

SUNDAY PLUS

With the eyes of a child...



Beginning together

The man God creates is the human race; he embodies in his person the whole of humanity. He is not one human being among many; he is the Human. To relieve man's aloneness, God begins work at creating a helper. Then there is the striking and comical image of God creating all the beasts and the birds which he brings to man to see if he will name any of them "helper". There is a long procession of candidates for the post: man gives names to them all, but none is named helper. After the interviews, man is still alone.

Clearly, God must think again. So the Lord makes the man fall into a deep sleep and then takes something from him. What is taken is enclosed in flesh to become a new creature, a woman. The original man makes two creatures: an individual man and an individual woman. When God brings the woman to the man, this time there is great relief and success as the man exclaims, "At last!"

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by Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

Every great religion has sacred stories which account for the beginning of creation and the human race. The book of Genesis has two stories of creation,

the second of which we hear in today's first reading. God fashions man of dust from the soil and then breathes into his nostrils a breath of life. God's breath is man's life. When God plants a garden amidst the wasteland, this garden becomes man's first address. He inhabits a beautiful place in Eden, but the wasteland still surrounds his domain.

Loving Lord, you have the answers to my questions. Help me to listen and to take you seriously. Amen.

God in the family

by Lucy Russell

Edgar is twelve and almost six feet tall. His is the box room in our 1930s semi. Although he has his own space for sleeping and other activities, he must hang his school uniform in James' wardrobe. Moving home during the pandemic wasn't a prospect we relished, but it was obvious that we needed to try and do it.

James was at home self-isolating the second time the house sale fell through, so it was impossible to keep the details of the phone call from him. "If it's meant to be, it will still happen. Leave it to Jesus. Maybe the house we want will still be available when we have sold our house, and if it's not, then God will have a better one lined up."

I should have been telling him that, but he was telling me, while he made me a cup of tea.

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Feast of the week
Monday 4 October

St Francis of Assisi

(1181-1226)

One day, when St Francis was travelling with Friar Masseo, one of his earliest followers, they arrived at a crossroads where three roads met, leading to Florence, Siena and Arezzo. Masseo asked: "Father, which way should we go?" St Francis replied: "By whichever road is God's will for us to take". Puzzled, Masseo asked Francis how they might know the will of God as they stood at a road junction in the midst of the Italian countryside.

To Masseo's amazement, Francis instructed him to twirl around on the spot, as children do, and to continue until Francis should tell him to stop.

Masseo obediently began to spin himself round, becoming so dizzy that he fell several times – but Francis still didn't tell him to stop.

Eventually Francis told the (now nauseous) friar to stand still and asked him in which direction he was facing. Masseo replied: "Toward Siena". St Francis said: "That is the road God wants us to take."

Adapted from The Little Flowers of St Francis

"Jesus has no house, because his house is the people; it is we who are his dwelling place; his mission is to open God's doors to all, to be the presence of God's love."

Pope Francis

Today: Genesis 2:18-24 Hebrews 2:9-11 Mark 10:2-16
Monday: Jonah 1:1 – 2:1, 11 Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday: Jonah 3:1-10 Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday: Jonah 4:1-11 Luke 11:1-4
Thursday: Malachi 3:13-20 Luke 11:5-13
Friday: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2 Luke 11:15-25
Saturday: Joel 4:12-21 Luke 11:27-28
Next Sunday: Wisdom 7:7-11 Hebrews 4:12-13 Mark 10:17-30

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3RD OCTOBER 2021 TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE SIGN IN AT THE DOOR FOR TRACK AND TRACE USING THE QR CODE OR PAPER, THOUGH NOT REQUIRED BY LAW, WE STILL PLEAD THAT YOU WEAR A FACE COVERING, AND GIVE PEOPLE SOME SPACE UNTIL THE PANDEMIC IS OVER.



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 3rd October <i>3rd Annual count of Mass attendees</i>	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St Vincent's - Our Lady's - St Vincent's- Baptism	Our Parish Family Caroline Ezeokeke RIP Our Parish Family Julia Callaghan 1st Ann Norah Emily Hamilton
Mon 4th Oct	St Francis of Assisi, R	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Julia "Shauney" Callaghan- 1st anniversary
Tues 5th Oct	St Maria Faustine (Helena) Kowalska	9.30am	Our Lady's	Micheal Canning- anniversary
Wed 6th Oct	Ferial (St Bruno, P,H,R)	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Marie O'Neill RIP
Thurs 7th Oct	Our Lady Of The Rosary	9.30am 6.00pm	St Ambrose Our Lady's- Year 7 Mass	Philomena Keenam St James Catholic High Sch
Fri 8th Oct	Ferial	9.30am 11.00am	St. Vincent's OLATA—Requiem Mass	Special Intention (MC) Peter Anthony Connolly
Sat 9th Oct	ST JOHN HENRY NEWMAN, P	9.30am	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
Sun 10th October	TWENTY EIGHT SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St Vincent's Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Rose Anne Mellett Our Parish Family Edward Bartle

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning before Mass from 8:30am to 9:30am.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning and by appointment.

Please pray for:

Baptisms: Please pray for the 12 families currently attending the baptism course dates 9,16 and 23 October, for the baptism of their children and for our very committed catechists.

First Holy Communion: Please may we pray for our children who will be making their first Holy Communion this weekend.

Confirmation: Please pray for the **40 young parishioners** who have enrolled for Confirmation, and for the Catechists, as they begin their preparatory sessions.

The Sick:

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: Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Tom Davis, Eileen Melia, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Tommy Higgins, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Mary Brett, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Catherine Tracey, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon and Sean O'Callaghan.

In St. Ambrose's: Mavis Doggett, Terry Skorzewski, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Barry Lloyd, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Pat Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Marie Hughes, Paul Morrell and Mary Sweetman.

Recently Departed:

May the souls of Thomas Davies, Peter Anthony Connelly and may the souls of all recently departed rest in peace. Barbara Donovan (mother of Rosy Hickman, St Vincents). Rosy would like to thank all those parishioners who have kept Barbara in their prayers

Anniversaries

Patrick Connolly, Blanche Mulhall, Mavis Needham, Joseph Connolly, Frances Gould, Peter Christopher Callaghan, Ann Diffley, James Little, Jack Hibbert, Mary Darkin, Michael Canning, Gail Cook, Irene Garnett, Ebenezer Hope, Sarah Bohan, John Grundy, Peter Callaghan.

General Notices:

Year of St. Joseph: "St Joseph loved Jesus as a father loves his son and showed his love by giving Him the best he had". St Josemaria Escriva.

Prayer intentions: During Ordinary Time (autumn) ie, from September to Christ the King we are asked to pray for these intentions: Students and Teachers; The Spread of the Gospel; the Harvest; the Reverent Use of Creation; Justice and Peace in the World; All Victims of War; Young People; Prisoners and their families.

Confirmation—We welcome our Confirmation candidates at Mass today as they attend for their Presentation.

PRISONERS SUNDAY – 10th October Information for Prisoner's Sunday on 10th October has been circulated to the parishes. I think you will appreciate how difficult the past year has been for many prisoners and their families with visits restricted and prisoners remaining in their cells for up to 23 hours a day. The collection for PACT is a voluntary one, however, the needs are especially great this year.

RIGHT TO LIFE - Baroness Meacher's assisted suicide Bill will likely have its Second Reading in the House of Lords on 22 October, and the pro-assisted suicide lobby have been further increasing pressure on peers to support this dangerous bill. Peers need to know that any assisted suicide law would be fundamentally unsafe and that now is the time to invest in better palliative and end-of-life care instead. For further details go to: www.righttolife.org.uk

Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality – Next Meeting - Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality, Sunday 10th October at 2pm at St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester, CH2 1PL. This is a hybrid meeting with the option to attend in person or via Zoom. Please register your attendance and make any requests for the online password, apologies or items for the agenda at secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267.

Mass Attendance: – Can Offertory collectors please count and record the attendance for masses for these weekends? Please include all those present at all Sunday Masses (i.e., Saturday evening & Sunday) celebrated in our parishes on the named weekends.

- 2nd/3rd October
- 9th/10th October

Second Collection is for CAFOD— Family Feast II

Last weekend's collections(excludes standing orders) : OLATA- £2,934.18 St Ambrose- £75.15 Home mission £62.81 St Vincent's- £305.22 Home mission- £84.10 THANK YOU!

Newsletter items: Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to the Parish Office by lunchtime on Thursday.

SUPPORTING REFUGEES FROM AFGHANISTAN Almost 15,000 people have been evacuated in the past few weeks from Afghanistan to the United Kingdom amid those harrowing scenes we witnessed in media reports. The Catholic Church is already active in its support of the refugees through many of its charitable societies and agencies. I hope we will be able to offer support to Local Authorities in material assistance and welcome. The Home Office will soon be launching a new Afghan Citizens' Resettlement Scheme to accommodate an estimated 20,000 refugees. The expertise parishes have gained from the resettlement of Syrian refugees may be of assistance. The plight of refugees who have fled across the borders of Afghanistan to neighbouring countries is the focus of a special appeal launched by CAFOD.

Our Lady's News:

Children's Liturgy: Resumes in church today. We thank the catechists for organizing this. The social club room will be used (as much as possible) as this is a bigger space and will try and maintain some social distancing and try and keep siblings together. When we cannot use the social club we will use the guild room and we will need to restrict the number of children to 18. Hand sanitisers will be available and surfaces will be wiped down. The leaders will be wearing face masks as per the diocese guidance and we respectfully ask any parents/guardians to wear a face mask if attending with children. Please can we ask that children do not attend if they have been in contact with anyone who is covid positive, have a temperature, cough or cold symptoms to avoid spreading viruses to others.

Our Lady's Offertory Envelopes: As more parishioners are returning to Mass would you please check to see if your box of envelopes is waiting to be collected from the table at the back of Church. If you don't have a box but would like one please post your name, address and telephone number through the Presbytery door and Tom Horan will contact you. May we take this opportunity to thank all those Parishioners who have made donations and legacies to the Church for various reasons such as flowers, maintenance etc. During this very difficult time it is very much appreciated.

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is still a very active presence in Our Lady's. If anyone would like support from them, perhaps a call or chat, or if you know of anyone who might appreciate their contact, please ring Dennis on 0161 485 1256. Maybe you have some time to spare and would like to join them in helping others? If so, as above, please ring Dennis.

St Ambrose News:

Second Collection:- for CAFOD this weekend, 02/03 October 2021. Please be as generous as you can.

St Vincent's News:

Thank you to all who helped to make our Feast day afternoon tea party a success. The weather stayed fine, there was lots to eat and everyone enjoyed a good chat. Thank you St Vincent.

This Sunday is the **Harvest Mass** bring your donations to mass & up at the Offertory or find someone to bring them up for you. We will distribute the food and toiletries between Wellspring and Chelwood Foodbank.

Monday this week (4th October) is Knit and Natter after Service of Word and Communion at 10am. Also this Monday 7.30 pm on Zoom – Emmaus Group – this term we are reflecting on 'Falling Upward' by Richard Rohr. Please contact Rowena (rowena.nield@sky.com) if you would like to join us.

Our Lady's Primary: We congratulate our children, who made their first Holy Communion after such a long delay due to the pandemic!

St James Catholic High School: We pray for our year 7 students who will be celebrating at Our Lady's on Thursday at 6pm.

[Links for online giving to the Parishes: Please check our websites](#)

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