planning the 4th Medical Outreach Mission in his hometown in January 2023. As usual, the target is to attend to one thousand patients. If you would like to donate, you can scan the QR code here to go to the GoFundMe page.



<<< Scan Here to Donate or open at <https://gofund.me/9cc9372d>.

The video of this year's outreach is available here > [Medical Outreach Master Translated-1.m4v](#).

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated by Fr Martin and especially by the beneficiaries who, otherwise, cannot access medical care. Thank you.

FROM THE PIETY STALL: Struggling for that gift for those that seem to have everything this season? Wanting to give the gift that maximises what your money can do to help those unable to access health care? Consider a donation to Martin's Medical Outreach Mission? Don't forget to collect your notification receipt to add to your Christmas card explaining the purpose of the medical outreach to your recipient and space for you to write a personalised message. They are freely available on the Piety stall. You may want to consider adding the link in your message to the go fund me page, so they can see your donation or add the video link to your message for a free 1/2 hr documentary on the outreach programme, so your recipient can explore a little bit more about the service, listen to Fr Martin speaking in his native language and the patient's personal response to this service. **Top tip**, check out the speaker at 11 minutes!!

CARITAS SOCIAL ACTION NETWORK (CSAN)—Homes for Ukraine Matching Service. CSAN IN PARTNERSHIP WITH St John of God Hospitaller Services, an international Catholic Charity, are bringing together displaced Ukrainian people with those in the Catholic community willing to host them for 6 months. Please visit <https://sojg-homesforukraine.uk> for more information.

Our Lady's News

PLEASE NOTE—SATURDAY MASS: 6.30PM

TEA AND COFFEE: In the guild room after 11 AM MASS—LIGHT LUNCH—SUN 20TH NOVEMBER AFTER 11AM MASS, SOUP WILL BE SERVED IN THE GUILD ROOM, MADE BY AND USING VEGETABLES GROWN BY THE CHILDREN. ALL DONATIONS WILL GO TO THE WELLSRING.

Christmas cards & gifts will be on sale. All proceeds to the medical outreach mission

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP—has now resumed, during the 11am Mass.

St Ambrose News

PLEASE NOTE—SUNDAY MASS: 8.30AM

YEAR BOOKS—There are still a few Year books available. Just leave a donation.

PIETY STALL—has some new gifts and cards for sale.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - St Ambrose will be holding a Christmas raffle again this year. There is a box at the back of church for donations for prizes. Thank you for **your generosity**.

St Vincent News

NOTE—SUNDAY MASS: 9.45 AM

PLEASE SUNDAY 13TH NOVEMBER ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE DAY MASS . If you have relatives who died in wars or a relative/ friend who died in the last 12 months, and you would like to take up a candle, please contact Veronica Martin on 07749 768673 BEFORE Friday 11th Nov.

(84 NORTH PARK ROAD) would like to remind local residents that they are open Monday and Wednesday every week from 10.30am to 1.30pm. They offer a warm space with drinks and chat and craft projects too. They would love to welcome you.

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 3EX.

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