



## Encountering Christ

### The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families

- 1 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.
- 2 Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, 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.

## 1 Read

### The Gospel for Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2024

#### JESUS CALMS THE STORM

With the coming of evening, Jesus said to his disciples, 'Let us cross over to the other side.' And leaving the crowd behind they took him, just as he was, in the boat; and there were other boats with him. Then it began to blow a gale and the waves were breaking into the boat so that it was almost swamped. But he was in the stern, his head on the cushion, asleep. They woke him and said to him, 'Master, do you not care? We are going down!' And he woke up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, 'Quiet now! Be calm!' And the wind dropped, and all was calm again. Then he said to them, 'Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?' They were filled with awe and said to one another, 'Who can this be? Even the wind and the sea obey him.'

**Taken from Mark 4:35-41 Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

## 2 Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

Jesus certainly seems to have chosen a pretty dim and unappreciative group of disciples. They do call him 'Master', but after all the wonders he has performed they still don't really trust him, and have no hesitation about addressing him rudely and brusquely. Did you think, 'Just like me'? Well, perhaps I am just as untrusting. We often behave as though Jesus were quietly snoozing, quite unconcerned about our troubles and worries, as we struggle hopelessly, up to our necks in the mud and sinking rapidly. However, once Jesus' attention has been roused, once the disciples have put their trust in him, he effortlessly remedies the situation. This incident is the climax of a series of wonders, when we see Jesus' authority gradually increasing. First he imperiously called the disciples and they followed. Then he taught authoritatively in the synagogue as no other had ever taught. Next he had the effrontery to forgive sins, as only God can do. Now he controls the elements. Only God controls the wind and the waves, as in the psalms God 'walks on the backs of the waves'. The disciples are awe-struck; they react with astonishment. But, just like me too, they soon forget again and are surprised when Jesus comes to their rescue.

**What are the qualities required by a disciple of Christ? Why did Jesus choose such an unappreciative bunch?**

*Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB*

## 3 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. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

## 4 Pray for Families

**This Wednesday's word for our school families is CALM!**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

**St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

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

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### Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, 16th June 2024

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](http://tinyurl.com/stockportparishes) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](http://Stockport Parishes - YouTube) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

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**HAPPY FATHERS' DAY TO ALL THE MEN IN OUR PARISHES! Many thanks for all the love and care you give. You are in our thoughts and prayer today.**

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 16th June	Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.  FATHERS' DAY	9.30am	St Vincent's	Madeleine & Eric Lomax—Diamond Wedding Anniversary.
		10am	St Ambrose	Patricia Byrne RIP <i>First Holy Communions, St Ambrose School.</i>
		11am	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
		1pm	Our Lady's Baptism	Baptism of Dollie Maggie Jo
		2:30pm	St Vincent's Baptism	Baptism of Connor Clarke
Monday 17th June	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Patricia Byrne RIP
Tuesday 18th June	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls
		13.15pm	Aquinas	Mass 13:15pm preceded by Adoration at 12:30 - ( With our Special Needs students)
Wednesday 19th June	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Raymond Lobo RIP
Thursday 20th June	Ferial	7pm	Garden Mass	Garden Mass, Veronica Morrell Kirsty Bain RIP
Friday 21st June	St Aloysius Gonzaga Memorial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Elsy Vincent
Saturday 22nd June	SS JOHN FISHER, B & THOMAS MORE, Mm Feast	9.30am	Our Lady's	Caroline Higgins RIP
		6.30pm	Our Lady's	Lorna Napkin, B'day, Thanksgiving.
Sunday 23rd June	Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time.	9.30am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		10am	St Ambrose	John Byrne RIP, Birthday, Ann
		11am	Our Lady's	Mary Walsh, Spec Int <i>First Holy Communions and Thanksgiving Mass, Our Lady's Primary School</i>

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour before every weekday morning Mass from 8:30am—0930hrs and before every Sunday Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning.

*Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments*

Baptisms: New Baptism classes will start in JULY, CONFIRMATION: 7PM, 16th May 2024 at Our Lady's.

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.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :- St Vincent's-Judy Carey [carey.judith@yahoo.com](mailto:carey.judith@yahoo.com) OLATA Ged Murtagh [geraldmurtagh@outlook.com](mailto:geraldmurtagh@outlook.com) St Ambrose — Marie Byrne [ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com](mailto:ma.byrne1@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:** Teresa Greenhalgh, Denise Corlett, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Angela Mullin, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, Julie Scanlan, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

**IN ST. AMBROSE'S:** Vera Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Molly Lane, Matthew Donegani, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, 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 Slatery, Susan Claffey.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** May the souls of Brenda Potts, Patricia Byrne, Lavinia Alice Tracey, Patrick Ryan, Celia Cameron, John Campbell, Monica McManus, Laurence John Gallagher, Tommy Mackinlay, Dorothy Chamberlain, Marjory Lees, Mary Joyce Henderson, Veronica Morrissey, Sister Thomas More McGrath, Kirsty Bain, Lucile Ebbs, Stanley William Berry, George Bockenheim, Mary Ryan, and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Patrick McGowan, Michael Anthony Morris, Roy Daniels, Ann McDonough, William Burrows, Fr Hugh Birdwhistle, John (Ken) Whitehead, Mary Theresa Donoghue, Anthony Horan, Jim Kelly, Marie Scanlan, Anne Bell, Terence Joseph Fitzpatrick, Michael O'Kane, Sarah Pinnington, Tom Darkin, Kate McGowan, John Duffy, Judith Colgan.

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**BAPTISM CLASSES** -The July Baptism Course is now full. The next course is 6th & 12th October (attendance on both dates is required). Book early via the parish email or phone. If you desperately need the baptism course before October, please talk to Fr Martin.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024** Our Lady's Catholic Primary School on 23 June.

**OLATA CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** - Thursdays after 7pm Mass

**MARRIAGE COURSE**—2.11.24 at Our Lady & St Christopher Church, Romily 9.45am—4pm. [www.marriagecare.org.uk](http://www.marriagecare.org.uk)

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

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

**FR MARTIN'S BOOK, 'LIFE IS ALWAYS WORTH LIVING' is still available** - A parishioner has ordered 10 copies to be distributed widely, especially to doctors and people who might have a say in the ongoing debate. Feel free to give out any **signed copy** from the back of any of our churches. Please help spread the word to stop this attack on the dignity of human life and the protection of the most vulnerable. If you would like to support this effort by donating books, please contact Fr Martin.

**AN EVENING WITH DR BILL KEIMIG** on 24.6.24 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Ln, Altrincham WA15 0HG. Dr Bill Keimig, from the Franciscan University of Steubenville in the USA. Open to all & especially to volunteers, catechists & those who are curious! Sign up via this link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/evening-with-dr-bill-keimig-tickets-902343853757>. contact [natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) or telephone 07730 526826.

**VACANCY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS AT ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL, ADSWOOD.** The governors wish to appoint a strong candidate to join our team of teaching assistants. This role is varied. We are looking for an enthusiastic, dedicated & adaptable individual who is passionate about making a difference to the children they work with. See <https://www.st-ambrose.stockport.sch.uk/recruitment> closing date 17.6.24

**SAINT AMBROSE COLLEGE OPEN DAY** -29th June 2024 9:30—12:30pm [www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk](http://www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk) state funded Catholic Boys Grammar School from ages 11—18yrs.

**ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL, CHEADLE, VACANCY** - The Governors of St James' wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated teacher of Religious Education. For more information visit: <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs/> The closing date is Monday 24th June 2024, 12 noon.

**JOIN ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AS A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR** - St James' Catholic High School is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Governing Body as Foundation Governors. Working closely with the Headteacher, the Governing Body plays a crucial role in shaping the direction and ensuring the high standards of our educational environment. A deep commitment to our Catholic ethos is essential for this role. Please note that to be eligible, you must be a practicing Catholic. If you are interested in this important and rewarding position, please contact Miss K Bowers at [headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk)

**PLEASE HELP LET'S END POVERTY AND CARITAS ENGAGE WITH LOCAL CANDIDATES AT THIS GENERAL ELECTION** Caritas Shrewsbury are part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, at the General Election? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>

**LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2024** 'Go tell the priests to come [here] in procession' is the theme of this year's Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 26 July to 1 August (depending on travel). We are expecting more pilgrims to journey with us this year, and it will be our largest pilgrimage since the pandemic. There are still some places available if you would like to join us this year. For more information, please see the pilgrimage website [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or phone the Pilgrimage Office on 07970943940.

**CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD**—Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see our website at [shrewsburyvocations.org](http://shrewsburyvocations.org). If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at [vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). For more resources, [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) and [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION AND VENERATION OF 1ST CLASS RELIC OF ST FAUSTINA** - Led by Fr Peter Prusakiewicz from Poland, who travels the world proclaiming and explaining the Divine Mercy devotion and talking about his experience of St Michael the Archangel and Holy Angels. Please join us at St Anne's, Rock Ferry from 12 noon to 2.30pm on Wednesday 19th June for Holy Mass and a talk, followed by a Eucharistic healing service with veneration of a 1st class relic of St Faustina. There will also be an opportunity to purchase rosaries and the Angels magazine.

**BISHOP BARRON VIDEO SERIES ON THE MASS** - Learn how the Mass "brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm," and how we are truly united with God Himself in Christ through the Holy Eucharist, in a beautiful 6-part video series on the Mass by Bishop Robert Barron. Each video is about 25 minutes. Watch at <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND - DAY FOR LIFE COLLECTION:** To help raise awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition.

**SAFE JOURNEY TO WILLIAM** as he leaves for holidays this week till the second week of July. We pray for a restful time with family.

**NEW READERS NEEDED**—As we return to our usual practice of having two readers at the weekend Masses, we are in need of more readers to ease the pressure on our readers who graciously undertake this privileged task every Sunday. Would you consider becoming a reader at any of our three churches? Please indicate in the ministry form or contact the parish office.

**SVP** - Could you spare a few hours every one or two weeks to accompany us on very worthwhile and satisfying visits to the sick and housebound? Please let the Parish Office have your contact details so that SVP can provide you with more information. No previous experience required.

**GARDEN MASSES FOR 2024** - Thursday 20th June 7pm at Veronica & Paul Morrells House. 1 Ladybower, Off Ladybridge Lane, Cheadle Hulme. SK8 5PS. Parking may be easier on Ladybridge Lane. Please come and enjoy a wonderful celebration of Mass in Veronica and Paul's garden—you are all most welcome.

**VOTIVE CANDLES** - due to increasing costs the votive candles will now be 30p each.

**PARISH DAY TRIP TO SHREWSBURY** - If you no longer require your seat please let us know or cancel your name on the list at the back of church. Be quick—Only 3 places left. Please put your £5 deposit in an envelope and clearly mark for Shrewsbury Pilgrimage with your names. Saturday, 7 September 2024. Visit & tour Shrewsbury Cathedral followed by Mass. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy Shrewsbury Town or perhaps an afternoon stroll along the River Severn. Tickets £20, Adults, **£10 Child Subsidy**, return travel by Coach from Our Lady and the Apostles. See Fr Martin if finance is an issue.

**THE MERCY BROTHERS** - See poster at back of church—Join us for a lively musical evening with The Mercy Brothers; a clergy-based band from Salford and Shrewsbury Diocese. Venue: Our Lady's Social Club, Flint St, Stockport SK3 8GE. **Friday 21st June.** Doors open at 7pm for a 7:30pm start. The event will finish at 10.30pm. Proceeds to SVP Youth work in Shrewsbury and Salford Dioceses. Tickets £15, available on-line now: <https://giving.give-star.com/event/saint-vincent-de-paul-society-england-and-wales/a-lively-musical-evening-with-the-mercy-brothers>. **TOMBOLA PRIZES REQUIRED** - Please can you donate tombola prizes for the Mercy Brothers Event. Please put donations in the boxes provided at the back of church.

**COMMUNITY SPONSORSHIP**—Accommodation needed. If you know any landlords with a house in the Edgeley area who are happy to rent to our refugee family please get in touch with Neal on 07711897779. Their tenancy will be coming to an end soon.

**SMILE, SHALOM & WELCOME** locally handcrafted signs available at the back of church are £5 each. Proceeds to the Medical Outreach Mission.

**DONATIONS FOR THE NEW LECTIONARY** - The Lectionary, which is the book that contains the Scripture readings for Mass and the Sacraments, is changing as part of the continuing process of revising liturgical translations. The cost of the new lectionary is quite substantial, and we would be most grateful if any parishioners would like to make a donation towards the purchase of the Lectionaries for use at our parish Masses, in the name of one of their loved ones. We will list names of donors at the front of the book. Please contact the office for further details.

**MISSIO NEWS** - The latest *Mission Today* magazine is now out. For OLATA and St Ambrose parishioners, volunteers will be delivering magazines and collecting your donations over the next few days. If we should miss you, and you have money to donate, you may call Daniel at 07749141004. Thank you.

## OUR LADY'S NEWS

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - every Sunday in the Guild Room.

**THE PIETY STALL** - at the back of church has cards for every occasion including Mass cards, also rosary beads and medals. Open after Mass on Tuesday morning, and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

**DONA ONLINE CARD DONATION STAND** - Feel free to give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing order

## ST AMBROSE NEWS

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - starting soon. Watch this space.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 1ST HOLY COMMUNION** children from St Ambrose primary on their special day!

**QR CODE PLEASE USE THIS QR** for online donations for St Ambrose

## ST VINCENT'S NEWS

**ALTAR FLOWERS** - Madeleine and Eric Lomax would like you to enjoy the flowers this week which they have donated in celebration of their upcoming 60th wedding anniversary. Congratulations to them both. Tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday. Please bring your food donations for Chelwood Foodbank

**MONDAY 17TH - 10AM SERVICE OF WORD AND COMMUNION** followed by Prayer Group. Also Exploring Faith group at 7.30pm in church, all welcome.

**"HOLIDAY FROM HOME"** is running again this summer for the elderly and housebound from all Bramhall churches from Tuesday 20th August to Thursday 22nd at United Reformed Church, 10.30 until 4.30. There is an extensive programme of activities and a 2 course lunch each day. On Wednesday there is a trip to Buxton. There is free door to door transport if needed. There is only a charge to cover expenses and for that there is a suggested donation of £8 a day (Buxton trip is £8 to cover coach). Participants can attend all 3 days, or just individual days. For further information speak to Sheila Jeffers (07855889420) or Judith Carey (07894200259). *We will also need volunteer drivers to offer lifts to and from the venue, and helpers during the days. If you feel you could safely help in any of these capacities, even just one session, we would be very grateful. There will be forms at the back of church*

**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.**

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