

SUNDAY PLUS

Look around you

The child as our teacher

by Fr Denis McBride C.Ss.R.

In today's Gospel Jesus takes a little child, sets him in front of his disciples and challenges his disciples to accept the little one. When they can welcome that little child, they can welcome the real Jesus. Jesus compares himself to the little child, the one who cannot resort to power tactics when threatened or maltreated. Jesus' protection is his Father; his trust is placed in the God who will ensure

his protection. When suffering comes, Jesus refuses to abandon trust in the Father. That trust makes him vulnerable, like a little child, but unless the disciples can come to welcome that vulnerability, they will never understand the way of Jesus.

Jesus offers a permanent challenge to his followers to welcome the powerless, to take to heart the weakest members of the community. He places himself in their company. Special hospitality should be offered to those from whom we can benefit the least. Their vulnerability is something that Jesus not only shares but values.

As he takes the road to Jerusalem, his own vulnerability will expose him to those who lie in wait. There will be people keen to explore his gentleness and put his endurance to the test. In drawing his own followers away from looking to power and prestige for models of discipleship, Jesus invites them to a new openness to the Father. No

earthly power will save Jesus from death in Jerusalem; only his Father can save him from being left for dead. That is what the Father does. That is how the Father welcomes the trust of the little one.

Fr Denis McBride's many books, CDs and DVDs are available from Redemptionist Publications, www.rpbbooks.co.uk.

Feast of the week
Thursday 23 September
St Pio of Pietrelcina
(1887-1968)

"I consider what writers say about the kingfishers, little birds who build their nests on the beach near the sea. They build it in a circular form and so tightly compressed that the sea water cannot penetrate it... Here these graceful little birds place their young ones, so that when

the sea comes upon them by surprise, they can swim with confidence and float on the waves... I want your heart to be like this - well-compact and closed on all sides, so that if the worries and storms of the world, the evil spirit and the flesh come upon it, it will not be penetrated. Leave but one opening to your heart that is toward heaven... How I love and am enraptured by those little birds!"

From the writings of St Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio)

that mean the most. But in the end there is love. And that is what truly matters. Once all was calm, I went to the shops and bought ten pairs of black socks.

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"May we always care for our children, not counting the cost, so that they may never believe themselves to be mistakes, but always know their infinite worth. Let us ask the Lord for this grace: that our hearts become free and filled with light, so that we can rejoice as children of God."

Pope Francis

Mission in the home

by Lucy Russell

"Get off me!" James (14) and Edgar (12) have never come to blows, but it was getting close. "What are you arguing about? Go!" I shouted at one, "and sit in the kitchen. And you, go and sit in the front room. Now!" They did. And sobbed. I stood in the hallway and took a deep breath. "What is this about?" I asked. "I haven't got any socks, he's taken all of them, he always takes my socks, and don't tell me off for hurting him, I didn't hurt him. Why would I hurt him? I love him!"

There can be arguments and rivalries about the smallest of things, although often it is the smallest things

Today: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 James 3:16-4:3 Mark 9:30-37
Monday: Ezra 1:1-6 Luke 8:16-18
Tuesday: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 Matthew 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezra 9:5-9 Luke 9:1-6
Thursday: Haggai 1:1-8 Luke 9:7-9
Friday: Haggai 1:15-2:9 Luke 9:18-22
Saturday: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15 Luke 9:43-45
Next Sunday: Numbers 11:25-29 James 5:1-6 Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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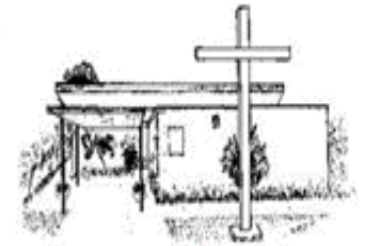
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19TH September 2021 TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) (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 19 th September	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (National Day of Prayer for Home Missions)	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 1.00pm 2-4.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's- FHC St Vincent's - First Holy Communion Our Lady's - First Holy Communion St Vincent's - Baptism OLATA- Baptism Heritage Day	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Our Parish family Mary Hall RIP Alba Bailey Nellie Flo Cosgrove Heritage Day
Mon 20 th Sept	Ss Andrew Kim Tae-gOn, P & Paul CHong Ha-sang and Companions, Mm	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Caroline Higgins RIP
Tues 21st Sept	ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev	9.30am	Our Lady's	Arthur L.P.S Bailey
Wed 22nd Sept	Ferial	9.30am	St. Vincent's	John & Patricia Kenny (Thanksgiving) 65th Wedding Anniversary
Thurs 23rd Sept	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio), P	9.30am 12.00am 7.00pm	St. Ambrose OLATA—Requiem Mass Our Lady's	Tom Davies—Repose of soul Marie O'Neill Marie O'Neil RIP
Fri 24th Sept	Our Lady of Walsingham	9.30am	St. Vincent's	John Burke RIP
Sat 25 th Sept	Ferial (BVM on Saturday)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Marie O'Neill RIP
Sun 26 th September	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST)	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St Vincent's - First Holy Communion Our Lady's - First Holy Communion OLATA- Baptism	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Peter Callaghan Ann Jayden Hannon

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 many families currently attending the baptism course 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 **60 young parishioners** who have enrolled for Confirmation, and for the Catechists, as they begin their preparatory sessions **this Wednesday, the 22nd.**

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 Elaine Hallworth, Marie O'Neil, Bernard Reily and may the souls of all recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Patrick Mullen, James Turner, Fr. Francis McManus, Bernard Anthony Davies, Amador Laude, Teresa Downey, Rita Agnes Runcieman, Philip Clayton, Margaret Barrow, Marilyn McCarrol, James Richard Foy.

General Notices:

Year of St. Joseph: "At the workbench where he (St Joseph) plied his trade together with Jesus, Joseph brought human work closer to the mystery of the Redemption" Pope St John Paul II

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.

PA role - Salford Diocese: - The Diocese of Salford is seeking to recruit an experienced individual to provide office management and oversight of the administration of the COO Office. **Appointment Type:** Full time, permanent, 35 hours per week. **Working Pattern:** Mon-Fri 9am-5pm (Some flexibility will be required) **Location:** Cathedral Centre, 3 Ford Street, Salford, M3 6DP **Salary:** £26,000 - £28,000 per annum depending on skills and experience. **For further details please see <https://www.dioceseofsalford.org.uk/news/vacancies/> closing date 24 September at 12 noon.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - 24th October The Holy Father's message for World Mission Day 2021 entitled "We cannot but speak about what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20) can be downloaded by following this link: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/missions/documents/papafrancesco_20210106_giornata-missionaria2021.html

SVP Sponsored Walk: is on SUNDAY 19th September from noon. Meet at the Coffee Shop, Shrigley Road, Higher Poynton, SK12 1TE. BRING YOUR FRIENDS. BRING YOUR FAMILY

+40 Days for life: 'Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I invite you to join the '40 days for life' vigil outside 136 Chester road Hazel Grove NUPAS Abortion facility. 40 Days for life is a non-denominational global organisation committed to ending abortion. It has been endorsed by Pope Francis, and we have, this Autumn from the 22nd September to 31st October, an opportunity to join with our fellow Christians to put an end to Abortion in Stockport and the surrounding area. If you are interested in helping to hold a prayerful vigil for 40 days, contact me on 07702 828984.'

- **Mass Attendance:** – Can Offertory collector 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 your parish on the named weekends.
- 18/19th September
- 25th/26th September
- 2nd/3rd October
- 9th/10th October

CCRS (Catholic Certificate in Religious Studies) :begins this month with in-person classes on Thursday morning at St Columba's Chester. There is also an online learning option, with an in-person seminar in Wythenshawe or Birkenhead. This is an excellent course for anyone who would like to learn more about our faith or lead in a school or parish. Please register in advance - information is available. from ccrs@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Second Collection—for Home Mission Sunday: – There will be collection for **Home Mission today** the third Sunday in September.

Last weekend's collections: OLATA-£787.34 St Ambrose- £104.33 St Vincent's- £148.65 THANK YOU!

Afghanistan Crisis: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES – Sunday 26th September The Holy Father has sent a message for the 107th World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR), which will be celebrated on 26th September. In the light of the disturbing scenes broadcast from Afghanistan, this day for migrants and refugees will have special poignancy. The theme for this year is "Towards An Ever Wider We" which is a major theme in Fratelli Tutti and the Declaration on Human Fraternity. The message can be downloaded here: https://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/messages/migration/documents/papafrancesco_20210503_world-migrants-day-2021.html

Our Lady's News:

Children's Liturgy: Will resume in church on **Sunday, October 3**. Depending on numbers, it might hold in the main hall instead of the Guild room. Watch the space. We thank the catechists for organizing this.

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.

RIP: Please pray for **Marie O'Neil** a committed parishioner, who passed away recently and for her family

St Ambrose News:

- **Piety Stall** - is now open and has a large selection of cards for all occasions, plus books, Rosary Beads. If anyone would like anything in particular ordering please speak to Karen Tatton.

- There is also a selection of books for our young parishioners if they would like to have a read of them on the book case.

- If anyone would like a mass offering, we have envelopes at the back of church that you can use to provide the information. They can then be passed on to Fr Martin. Many thanks.

RIP: We pray for the repose of our dear Tom Davies, a very committed parishioner, and for his family. His funeral will be on **30th September, 11am**, at St Ambrose church.

St Vincent's News:

Can Save the date - Join us on **Sunday 26th September** to celebrate **St Vincent's feast day**. We would love as many parishioners as possible (especially families) to join us in the Church Garden **from 3pm to 5pm** to have a delicious **Afternoon Tea**. We hope to have a bouncy castle for the younger children (weather permitting). It is a great chance to come together as a Parish Family again after such a difficult 18 months for everyone.

Prayer Group on Monday at 10.30 am in Church

Amaretti Chamber Orchestra Concert 7.30pm Saturday 25th September at St Andrew's Church, Cheadle Road. Come and support this event to **raise funds for the SVP Stockport Children's Camp**. The last concert just before lockdown was very enjoyable. Give it a try. Tickets £10 on the door

- **Monday 10.30 am** in Church — Knit & Natter — All Welcome

- **Monday 7.30 pm** on Zoom – Emmaus Group – we are reflecting on 'Falling Upward' by Richard Rohr

Pease contact Rowena (rowena.nield@sky.com) if you would like to join us. You don't need the book for the first meeting.

Harvest Festival Mass - October 3rd. Please bring your food donations to church that morning. We will give half to the Wellspring and half to Chelwood Foodbank Plus.

Do your bit to clean up God's Creation - Sustainable Bramhall are having a **Litter Pick on Saturday 25th September** starting at Bramhall Methodist Church at 10pm. Check it out on their FaceBook page. It is part of the Big Green Week.

Our Parish Schools:

Schools are back to normal this week after summer holidays and the lifting of Covid restrictions. Please pray for our young people and for all who have care for them. Every blessing for a happy and fruitful Autumn Term.

Our Lady's Primary: We congratulate our children, who made their First Forgiveness on Friday, as they make their first Holy Communion after such a long delay due to the pandemic!

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

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

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