

Wednesday 4th October 2023 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



Encountering Christ
Prayerfully preparing for the
Sunday Mass and praying in
particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 8th October 2023 - The Twenty Seventh 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 Sunday 8th October 2023 - True Justice (Matthew 21:33-43)

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son," he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance". So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see!" I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'



3 Reflect

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

Jesus' understanding of the sovereignty of God brought him violent opposition from some of the Jewish leaders. Were they corrupt, or just closed to any new way of thinking, so closed that they could not see that Jesus was the promised Messiah? Anyway, Jesus used this story about the tenants of a vineyard to show that the religious authorities were not leading the people as they should. Everyone would immediately understand the image of the vineyard. The prophet Isaiah had used this image in a well-known poem eight centuries earlier to show that the vineyard of Israel refused to yield a good harvest to God, whatever care God lavished on it. God expected fairness of judgment from the people and all he found was a shriek of agony (the same word is used in Hebrew for 'fair-judgment' and for 'shriek' apart from one letter). What does this mean for us? Not that we have to follow every new idea. But it does mean that we must be open to the idea that we may be wrong, that our service of the Lord may be faulty; that people we find tiresome or unacceptable may have more good in them than we credited. God's ways are not our ways. Life may not be mapped out how we think, so we need to watch out for the bend in the road.

What is God asking of you?

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.



The Wednesday Word is under the patronage of St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church
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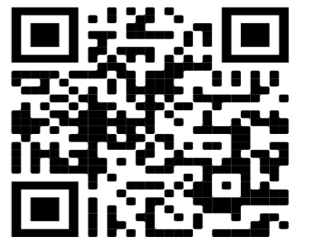
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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME—1 Oct 2023

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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PLEASE NOTE: A COUPLE OF AMENDMENTS TO MASS INTENTIONS 1.10.23 DUE TO ERROR.

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 1st October	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	6.30pm 8.30am 9.45am 11.00am	Vigil Mass Our Lady's St. Ambrose St Vincent's Our Lady's	Rose Ann Mellett RIP (ann) Gerald Donlon –Special Int Maria Opeldus RIP Julia (Shauney) Callaghan RIP (ann) Igbo Holy Mass
RCIA welcome Mass at 11am		2pm (1pm Adoration/Rosary/Catechism)	Our Lady's	
Mon 2nd October	Guardian Angels	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Wyn Donlon –Special Int
Tues 3rd October	Ferial	9.30am 12.15pm	Our Lady's Aquinas College	Jason Graham –Special Int
Wed 4th October	St Francis of Assisi, R	9:30am	St Vincent's	Deceased family members Clegg and Maloney family RIP
Thurs 5th October	St Maria Faustina (Helena) Kowalska, V	9.30am 12.30pm 6pm	St. Ambrose St Vincent's – memorial Mass Our Lady's - St James' Yr. 7 mass.	Michael McGlynn –Special Int Celia Evans RIP St James High School Intentions
Fri 6th October	Ferial	10am	St Vincent's—Requiem Mass	Maria Bernadette Harding
Saturday 7th October	Our Lady of the Rosary	9.30am 6.30pm	Our Lady's Vigil Mass Our Lady's	Private Intention Hazel Dove –belated special birthday
Sunday 8th October	TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	8.30am 9.45am 11.00am	St Ambrose St Vincent's Our Lady's	Michael Heath RIP Annie Quinn RIP Gweneth White RIP

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament before every weekday morning Mass 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, 22nd & 29th October 2023.

First Holy Communion: next date to be announced.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): 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: Next date to be announced.

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: Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, Julie Scanlan, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, 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,, 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, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Matthew Donegani, Fr Liam Tallon.

IN ST. AMBROSE’S: Matthew Donegani, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Veronica Norbury, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Maria Harding, Kathleen Bond, Julie Whittam, Canon Ted Harrington, Peter Ward, Carl Stanley, Eddy Saunders, Margaret Anne Kenny, Brian Lane, Chris Donovan, Patrick Moore, Deacon Tom Coyle, Marie Walker, Kate Chalmers and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Ebenezer Hope, Sarah Bohan, John Grundy, Peter Callaghan, Charlotte Lange, Frank Costello, Shirley Carrick, Dorothy Sweeney, Audrey Hardman, George Pendlebury, (Shauney) Julia Callaghan, Theresa Sanderson, John Danahar, Marie Price, Mary Riley, Charles McDonald, Maureen Corrigan, Laura Winters.

SYCAMORE WEBINAR A webinar about the Sycamore, a tool for evangelisation in parishes, will take place on Thursday 5th October at 7pm. Discover how to use Sycamore in your parish. For more information email: natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org telephone: 07730 526826 or to register: [https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar\[1\]tickets-676609335737](https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar[1]tickets-676609335737). **WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?** Sycamore webinar on the Catholic faith, October 5th <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/x/sycamore-webinar-tickets-676609335737> Free event online 1900hrs.

CORPUS CHRISTI CATHOLIC ACADEMY TRUST is looking to appoint:

A Lead Practitioner of RE to support Saint Paul’s Catholic High School – closing date 6 October 23 at 12 noon. A Teacher of RE at Saint Paul’s Catholic High School -closing date 6 October 23 at 12 noon. Isolation Manager at Saint Paul’s Catholic High School – closing date 27 October 23 at 12 noon. Admin SIMS Data Officer at St Joseph’s Catholic Primary School, Sale- closing date for application 11 October 23 at 12 noon. Application packs are available from the Trust’s website: www.corpuschristitrust.co.uk/vacancies

ONLINE COURSE ON THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL: The Popes and Vatican II <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/online-course-on-the-second-vatican-council-the-popes-and-vatican-ii/>

ANNOINTING OF THE SICK MASS—15.10.23 at 3pm at Our Lady’s—all our welcome, there will be light refreshments afterwards in the Guild Room. Wheelchair access is available.

WELCOMING NEW PEOPLE TO THE PARISH—22.10.23, Mission Sunday, at Our Lady’s. A Welcome Mass for All New Parishioners of any of the 3 parishes followed by a Jacobs Table in the Guild Room. All parishioners are invited to give a warm welcome to our new parishioners.

OPEN DAY LORETTO COLLEGE—7 & 15.10.23, 10—12pm & 1—3 pm both days tickets available to book at www.loreto.ac.uk

A WEEKEND RETREAT AT THE SHRINE, HOLYWELL, on 27-29 October 2023, titled Mary Mother of the Word in Sacred Scripture, and featuring: 1. MARY’S PRESENCE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT - Fr Neill Robb, from the Shrewsbury Diocese, will help us discover ‘echoes’ of the Mother of the Redeemer in significant texts and images in the first Testament. 2. MARY’S PRESENCE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT - Miss Barbara Davies, Coordinator for New Evangelisation in Shrewsbury Diocese, will offer a meditative exploration of the Church’s faith in and love for Mary of Nazareth. Venue: The Guest House, 20 New Road, Holywell, Flintshire CH8 7LS Tel: 01352 712925. Cost By voluntary contribution Barbara Davies M: 07450 252 733 barbara.davies@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES will be coming to each church to make an appeal this weekend. The sisters have missions in Kenya, Uganda & Ecuador, working in Education, Health, Social & Pastoral work, mostly in remote and conflict prone areas among those who are left the furthest behind.

CAFOD family fast day Friday 6.10.23, Envelopes will be distributed after mass this weekend. Please return them with your donation next weekend.

FOREIGN CURRENCY – Please put spare notes or coins to the big jars in all 3 churches for SVP charitable projects.

STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID: Please find, at the back of the Church, Standing order forms to be completed & passed on to your bank or used to set up the standing order using your online banking to support the parish. You will find also the Gift Aid Declaration form to be completed and returned to our Gift Aid Coordinator. **THE NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES FOR 2023/24:** are available at the back of church. Please take the box with your name on it or help us deliver to known parishioners. If you would like a box, please collect a blank box of envelopes and hand in your name and contact to Fr Martin or the parish office, or just insert your details in your first offering envelope. Thank you for your continuing generosity.

WELCOME TO NEW RCIA CANDIDATES:- At Our Lady’s 11 am mass today. There will be a meeting after mass today to greet all those interested in learning about the catholic faith. Please extend our warm welcome to all those attending mass today for those joining the group.

OCTOBER DEVOTION TO OUR LADY:- FAMILY ROSARY At Our Lady’s Church, 7:30pm nightly, commencing tonight till the end of October. Please come and join Us. Volunteers from each parish are welcomed to lead us the rosary. Livestreaming will be available for those unable to attend in person.

WELCOME TO WILLIAM MUH -This week we will be receiving William, a seminarian of the Word of God community in Europe, now aspiring to join the diocese of Shrewsbury. After an initial period of orientation and discernment at the Cathedral, the bishop is sending him to us on a placement of at least six months to give him parish experience. He is originally from Cameroon. I am sure he will receive a warm welcome.

VACANCY FOR PARISH SECRETARY FOR OUR THREE PARISHES, based at Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport, SK3 8BQ. 16 hours per week @ £13 per hour. Closing date: 2nd October. CVs should be sent to Fr Martin Onuoha - stockport3parishes@gmail.com. For further details please follow the link <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> or see the church notice board and our websites. Interviews to hold this week. Shortlisted candidates will be notified.

PRAY FOR BISHOP MARK on the 13th anniversary of his episcopal ordination on 1st Oct, feast of St Theresa of the child Jesus.

THIRD ANNUAL MASS COUNT will take place today.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH are held before every morning Mass in our three parishes. Please join us.

DONA ONLINE DONATION STAND is installed at Our Lady’s for all church donations. We are trying this at Our Lady’s first. Feel free to give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing order.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CANDIDATES:- 1st Holy Communion and Confirmation for 2024. We would like to welcome you to weekly weekend masses from September 2023 as part of your preparation for these sacraments. 1st Holy Communion candidates will join the Children’s Liturgy as part of their preparation. Please begin to send names to the parish office.

OLATA PRAYER GROUP - **THIS THURSDAY** Mass is at 6 pm NOT 7 pm as usual. The Mass will continue until 7pm. After mass the prayer group can meet in the church or in The Guild Room.

Our Lady’s News

TEA & COFFEE at the Guild Room after the 11am Mass

NEW ONLINE GIVING LINK: <https://donate.mydona.com/our-lady-the-apostles> Or please scan this QR

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St Ambrose News

PIETY STALL—Many thanks to everyone who continues to support the piety stall at the back of church. There are many lovely cards, books, gifts and rosary beads.

WEEKDAY MASS—Thursday 9.30am Masses will be in the church for now.

St Gabriel's will be hosting a Harvest Service on Sunday, 8th October, at 4pm, as part of the "Churches Together" Programme and all are welcome to attend. In date canned and packed goods will be accepted for the Wellspring, together with cosmetics, new underwear, sanitary products and nappies for displaced and Refugee families, should anyone wishes to donate.

St Vincent’s News

THERE WILL BE NO SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION on Monday 2nd October.

THANK YOU to all who helped to make the Seniors Party such a success. A great time was had by all. Thank you also for the Harvest food collection and for the Flower Group for the beautiful altar display.

LAMBS SOCIAL EVENT - Wednesday 4th October 7-9pm. Please note the change of date. Donations towards the food and expenses will be collected after Mass on Sunday. Help with rearranging the chairs as usual would be appreciated.

PARISHES IN PARTNERSHIP - As part of our long-standing Parishes In Partnership programme, we have been supporting ~St Mary Magdalene in Riwoto, South Sudan. The challenges facing South Sudan & St Mary Magdalene are well known & have been greatly exacerbated by the conflict in Sudan. Our financial & personal support, for Fr Blessed has been hugely important to the school & Father Blessed himself. A lengthy and detailed report of how he has spent our funds, can be seen on the notice board at church. This is a brief summary of his message to our parish. “I cannot express adequately how providential your care is proving to be for us at this time. Every help we get from you is mighty support without which what we do would be impossible. We constantly pray for your all. My sincere gratitude to the priest and parishioners of St Vincent's.”



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