



Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM

 <p><b>THE WEDNESDAY WORD</b> The Parish Version</p>	<p><b>Encountering Christ</b> Prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass and praying in particular for our school families</p>	
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Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 - The Eighteenth 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 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022 (Luke 12:13-21): The Dangers of Wealth**  
A man in the crowd said to Jesus, "Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance." "My friend," he replied, "who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?" Then he said to them, "Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs." Then he told them a parable: "There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, 'What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops.' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time.' But God said to him, 'Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?' So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God."



**3 Reflect**

After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.  
*Luke's language and style make it clear that he comes from a reasonably privileged background. In his stories he refers to far larger sums of money than Mark does. He also understands about investment banking and rates of interest. This makes it all the more striking that he continually warns against the dangers of wealth. Jesus brushes aside a dispute about inheritance. The parable of the Rich Fool is perhaps the most condemnatory of all the parables; nowhere else in the gospels is anyone called outright a 'Fool!' Luke tells us that salvation came first to the poor, to the shepherds of Bethlehem, through a baby cradled in a cattle-trough. Only Luke says that the apostles left 'everything' to follow Jesus. The guests invited to the Great Supper refuse the invitation because they are distracted by their new purchases. In the ideal young community of the early Church in Jerusalem Luke insists that everything was held in common. The only hope for the rich (for example in the parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus) is to use their wealth to make friends in heaven.*  
**What challenge does Jesus offer me in this Gospel, particularly about where I find my true 'treasure'?**  
**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  
Within the tradition of the Catholic Church, each Wednesday is dedicated to St Joseph

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Newsletter for the Parishes of  
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24TH JULY 2022 SEVENTEENTH 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](http://tinyurl.com/stockportparishes) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 24th July	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. <b>St Ambrose &amp; Baptism</b>	Richard Laurens (Special Int) Freddie Fitzgerald
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. <b>Our Lady's</b>	Elizabeth Mullin RIP (B/day)
		9.30am 11.00am	<b>St Vincent's Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family Thanksgiving to St Anthony
Mon 25th July	ST JAMES, Ap	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Eileen Sinclair RIP
Tues 26th July	Ss Joachim & Ann, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Memorial)	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Service of Word & Communion
Wed 27th July	FERIAL	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Marie Kiely RIP
Thurs 28th July	FERIAL	9.30am	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Service of Word & Comm
		7.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Barry Cropper RIP
Fri 29th July	Ss Mary, Martha and Lazarus (Memorial)	09:30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Service of Word & Comm
Sat 30th July	FERIAL (St Peter Chrysologus, B,D BVM on Saturday)	9.30 am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Agnes Francis Ibok RIP (ann)
		5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. <b>St Ambrose</b> Vigil Mass Sat. <b>Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family Sheila Rose Murphy RIP
Sun 31st July	EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.00am	<b>St Vincent's Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family Leszek Grzebyta RIP

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every weekday morning 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 be 31st of July.

**First Holy Communion:** Preparations will resume in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass from September.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** *Congratulations to the seven people recently received/baptised into the Church!* 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 FOR OUR LADY'S, ST JOSEPH'S, ST AMBROSE & ST VINCENTS PARISHES has been scheduled for 9th December 2022 at Our Lady's. Please send names to the parish office.

### 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:** Veronica Morrissey, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Lucile Ebbs, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Eileen Melia, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon, and Shelagh Lees.

**In St. Ambrose's:** Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, 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.

**Recently Departed:** May the soul of **Leszek Grzebyta, Sheila Rose Murphy, Eileen Sinclair**, and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

### Anniversaries

Peter Blaydon, Dennis Draycott, Mary Costello, Edward O'Connor, Mary Costello, Michael Horan, James Graham Maloney, John Hulme, Hannah McCann, Philip Burgess, John Crooks, Henry White, Joan Hodgkinson.

During **July** : we pray for the **Elderly** who represent the roots and memory of a people; may their experience and wisdom help young people to look toward to the future with hope and responsibility.

**MASS WILL BE OFFERED FOR FR GEOFF'S SISTER**, Eileen Sinclair, who has recently departed, at St Ambrose 0930 hrs 26.7.22. Funeral will be 29th July in Wigan. May we endeavour to attend to support Fr Geoff at this trying time.

**CATENIAN BURSARY FUND:** Are you 16-24?, Catholic?, Passionate about helping others?, Planning a future voluntary project?, Needing financial help? Each year the Catenian Bursary Fund makes awards to young Catholics aged between 16 and 24 who volunteer to work on development projects and as helpers on HCPT and Diocesan Lourdes pilgrimages. For full details including eligibility criteria visit our website [catenianbursary.com](http://catenianbursary.com). Local contact 07504 130749 or 07827 628261

**WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL**—Help today by donating to Cafod! For further details go to: [www.cafod.org.uk](http://www.cafod.org.uk) . “To live charitably means not looking out for our own interests, but carrying the burdens of the weakest and poorest among us.” Pope Francis

**THE LAST ULTIMATE BOOK CLUB** -You are invited to the final meeting with Rev Scott Manning who has made a particular study of the final book of the Bible. We plan to have a strawberry tea after the presentation beginning at 2pm, on 7<sup>th</sup> August in Centrepoint. It's all free. Mary & Paul Langto

**SHREWSBURY CATHEDRAL PILGRIMAGE DAY FOR PARISHES** - Parishes and parish groups are invited to book a pilgrimage day at the Cathedral. This will include a tour of the Cathedral where you will see how the reordering of the Cathedral is evolving, including the restored east window and the original, recently uncovered encaustic tiles, (which are being matched and recast by 'Craven Dunnill Tiles', whose manufacturing background began at the Jackfield Tile Factory in Ironbridge in 1872). Mass will be celebrated at 12.15pm and followed by a light lunch provided by the on-site Orchard Café. The cost of the day is £10 per head. Telephone: 01743 290077 Email: [events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:events@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk).

**Catechists dates for your diaries: 26.11.22**—St Albans Macclesfield, A day of Discernment of Gifts & Service; **22nd & 29th October 2022**—A new Marriage Preparation Course bookings via Laura Butcher at [admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk](mailto:admin@shrewsburycathedral.co.uk) T:- 01743 290000; **8th & 9th October 2022**—A Marriage Enrichment Retreat *Loving 4 Life* at Wistaston Hall, Crewe for all married people Booking [www.loving4.life.co.uk](http://www.loving4.life.co.uk).

**Last weekend's collections** (excludes standing orders): **OLATA**— £483.60 **St Vincent's**—£180.91 **St Ambrose'** (pending). **THANK YOU.**

**FR MARTIN AWAY:** 'I will be away visiting friends in New York, from 25th July to 5th August. Masses will be covered as in the newsletter. Please pray for me for a safe and restful break. Thanks and God bless.'

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**—For those wishing to make the Sacrament of Confirmation, this year's preparation will commence in September 2022, with the Date of Confirmation booked for 9th December 2022. Please forward your names to the parish office if you wish to enrol for this sacrament.

**FOREIGN CURRENCY:** Please donate any spare foreign currency, Notes or Coins. There are big jars at the back of all three churches. Proceeds will go to the SVP charitable projects.

**WELCOME TO ALL OUR NEW PARISHIONERS**—Please remember to introduce yourself to Fr Martin, if you are new to the parish, and do indicate if you wish to volunteer for any role in the parish. Perhaps you exercised a particular ministry in your previous parish, or now feel able to, we would be delighted to have your services. You are welcome to our parish family!

**ELECTRONIC BULLETIN:** If you would like an electronic bulletin delivered to your email address please contact the office with your preferred details to be added to the list.

**WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY**—World Day for Grandparents & the Elderly is on 24 July, the Sunday closest to 26 July : the Feast of Saints Joachim and Ann , parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and grandparents of Jesus. This weekend especially, take some time to show gratitude for their gifts and contribution to parish and family life. We warmly thank all grandparents, the elderly and their families for their ongoing commitment to our Parishes and the Church.

**Offertory envelopes** can be obtained from the Parish Office or see links for online giving to the Parishes below or check our websites.

### Our Lady's News

**OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**—If you have not yet collected your box of blue envelopes, please check at the back of church. If you recognize any of the names on the boxes, could you please help deliver to them? Thanks! If you would like to start using envelopes or would prefer bank standing order please contact the parish office.

**No Tea and Coffee**—there will be no Coffee Morning today Sunday 24th July

**Thanks:** Fr David Long has acknowledged the receipt of the remainder of the money in the Cambodia Fund account, which was recently sent to him, and would like to thank the parishioners of Our lady's for their support. He is arranging for a cheque for just over £1000 to be sent to Fr Totet in Cambodia. Thank you all.

### St Ambrose News

**Year Books**—There are still a few Year books available priced £5 each.

**Piety Stall**—has some new gifts and cards for sale.

### St Vincent News

**Thank you** for the donations to Chelwood Foodbank. We took a good number of bags of household items and food tins. They were very grateful.

**Monday 25th** - Service of Word and Communion 10am followed by Prayer Group.

**Dates for your Diary:** Church Cleaning Party - Saturday 10th September; Praise in the Park Sunday - September 11th; **Celebration of St Vincent's Feast day** - Sunday 25th September.

**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.**

**These are the links for online giving to the Parishes:**

For Our Lady's parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/ourladyandtheapostlesdioceseofshrewsbury2127>

For St. Ambrose parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stambroseadswooddioceseofshrewsbury2185>

For St. Vincent's parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stvincentdepaulbramhalldioceseofshrewsbury2608>

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