## Wednesday 13th July 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM





Prayerfully preparing for the Sunday Mass and praying in particular for our school families



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 17th July 2022 - The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Relax & Remember

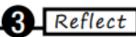
Set aside 10 -15 minutes and create a suitable environment by removing any distractions. Make sure that you are comfortable. Perhaps light a candle. Make the sign of the cross t and remain still for a minute of settling silence. Call to mind the love that God has for you. Remember that through this scripture 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.



# Read

#### Taken from the Gospel for 17th July 2022 (Luke 10:38-42): Martha and Mary

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me." But the Lord answered: "Martha, Martha," he said, "you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her."

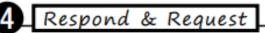


#### After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.

Martha and Mary have become classic figures in the Church representing two different styles of life, the active and the contemplative vocation, an active apostolate or a life of prayer. Carried to an extreme, this opposition is, of course, merely silly. No active apostolate can thrive unless it grows out of a life of prayer, for we cannot draw others to the knowledge and love of a God whom we do not ourselves know and love. Nor can a life of prayer be genuine unless it leads to care for others and concern for the salvation of all those whom the Lord loves. Even a strictly enclosed community cannot claim to be a part of Christ's body unless its fabric is one of love and concern for all the members, and especially those in need, the elderly, the sick and the young. In fact, Jesus does not present any such choice between two different religious ways of life. His speech is always in terms of absolutes. He does not use comparatives; he says that Mary has chosen not 'the better' (as our translation has it) but 'the good' part (as the Greek has it). Any 'good' life must be founded on listening devotedly to the Lord and responding to what we have heard.

How important a part does listening to the Lord play in my life as a Christian?

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB



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

www.wednesdayword.org

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

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**10TH JULY 2022 FIFTEENTH 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 or Stockport Parishes - YouTube (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 10th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Day of special prayer for Seafarers) APOSTLESHIP OF THE SEA COLLECTION	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 Baptism	Our Parish Family Summer Louise White The people of Ukraine & Poland & their supporters Our Parish Family Barry Cropper RIP Poppy Rose Carlin
Mon 11th July	<b>ST BENEDICT, Ab</b> DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EUROPE	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Francois Pugh RIP (ann)
Tues 12th July	FERIAL	9.30am 2.00pm	Our Lady's Funeral Mass—OL	Elizabeth 'Liz' Mullin RIP David Henry Jones RIP
Wed 13th July	FERIAL (St Henry, K)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Carlo Abrahams RIP
Thurs 14th July	<b>FERIAL</b> (St Camillus de Lellis, P)	9.30am 7.00pm	St Ambrose Our Lady's	Edward McGovern RIP Alice Lewis RIP (ann)
Fri 15th July	St Bonaventure, B, D	09:30am 6.30pm	St Vincent's Our Lady's (school in church)	Holy Souls Year 6 leavers' mass
Sat 16th July	<b>FERIAL</b> (OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL)	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Parishioners who supported the Cropper Family
		5.30pm 7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Birthday Thanksgiving
Sun 17th July	SIXEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11.00am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Joe Kennedy RIP Peace in The Ukraine

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 continue 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 Morrisey, 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, Viviene 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 souls Anna Highfield, David Henry Jones, and the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

#### Anniversaries

Ronald Borrell, Margaret Hales, Terrence George Tottle, Sue Allison, Firouzeh Pugh, Magaret Maloney, Frederick Monaghan, Anne O'Callaghan, Kathleen Sherlock, Jim Cardwell, Daniel Patrick Goulden, Christopher McHugh. John Maguire, Maureen Sherwin, Allan Greenwood.

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.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022—29th July - 5th August 2022 We very much look forward to returning as a Diocese to Lourdes next year. The dates for our Diocesan Pilgrimage have been confirmed as being from 29th July to 4th August (by air); 28th July to 5th August (overland). Full details, itineraries and booking forms will soon be available on the Shrewsbury Pilgrimage Website: www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk or from the Pilgrimage Office at St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD sezzyj@hotmail.co.uk

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA—28TH SEPTEMBER TO 5TH OCTOBER: In the light of Pope Francis' reconsecration of Russia, Ukraine and the World to Our Lady of Fatima last month, we are planning a pilgrimage to Fatima with Joe Walsh Tours. Full details are on the parish websites. The cost will be £679 per person, to include a full pilgrimage programme, direct flights from Manchester to Lisbon, transfer to Fatima, full Religious programme including tours and visits to key sites associated with the apparitions, and full board in a central hotel in Fatima for 7 nights. Brochures and forms are available on request. Please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com. You may also contact Lucy in Our Lady's parish office to collect forms or for any queries.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE Any couples planning to get married in 2023 who haven't yet booked marriage preparation need to do so as the course fills up very quickly. The course will be put on the National Marriage Care website early next week. To book, couples need to click on this link: https://www.marriagecare.org.uk/find-a-course/

WORLD FOOD CRISIS APPEAL -In Kenya, Ethiopia and South Sudan, up to 20 million people are fighting for their very survival. They are facing terrifying drought and rocketing food prices. Schools are closed, and the threat of extreme hunger is forcing people to spend their life savings or leave their homes. Help today by donating to Cafod! For further details go to: www.cafod.org.uk

**SEAFARERS AND FISHERS** play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. In the last year, more crews have been abandoned by their employers than ever before. Many are still being denied the right to leave their ships for even a short break away from the relentless noise and pressure onboard. Many are reporting more stress and poorer mental health. Sea Sunday is Sunday the 10th of July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in church, by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' TO 70460 TO DONATE £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank You.

#### Second Collection this weekend is for Apostleship of the Sea.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing51.20 orders): OLATA- £658.64 St Vincent- £210.15 St Ambrose THANK YOU.

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

Alumni Network— St James Catholic High School has recently set up an alumni network. If you know or you are a past pupils of St James' and would like to connect with as many people as possible, click on this link to the sign up form is on our website: http://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/alumni/

**THANK YOU**—to Mark Kernberg for the purchase of the lovely order of mass pamphlets for children which are now available for our children to use.

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. You are very welcome if you have not been for a while or if you have never been. Revelation is a mysterious book for most of us but may well be particularly relevant in these unprecedented times. 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

**LOURDES** - OVERLAND BY JUMBULANCE 14 July to 23rd July Helpers and Nurses/Doctor required. £950—half price for nurses and young people—financial help available. Contact Tony Murphy 07881656974

#### **Our Lady's News**

Lost and hoping to be Found. If you find any of our Parish Mass books, Laudate Hymn Books or Order of Mass Cards in your homes, cars or green house, please would you return it to mass next time you come. That would be great. Thank you.

The Piety Stall-is now open for cards and gifts, and a selection of rosary beads. Children's Liturgy & 1st Communion Preparation Classes - will take place during the 11am Mass. Please bring the children to learn and pray with us.

**TEA & COFFEE** – Join us for tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

#### **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.

**GOD IN YOUR GARDEN:-** Bring the word of God to your street with a celebration of mass in your garden. The next Garden Mass will be at 5Ramsdale Rd, Bramhall. SK7 2QA ON THE 21ST July at 7pm. Please watch the space for the next one. If you would like to host the celebration of the mass, please let the office know and we can arrange a date. It is first come first served. Fr Martin will bring the mass—you gather the people, family members, and neighbours! This summer is now fully booked but you can make a reservation for next year.

#### St Vincent News

LAMBs Collection for LAMBs social after Mass. Help with chairs on Wednesday 13th after Mass and after the event at 9pm would be appreciated.

Monday 11th - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group. All welcome Sunday 17th - Coffee after Mass plus Foodbank collection for Chelwood. Tinned meats plus tin foil, washing powder, razors and toilet paper etc are in demand currently

#### 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/ourladyandtheap
For St. Ambrose parishioners, the link is:
https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stambroseadswo
For St. Vincent's parishioners, the link is:
https://investmycommunity.com/pot_logged_donator/page/styincentdenaulb

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 8BO St. Ambrose, Adswood Road, Stockport, SK3 3OA, St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3E.

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