Wednesday 23rd November 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



Celebrating the Year of the Word with The Wednesday Word. Encountering Christ - prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass.



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 27th November 2022 - The First Sunday of Advent



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

The Gospel for Sunday 27th November 2022 - Like a Thief in the Night (Matthew 24:37-44)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the house-holder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

Reflect

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

In each year of the three-year cycle the Advent Sunday gospel-readings have the same pattern: the first is about the final Coming of Christ. In the second John the Baptist is preparing a community of repentance to welcome Jesus' mission. In the third John the Baptist points out Jesus as the Messiah. On the fourth Sunday we look to Mary preparing for the birth of her Son. In this Sunday's reading about the Second Coming the accent is the same as in the Paul's latter to the Romans (today's second reading): we have a pressing and urgent need to take action without delay. The Second Coming will be sudden and unexpected as when a thief breaks in at night and no protective preparations have been made; it will also seem random and apparently without discernible cause, as when one person is taken, another left behind. We do not even know whether that final confrontation (when each of us is brought face to face with the avesome presence of God) will be a unique event for each of us at death, or whether it will be a group event, as is suggested by Matthew's parable of the sheep and goats sent to right and left. There is no time in eternity, no waiting-room! It will not be as any human mind can envisage it.

Should we look forward to or dread the final meeting with the Lord?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

A 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 saking 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 py. Please remember to pray for the Church and particularly our school families. Then conclude by requesting the prayers of Our Lady & St Joseph.



The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

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Newsletter for the Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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OUR LORD JESUS, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

You can join us via this Live Stream link: https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport (for Our Lady's church)

OR click on <u>tinyurl.com/stockportparishes</u> or <u>Stockport Parishes - YouTube</u> (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 20th	OUR LORD JESUS	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	For The forgotten Souls
November	CHRIST, KING OF	7 86		
	THE UNIVERSE	8.30am	St. Ambrose	Our Parish Family
	提取.	9.45am	St Vincent's	For Everyone on the sick lists
Youth	(DAY OF SPECIAL	11.00am	Our Lady's (Enrolment	Dominic Fitzmaurice RIP –b/
Sunday	PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE)	2-3	Mass for Confirmation)	day memory
		2.30pm	Our Lady's –Baptism	Sarah Rose Jenkins Grannigan
Mon 21st	The Presentation of	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Eileen & Colin Fahey RIP
November	the Blessed Virgin		(642)	
L	Mary	10.45am	Funeral Service at the Crem	Thomas Frederick Bowling RIP
Tues 22nd	St Cecilia, V,M	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ceris Jones (Private Int)
November		X200000	N 7 /-	
Wed 23rd	Ferial (St Clement 1, Pp,	9.30am	St Vincent's	Holy Souls
November	M. & St Columban, Ab)	10am—4pm	Shrewsbury Clergy Advent	
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Thurs 24th	Ss Andrew Dung-Lac, P	9:30am	St Ambrose	Dorothy Boardman RIP
November	& Companions, Mm	11.00am	OLATA- Requiem Mass	Elizabeth Burke RIP
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Fri 25th	Ferial (St Catherine of	9.30am	St Vincent's	Peace in Ukraine
November	Alexandria, V,M)	7.50um	St vincent s	reace in Skiame
Sat 26th	Ferial	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls
November	(BVM on Saturday)	9.30 alli	Our Lady S	Hory Souls
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	17.	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	, and the second
Sun 27th	THE FIRST SUNDAY	8.30am	St Ambrose	Maureen Kellehan (Thanksgvg)
November	OF ADVENT	9.45am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
	1.0	11.00am	Our Lady's (Enrolment	Pat Iredale RIP
	650	11546-6111	Mass for 1st Communion)	
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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 will starts on the 15th January 2023.

First Holy Communion: Preparations will soon resume in school and at Our Lady's church for 2023. We are now 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 Morrisey, 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, Viviene 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 Dorothy Smith, Shelagh Lees, Eileen Mainds, Thomas Frederick Bowling, Elizabeth Burke, Dorothy Boardman, and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Phyllis Mary Roberts, Maureen Sylvia Lohbach, Carl Aaron Forshaw, Angela Pugh, Gerald Pinnington, Vincent Gerald Adamson, Thomas Joseph Connell, Lucy Ann Core, Christopher Doherty, Aleksander Hertsko.

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.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS / LIGHTING OF CANDLES ON 27th NOVEMBER (AT ALL THE MASSES) Please spread the word, especially to those who have lost loved ones in the last five years or sorely missing a loved one.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Wednesday, 23rd November –10.30am -3.30pm— Shrewsbury Diocesan Clergy Day of Recollection at OLATA Sunday, 27th November—Mass and lighting of candles for Recently Deceased and their families at each church FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 7PM —Joint Pastoral/Mission Team (of our 3 parishes) 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 go up at our three parishes

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!

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

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

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

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 20 TH NOVEMBER 2022- THE THEME THIS YEAR IS: 'One Church, one day, one message.' We are joining thousands of other churches across the UK to share this message and demonstrate unity —"Protecting vulnerable people. Together."

In AID OF ST ANN'S HOSPICE—Festival choir on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 7.30pm at Stockport Town Hall. Tickets £16.00. www.hospicechoir.org

DINNER & OUIZ NIGHT AT ST JOSEPH'S on Sat 26.11.2022 at 7.00pm. £10 Admission. Two course meal, a licensed bar & Raffle available. Please see the poster at the back of church. Tickets can be bought at St Joseph's or call: 0161.483.6904.

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.

CLERGY EDUCATION & TRAINING FUND - SPECIAL COLLECTION holds this weekend.

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-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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES FINALISED: Thanks for your comments!

Sat. 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve Vigil Masses for Christmas	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 Mass) 9.30am (9.45am Mass) 10.45am (11am Mass)	St. Ambrose's Carols followed by Mass at 9.30am St. Vincent's Carols followed by Mass at 9.45am 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 OR code here to go to the Go-FundMe page.

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

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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: Christmas gift ideas. Consider a donation to Martin's Medical Outreach Mission? 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 can add 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.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDER: This year, during Advent, the Children's Liturgy group are going to make a reverse Advent Calendar. This means that you DONATE an item each week for homeless and families in need. At the end of Advent, the calendar will result in a collection of goods that can be dropped off at a local food bank in time for Christmas. Every Sunday during Advent we will fill a box with tins, non-perishable foods, toiletries and chocolates to take to either Chelwood or The Olive Branch. If you would like to join please bring one item each Sunday to fill our box which will be at the back of church before and after Children's Liturgy. Thank you and God bless! Claire, Kerry, Rachael and Lesley.

Our Lady's News

PARISH PASTORAL/MISSION TEAM MEMBERS FOR OUR LADY'S ARE:- Moreen Chamberlain, Hazel Dove, Magdalena Makowska, Stuart Montieth, Samantha Dobson, Henry Chukwuma, Denis Clarke, Tina le (Thi le), Dennis Wharmby, Mark Kenberg, Jannine Murphy and Kevin McKenna. Please keep them in your prayers.

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 Wellspring. IAN AND CATH'S FAMILY GROUP -meeting in the guild room on Wednesday 23rd November from 7pm for Christmas nibbles, Christmas quiz and music. There will also be a grand draw for Christmas hampers.

Christmas cards & gifts will be on sale in the Guild Room. All proceeds to the medical outreach mission THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP—has now resumed, during the 11am Mass.

St Ambrose News

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

PIETY STALL—now has Christmas cards, gifts and lovely books. Come and browse the stall.

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

Sunday 20th November - Please stay for tea or coffee after Mass. No food collection for Chelwood this week. Containers full after Harvest collections! Wellspring are in need of warm clothes mainly for men but women as well plus new underwear too if you have any donations.

Monday 21st - Service of Word and Communion at 10am followed by Prayer Group; Emmaus Book Group Zoom Meeting at 7.30pm in church.

Thank you to the Martin Family, Thomas Adamson and the Flower Group for arranging our Remembrance Sunday Mass. It was much appreciated by all.

Saturday 17th December - Christ Church is organising a Carol Service on the "Village Green" on the new Woodford Garden Village estate from 4-6pm. All welcome

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 8BO; St. Ambrose, Adswood Road, Stockport, SK3 3OA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3EX.

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