

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - A WEEKLY PRAYER CUSTOM



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



Preparing for the Mass of Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 - Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Lady

**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 14<sup>th</sup> August 2022 (Luke 1:39-56): Mary's Visit to Elizabeth**

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? From the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

And Mary said: 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord and my spirit exults in God my saviour; because he has looked upon his lowly handmaid. Yes, from this day forward all generations will call me blessed, for the Almighty has done great things for me. Holy is his name, and his mercy reaches from age to age for those who fear him. He has shown the power of his arm, he has routed the proud of heart. He has pulled down princes from their thrones and exalted the lowly. The hungry he has filled with good things, the rich sent empty away. He has come to the help of Israel his servant, mindful of his mercy - according to the promise he made to our ancestors - of his mercy to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.' Mary stayed with Elizabeth about three months and then went back home.



**3 Reflect**

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

The core of this gospel reading is Mary's canticle of thanksgiving for God's gifts to her. It is, however, fitting that, on the Feast of the bodily Assumption of Mary, it should begin with her bodily attention to the bodily needs of her elderly relative. With her own baby on the way, she would have plenty of other priorities, making her long journey a real act of kindness. Her canticle, sung daily in the liturgy of Evening Prayer, sums up God's faithfulness to his promises, focussed on his gifts to this simple peasant girl. It combines a wonderful sense of the holiness of God with warmth of gratitude, showing the thoughts that revolved constantly in Mary's mind. As is fitting in the mouth of a girl whose only knowledge of books was the Bible, Mary's song is a texture of scriptural phrases. We cannot assume that Luke wrote it down at Mary's dictation, for putting words in the mouth of his characters is a feature of Luke the historian; but it must reflect her thinking. If any theme resounds again and again throughout the Bible, it is God's care for the poor, for the simple and for those in need. It is this which sets the Hebraeo-Christian tradition apart from the ways of the world.

**What was Mary thinking as she walked to Elizabeth's home and back again? How may we in our daily lives show gratitude and give praise to God?**

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.

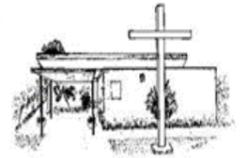


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7TH AUGUST 2022 NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 7th August	NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. <b>St Ambrose</b> Vigil Mass Sat. <b>Our Lady's</b>	Parents of Nina Baily RIP Paula Murray—Speedy Recovery
		7.00pm		
		9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St. Ambrose—Baptism</b>	Our Parish Family Gabriella Quiroz Ava Hill
		11.00am 1.00pm		
Mon 8th August	<b>St Dominic, P</b> (Memorial)	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Holy Souls
Tues 9th August	<b>St Teresa Benedicta of the cross, V, M Patron of Europe</b> (Feast)	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Safe delivery of Gwen Ann's Baby
Wed 10th August	<b>St Lawrence, Dc, M.</b> (Memorial)	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Seamus Colgan Anniversary
Thurs 11th August	<b>St Clare, V.</b> (Memorial)	9.30am	<b>St Ambrose</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Barry Cropper RIP Safe Travels
		7.00pm		
Fri 12th August	<b>St Jane Frances de Chantel, R</b> (Memorial)	9:30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	James Walsh RIP (Ann)
Sat 13th August	SS PONTIAN, PP & HIPPOLYTUS, MM	9.30 am	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's</b>	Father Martin 21st Priesthood Ann Our Parish Family Billy Birkel
		5.30pm 7:00pm		
		Sun 14th August		

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 has begun.

**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, 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, 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 **Anne Evans, Barry Lloyd, Leszek Grzebyta, Eileen Sinclair,** and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

### Anniversaries

John O'Shea, Cecilia Allman, John O'Shea (jnr), Joan Rowland, Bridget Spain, Brenda Glynn, Noel Corrigan, Patrick Kelly, Terence (Terry) James Walsh, Ellen Smallwood, Agnes Monks, Michael Francis Reade, Anita Pritchard, Eunice Barnwell, Eleanor Oldham, Philip Cartwright.

During **August** : we pray for **Small and Medium –sized Businesses: in the midst of economic and social crisis may they find ways to continue operating, and serving their communities.**

**JUMBULANCE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:-** nurses and helpers needed. Leaving 8th—17th September 2022 Chester Across Group. May be cancelled without further support. Must have GB Passport and be COVID vaccinated. Contact Tony Murphy Chester Across Group 07881656 [tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk) [www.across.org.uk](http://www.across.org.uk)

**SAVE THE DATE 13.08.2022** 1 to 4 pm for our Summer Community Celebration Event. Join us for family fun and to learn about how we support our Ethnically Diverse and Refugee communities in Stockport. If you would like to book a stall at our event, please get in touch with Aba at 07726 641 236 or email [aba@srep.co.uk](mailto:aba@srep.co.uk) #EveryoneIsWelcome #DiversityMatters More Info: <https://fb.me/e/2lhNe2pPd> Rose Walker Center, Essex Avenue, Cheadle heath, SK3 0JA.

**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.

**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

**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— £561.52 CAFOD £145.70 St Vincent's—£259.99 St Ambrose' £ 102.00. THANK YOU.**

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

**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!

**From Fr Martin:** 'it is good to be back. Thank you everybody for your prayers. I had a great time in the US, and people were overwhelmingly warm and welcoming.

**CONGRATULATIONS!!!** To Father Martin on his 21st Priesthood Anniversary which was on the 4th of August. We pray for God to bless and reward you for your caring and dedicated service.

### 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.

**Tea and Coffee**—join us for tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

**The Children's Liturgy Group** are taking a break for the summer and will resume on 4th September.

### 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

**LAMBS Trip to Blackpool** - taking place on Wednesday 10th August. We will be requesting donations of food after Mass this Sunday. The food can be brought to church on Tuesday evening between 7 and 7.30pm or on Wednesday morning at 9am before they leave at 9.30am. Donations towards the cost of the coach would also be appreciated as the parish funds the majority of the cost of this trip. Please pray for those on the trip that it will be a safe and joyful day for all.

**Thank you** to the new volunteers who have joined in the various ministries, your service to our community is much appreciated. All the new rotas are on the noticeboard at the back of church.

**Please remember** Anne Evan's family in your prayers. Anne Evans, a long time parishioner of St Vincent's, died peacefully on Tuesday surrounded by her family. She will be especially remembered for her Reading ministry and active support of the ProLife cause and Mary's Meals.

**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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