



# 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 17<sup>th</sup> November 2024

##### THE COMING OF THE SON OF MAN

Jesus said to his disciples, "In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven. Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you, when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father."

**Taken from Mark 13:24-32 The Thirty Third 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 saw his mission to be the establishment of the sovereignty of God, the kingship and rule of God over the world, including over our rebellious human hearts. Using the language and imagery of his time, he described this 'earth-shaking' event in terms of cosmic disturbances. The coming of God, the Day of the Lord, would constitute the end of the world as we know it. As Christians we must acknowledge that the death and resurrection of Christ utterly changed the world for ever; it was the Day of the Lord. And yet the world still continues, and we have still to prepare for a future Day of the Lord, when we will come into that awesome presence. That meeting is pictured in terms of collapse and upheaval, our world turned upside down. At death all our familiar realities cease, even the ticking of the clock; at death, time ceases to have meaning. We do not know, and have no need to know, when or how this will occur. For all, it will come; everyone will meet the Lord, but will we meet Him all together or individually? The Son of Man will gather his own, in great power and glory. **What does this reading have to teach us about the coming of the Son of Man? Is it something we should be afraid of? How do we best prepare for that Day?**

*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 FAITHFULLNESS!**

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.**

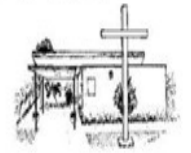
## Newsletter for the Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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### Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, 10th November 2024

You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady's church) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')



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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 10th November	THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. Day of Special Prayer for All the Victims of War. R Remembrance Day	9.30am	St Vincent's	Mr and Mrs M Jones, Golden Wedding
		10am	St Ambrose	Ian Charles RIP, Ann.
		11am	Our Lady's	Bernard Lesole RIP
Monday 11th November	St Martin of Tours, B	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Dr F Byrne and O'Connor Families RIP
Tuesday 12th November	St Josaphat, B, M	11am	Our Lady's Mini Vinnie and SVP Youth Mass	Stephen Quinn RIP
Wednesday 13th November	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Catherine Gibbons, Spec Int
		1.45pm	Aquinas College	Mass preceded by Adoration
Thursday 14th November	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Raymond Burke
		11.30am	Funeral Service	Funeral Service at Stockport Crematorium for Veronica Knowles
		7pm	Our Lady's	Deceased Brothers of KSC Councils 80 & 104
Friday 15th November	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Ramos Family RIP
Saturday 16th November	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Souls of Priests
		6.30pm	Our Lady's	Natalya's Father
Sunday 17th November	THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME. World Day of Prayer for the Poor	9.30am	St Vincent's	Maloney and Clegg Deceased
		10am	St Ambrose	World Peace and End to all Wars
		11am	Our Lady's	Anna Molapo and Justine Pantiane RIP <i>Our Lady's Primary School, Sacramental Enrolment.</i>
		1pm	St Vincent's Baptism	Baptism of Arian Lockett

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 register with the parish office as soon as possible.

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](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:** CATHERINE GIBBONS, 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:** Walt Tomlin, 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, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** May the souls of Jack Birch, Veronica Norbury, Elizabeth West, Veronica Knowles, Margaret Forester, Anne Sheridan, Raymond John Burke, Stuart Thornycroft, Bernadette Marsh, Maureen Brosnahan, Brian Thorpe, Michael Thomas Keeley, Teresa Burrows, Graham Kingston, Denise Corlett, Joan Constable, Anthony Way, Richard Laurens, Stefanie Goodfellow, and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Lily Kelly, Pat Lloyd, David Williams, Paddy McDonagh, George Melia, George Gould, Ernest Platt, Annie Conboy, Brian Clarke, Tom O'Gara, Peter John McDonald

### SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**FIRST FORGIVENESS/FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES**—Please let the office know immediately if you have not already put your name down to participate in these Sacramental programmes and wish to do so. Please register by contacting the parish office - stockport3parishes@gmail.com. Mass attendance cards are at the back of church and needs to be signed by the priest after each Mass.

**BAPTISM CLASSES**—The next course will be in January 2025. Book early via the parish email or phone. If you desperately need the baptism course before January, please talk to Fr Martin.

**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** - Adjourned till next spring.

**CAFOD-DEC MIDDLE EAST HUMANITARIAN APPEAL** The conflict in the Middle East is getting worse and the families affected need our help. Please donate today to the CAFOD-DEC Middle East Humanitarian Appeal and support local Caritas partners in Gaza and Lebanon as they continue to provide essential food, water and shelter: [cafod.org.uk/give](https://cafod.org.uk/give)

**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 a Stay and Play session for children who will be starting Reception in September 2025. Tuesday 19th November from 2:00 - 2:30. Please contact school on 0161 480 8466 to book your place.

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL**—On Friday 1st November, we joined with St Ambrose School to celebrate the Feast of All Saints in church. It was a great occasion, which, as Fr Martin said, is now a tradition! Thank you to everyone for your wonderful reading, singing and participation! **Did you know?** We now offer Wraparound Care from 8:00am-6:00pm. Please contact the School Office. **Save the Date (1):** Thursday 21st November 9:30am-12:00pm. Open Morning for our September 2025 Reception Intake. Please spread the word and come and visit our amazing school! **Save the Date (2):** Our Lady's School Christmas Fair: Friday 29th November 5:30pm-7:30pm. Join us for festive fun, including tombola's, Irish coffees, Games Room and, of course, Fr Christmas himself!

**Fr Martin's Book 'Life is always worth living: Assisted Dying or Living'** is still available in our churches and on Amazon.

**PLEASE PRAY - HOLY HOUR OF PRAYER FOR LIFE.** As our country faces the threat of euthanasia, with its deadly implications for some of the most vulnerable, we will be joining the Bishops of England and Wales in an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament on **Wednesday 13th November, at St Vincent's commencing at 0830hr.** Please come to church or join us online to pray about this vote which, if it passes, would change society as we know it. A significant number of Members of Parliament remain undecided on this vote. Let's do all we can to raise awareness of the implications of this bill before the crucial parliamentary vote scheduled for Friday 29th November. **TELL YOUR MP** in Hazel Grove, Cheadle & Stockport to Oppose Assisted Dying. Please review this online petition <https://www.change.org/OpposeAssistedDyingStockport> and consider signing and please share the link. We have put a hard copy of the petition at the back of church for you to sign, if you are unable to sign online. The signed petitions from our churches will be forwarded to MPs.



**DIOCESAN DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS** - Recruitment process for the Diocesan Director of Schools role is now underway, further details of which can be found at <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/director-of-schools-birkenhead-2130729>. If you would like further information or candidate pack and application form please contact Liam Dowds, Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email at [ldowds@emmausleadership.me](mailto:ldowds@emmausleadership.me)

**ST JAMES CATHOLIC HIGH PARISHIONER CHRISTMAS PARTY:** As we approach the joyous season of Christmas, St James' school are delighted to invite parishioners to the annual Parishioner Christmas Party at St James Catholic High School in Cheadle Hulme. This festive event will take place on Friday, 13th December, starting at 11:15am. The morning promises to be filled with festive cheer, including refreshments, raffles, and entertainment. St James Catholic High School would be honored to share this occasion with parishioners. To help them to prepare, kindly RSVP by 1st December to the Parish Secretary. They look forward to welcoming you to St James and sharing in the warmth and spirit of Christmas together!

**SUNDAY MASS TIMES FROM 1ST DECEMBER:** We agreed to change our Mass time at St Ambrose from 5pm on Saturday to 8.30am on Sunday, and then later, from 8.30am to 10am, for as long as we had Fr. Moses. As we cannot be sure of the availability of our retired priests for Mass covers every weekend, it has become necessary to revert to St Ambrose's initial schedule. We will continue to have four weekend Masses as follows:

Saturday	5pm	St Ambrose
	6.30pm	Our Lady and the Apostles
Sunday	9.30am	St Vincent's
	11am	Our Lady and the Apostles

**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](mailto:stockport3parishes@gmail.com).

**NEW SINGING GROUP.— VOICES NEEDED—**Come along to Our Lady's and join our new singing and musicians group—headed by our very own Noel on guitar—in preparation for singing at our Sunday Masses. Practice will be held every Monday evening between 6-7.30pm, Our Lady's church. Music is an important part of worship and praise to God. Please come along and join us. **NOVEMBER LIST**—During the month of November, we pray especially for the faithful departed. Please take a 'Month of the Holy Souls' envelope and place inside the names of your deceased parents, relatives, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them throughout the month of November and any donations will be used for Masses for Holy Souls for the following 12 months.

**11TH JANUARY 2025 MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION**—A date has been set for Fr Martin's next Free Medical Outreach in Nigeria - 11th January 2025. A GoFundMe page is now live for donations. For details, please click on this link <https://gofund.me/181ecc20> or scan the QR code.



Thank you all, once again, for your invaluable support, without which this crucial annual humanitarian project would not have thrived for the past five years. Please keep the programme in your prayers, as so many depend on it. God bless you.

**EASYFUNDRAISING** supporters have already raised £224.12 so far without costing them a penny. 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>.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - CAROL SERVICE AT OUR LADY AND THE APOSTLES, FRI 13TH DECEMBER.** Carol service with mulled wine, Gaelic coffee and other refreshments at Our Lady's, from 6:45pm. Carols 7:30-8:30pm. Entry for Adults £5, children free. **HELPERS ARE NEEDED!** - see Claire or Tecla after Mass or contact parish office. Donations for the tombola are also needed.

**Special Collection on Sunday 17th November** - Clergy Education and Training Fund

### OUR LADY'S NEWS

**FIRST SACRAMENTS AND CONFIRMATION**—enrolment is now. **PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE FOR A REGISTRATION FORM.** Mass attendance cards are at the back of church and need to be signed by the priest after Mass.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** -every Sunday in the Guild Room during 11am Mass.

**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.



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**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.

**MASS IN SACRISTY** - Weekday Masses will be held in the Sacristy to save on heating costs.

**QR CODE** Please use this QR for online donations for St Ambrose.



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**THIS SUNDAY** - Please arrive early to take part in the Remembrance Day commemoration before the start of Mass; especially if you are carrying a candle for a loved one. The Commemoration will begin 10 minutes before Mass.

**LAMBS SOCIAL EVENING 7 TO 9PM** - Donations supporting this event on Wednesday 13th November will be collected after Mass this Sunday. Help to move the chairs after Mass and after the event will be greatly appreciated

**MONDAY 11TH - 10AM** Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

**CHRISTMAS EVENTS** - Toy Mass Dec 1st; Christingle Service 15th December 3pm; Crib afternoon December 18th 3pm

**THANK YOU**—from Dorothy Hancock's to all who helped celebrate her 90th birthday, your birthday wishes, gifts and prayers made it all the more special.

**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, Adswold Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity 234025* **Data Protection Privacy Notice** The parish of Our Lady and the Apostles sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice).

