



Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

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

- 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.
- 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 22nd September 2024

THE SECOND PROPHECY OF THE PASSION

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, "The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again." But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him. They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, "If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all." He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, "Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Taken from Mark 9:30-37 The Twenty fifth 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.

Mark gives us three formal prophecies of the Passion, of which this is the second. He uses the triple number frequently to stress the importance and sureness of an event. So Peter denies Jesus three times, and Pilate three times asserts Jesus' innocence. Jesus is shown to be fully aware of the fate that awaits him: he goes into it with his eyes open, and accepts his Father's will; he is, moreover, aware that his Father will not desert him, but will vindicate him by the Resurrection. Again the disciples fail to understand the message: while Jesus had been giving them the message of triumph only through suffering and humiliation, they had been thinking about who would be the greatest. So Jesus sets before them a child as the model. In what way is a child a model? Like adults, children can be selfish and they can be devious and scheming from an early age. However, children are probably more aware than adults that they cannot totally control a situation and trustingly accept that they are dependent on others. The final words that Jesus speaks in today's Gospel suggests that it is this quality of dependence that Jesus proposes: like little children we should be dependent on the will of the Father.

Why does Jesus put forward a child as a role model for us?

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.

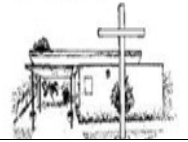
Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

4 Pray for Families

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

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.



Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 15th September 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 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
Sunday 15th September	TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	St Vincent's	Mary Norton—Special Intention
		10am	St Ambrose	Brian Lane, B'day Anniversary
		11am	Our Lady's	Mr A H Arthur Bailey, RIP
		1pm	Our Lady's	Baptism, Nate Fox Ryan
		1.30-4pm	Our Lady's	Heritage Open Day
Monday 16th September	Ss Cornelius, P, M & Cyprian, B, M	9.30am	St. Ambrose	World Peace
Tuesday 17th September	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Wharmby and Bintliff Families
		11am 4.30pm	Our Lady's Our Lady's	Funeral Requiem Mass, Brian Thorpe Deanery Mass for the Beginning of the Academic Year
Wednesday 18th September	Ferial	9.30am 2pm	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Margaret McDonald RIP Funeral Requiem Mass, Maureen Brosnahan
Thursday 19th September	Ferial	9.30am 11.30am 7pm	St. Ambrose Our Lady's Our Lady's	Kirsty Bain RIP Funeral Requiem Mass, Bernadette Marsh Pro Life Group - St Aidan's, Willaston Park
Friday 20th September	Ss Andrew Kim TaefOn, P, Paul ChOng Ha-sang and Compnaions, Mn	9.30am	St Vincent's	Daniel O'Connell, Thanksgiving
		12.30am	Our Lady's	Funeral Requiem Mass, Teresa Burrows
Saturday 21st September	ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev	9.30am	Our Lady's	Barbara Murphy, B'day, Spec Int
		1pm	Our Lady's	Marriage of Mado Lima de Castro and Michael Marsh, Baptism of Juliana de Castro
		6.30pm	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
Sunday 22nd September	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	St Vincent's	Eddie Saunders, RIP, Ann
		10am	St Ambrose	Brian Lane RIP, Ann
		11am	Our Lady's	Liz West, Spec Int
		1pm	Our Lady's	Baptism, Michael and Harriet Hyland

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 October. Contact the parish office.

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. Start date to be announced soon.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please start registering with the parish office.

WEDDINGS: Please speak to Fr Martin after Mass or contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :- St Vincent's-Judy Carey carey.judith@yahoo.com OLATA Ged Murtagh geraldmurtagh@outlook.com St Ambrose — Marie Byrne 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, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: Roy Porter, Adeel, Vera Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Molly Lane, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Mary Young, Veronica Norbury, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Bernadette Marsh, Maureen Brosnahan, Brian Thorpe, Raymond John Burke, Michael Thomas Keeley, Teresa Burrows, Graham Kingston, Denise Corlett, Joan Constable, Anthony Way, Richard Laurens, Stefanie Goodfellow, Andrew Way, Kevin Yoh, Margaret Porter, Eleanor Loftus, Elsy Vincent, Eunice Lee, John Millerick, Ann Mary Jones, Julie Scanlan, Eddie Hickman, Philomena Lavender, Josephine Shannon, Patricia Byrne, Brenda O'Higgins, 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, and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Francis (Frank) Lafferty, Raymond Littlemore, Margaret Callaghan, Lily Traynor, James Kenny, Mark Prescott, Harry Baker, Bridget Henahan, Joseph Kozlowski, Patrick Mullen, James Turner, Fr Francis McManus, Bernard Anthony Davies, Amador Laude, Teresa Downey

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION: Please start registering with the parish office.

BAPTISM CLASSES—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.

MARRIAGE COURSE—2.11.24 at Our Lady & St Christopher Church, Romily 9.45am—4pm. 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.

OLATA CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Thursdays after 7pm Mass

FOREIGN CURRENCY – If you've returned from holiday with any foreign notes and coins, please consider donating them to help the work of the SVP (Society of St Vincent de Paul) among the poor and disadvantaged at home and abroad. If you find any old British, Irish and European coins please bring them as well. There are big jars at the entrances of our 3 churches.

IF YOU ARE A TAX PAYER and are not already in our parish's Gift Aid scheme, please ask for details on how to join.

ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL are holding Stay and Play sessions for children who will be starting Reception in September 2025. They will be held on Thursday 31st October from 10:00 - 10:30 or Tuesday 19th November from 2:00 - 2:30. Please contact school on 0161 480 8466 to book your place.

MANCHESTER GRACE MISSION 2024, October 25-27— 3-day Healing Retreat; Deliverance Retreat led by international preacher, a protestant pastor who returned back to Catholic Church Br Sajith Joseph, Grace Community Global, along with Fr Pat Deegan and Fr Joel Yeboah. The retreat will commence in St Hilda's Church Northenden on Friday 25 October 2024 at 5pm -9:30pm and followed on Saturday 26 October 8:30 am - 1:30 pm, Our Lady's Church Moss Side 4:30 pm-8:30 pm and Sunday 27 October at St Ambrose Church Princess Road, Manchester 12:30 pm -7pm. Contact for details and registration by e-mail to mission2024@jsmeals.co.uk

THE RELIC OF BLESSED CARLO ACUTIS will be visiting the St Anthony's, Wythenshawe, between 20 and 23 September 2023. This remarkable teenager was a gamer and computer programmer who loved football, with a gift for empathy, a great devotion to Our Lady and a deep love of the Holy Eucharist which he described as his 'highway to heaven'. The visit to the Diocese is a very special opportunity to spend time in prayer venerating the Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis. Confessions will be available, and Mass will be celebrated on each of the days. There will also be inspirational talks on Saturday and Sunday from Monsignor Anthony Figueirdo, STD, who has followed the life of the soon to be Saint Carlo Acutis. Registration for veneration is now open and can be found at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/relic-of-blessed-carlo-acutis-tickets-1010291297467?aff=ebdssbdestsearch>. Please be aware that the Youth Vigil for the visit of the relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis, on the evening of Saturday 21st September at Sacred Heart Church is open to ages 18 – 35 only. Anyone wishing to attend this vigil must register in advance by emailing youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY AGM will be held at St Columba's Church (Newman Room), Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1SA on Saturday 28 September at 2pm. All members of the Hospitality are invited to attend. Please forward any items to be discussed under AOB to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk by Saturday 14th September.

PARTY FOR ST VINCENT'S PARISH FEAST DAY ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH - come along for buffet and drinks. Commencing 3.30pm, Table tennis, croquet and boules in the garden for the children.

FILM NIGHT. THE CHOSEN, Season Three Episode 4 & 5 Thursday 19.9.24 7:30pm Our Lady's Social club. The twelve go out 2 by 2, on their first mission without Jesus, healing sick and expelling demons. Jarius's daughter and the haemorrhaging woman encounter Jesus. Eden & Simon hit a rocky patch. The Chosen brings the bible alive in a way you have not experienced before. It respectfully shows us the faithfulness of the Jews and how the Old and New Testament flow from and too each other. Come and see, you won't be disappointed. No worries if you haven't seen previous episodes, you know the story already remember. Donations welcome but not essential. Bar open.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS TO OUR PARISHES. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Martin and let the parish office have your email address so that we can send you the weekly newsletter and Sunday reflections every Friday afternoon. Contact us at stockport3parishes@gmail.com.

EVANGELII GAUDIUM 2024 (HOME MISSION SUNDAY) - This weekend, Evangelii Gaudium Sunday will be celebrated in our parishes. It gives us the opportunity to reflect on the great mandate we have been given by the Risen Lord to evangelise the whole world: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations," (Matthew 28:19). The theme for this year is '**Growing as missionary disciples**'. On this day, we are all encouraged to pray for our parish communities, that they will become intentionally missionary in their life and witness. There will be a **Special Collection** to support the work of the Bishops' Conference Mission Directorate.

FR MARTIN'S BOOK, 'LIFE IS ALWAYS WORTH LIVING' is still available - 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 copies of the book, please contact Fr Martin.

FR MARTIN'S MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION'S supporters have already shopped 135 times via easyfundraising, raising £173.57 so far. You can help them keep up this momentum! Use easyfundraising whenever you need to buy anything online & invite others to sign up and join you in raising free donations. <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fr-martins-medical-outreach-mission>.

HERITAGE OPEN DAY This Sunday 15th September at Our Lady and The Apostles. 1:30—4pm.

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

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.

TEA AND COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS - Come to Our Lady's Guild Room after 11am Mass this Sunday for tea/coffee and chats.

ST AMBROSE NEWS

ALTAR FLOWERS—Donations are requested for altar flowers. Please put any money you can spare in the box at the back of church. All donations gratefully received.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -moving forwardsawaiting a start date now.

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

PIETY STALL - Some lovely new children's bibles and rosary beads and bangles available. Also new holy water bottles back in stock on the piety stall at the back of church. Many thanks for your continued support.

ST VINCENT'S NEWS

THE ALTAR FLOWERS this week have been donated by Mary Norton

MONDAY SEPT 16TH- 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group. 7.30pm Exploring Faith Group. All welcome

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 22ND Harvest Mass and collection of food, toiletries and household items for Chelwood Food-bank

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 29TH 3.30PM St Vincent's Feast day Parish Celebration. A social event for the whole parish. Please sign up to bring an item of food. Drinks will be provided

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

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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