

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 - The Fourteenth 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 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2022 (Luke 10:1-12. 17-20): The Mission in Action**  
The Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them out ahead of him, in pairs, to all the towns and places he himself was to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest. Start off now, but remember, I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Carry no purse, no haversack, no sandals. Salute no one on the road. Whatever house you go into, let your first words be, 'Peace to this house!' And if a man of peace lives there, your peace will go and rest on him; if not, it will come back to you. Stay in the same house, taking what food and drink they have to offer, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not move from house to house. Whenever you go into a town where they make you welcome, eat what is set before you. Cure those in it who are sick, and say, 'The kingdom of God is very near to you'."



**3 Reflect**

**After spending a few minutes considering this Gospel, continue by reading Fr Henry Wansbrough's reflection.**  
*The instructions to the seventy-two who are sent out are direct and simple. They are really sent out like lambs among wolves, without food, without distractions, without baggage, without spares. The version in the Gospel of Mark allows them sandals, presumably to enable them to make more speed on their journey, for the urgency of the task is paramount. They are not to be distracted by picking and choosing their accommodation or their food. Direct, too, is their method: to impart the blessing of peace and to heal. No second chance: if the blessing is rejected, away they go, leaving the town to a fate worse than that of Sodom! Last Sunday's gospel demanded an uncompromisingly whole-hearted response to Jesus from the apostles. This Sunday the apostles demand the same response to their own message. Again the absolute demands of Jesus! There is a wonderful simplicity about this message of the coming of the Kingdom: all that is involved is peace and healing. No squabbles, no fripperies, no complications of doctrine. If these Kingdom values can remain the focus of our Christian vision, we may make some progress towards bringing the Kingdom of God to reality in our own surroundings. What would you say are the most important aspects of the Kingdom? What sort of healing can I bring in my own surroundings?*  
**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

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

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**26th JUNE 2022 THIRTEENTH 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](http://Stockport Parishes - YouTube) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 26th June <i>Collection Peter's Pence</i>	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family The people of Ukraine
		9.30am 11.00am	<b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's (First Holy Communion)</b>	Judith Colgan (ann) Jonathan Colgan (B/Day Remembrance) Mari Porter
		2.00pm	<b>St Vincent's—Baptism</b>	
Mon 27th June	<b>Ferial</b> ( <i>St Cyril of Alexander, B, D</i> )	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Barry Cropper RIP
Tues 28th June	<b>St Irenaeus, B, M</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Rupert Thomas (Special int)
Wed 29th June	<b>Ss PETER &amp; PAUL, Ap</b>	10am	<b>Our Lady's (School Children in church)</b>	Holy Souls
		7.00pm	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Joe Kennedy RIP
Thurs 30th June	<b>Ferial</b> ( <i>First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church</i> )	9.30am 7.00pm	<b>St Ambrose</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Bridget & Bernard Jack RIP John O'Callaghan RIP
Fri 1st July	<b>Ferial</b> ( <i>St Oliver Plunket, B, M</i> )	09:30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Dierdre & Michael O'Kane RIP
Sat 2nd July	<b>FERIAL (BVN ON SATURDAY)</b>	9.30 am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	The attack on Nigerian Christian people Seamus & Maureen Colgan RIP Lily Kean RIP
		5.30pm 7.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's</b>	
Sun 3rd July	<b>FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME.</b>	9.30am 11.00am	<b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's (1st Communion thanksgiving)</b>	John O'Callaghan RIP David Jones RIP
		2.00pm	<b>St Vincent's—Baptism</b>	Alexander Anthony Greenstreet

**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE RECEIVING 1ST HOLY COMMUNION THIS WEEKEND!**

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.  
**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.



### 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:** 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 of all our recently departed rest in peace.

### Anniversaries

Alice Ralph (Bond), Peter Dabell, Thomas Woodward, Margaret Brenda Donnelly, Andrew Ryan, Joan Dempsey, David Bellis, James Sidebotham, Margaret Ann Stephenson, Veronica Fallows, Ann Furness, Shane Patrick Conlon.

During **June:** we pray that **Christian Families** around the world may embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**SUMMER FESTIVAL AT AMPLEFORTH COLLEGE**—A message from Catholic Young Adult's Charity - Youth 2000: "Are you wanting to explore faith, improve your relationship with Jesus, and make loads of new friends at the same time? Youth 2000 are preparing to welcome hundreds of young people from all around the UK to pray and praise together over the entire Bank Holiday weekend (Fri 26th - Mon 29th August at Ampleforth College, York). Families and under 18s are welcome! Go to [www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival](http://www.youth2000.org/events/summerfestival) to book your tickets before they sell out. Sponsored places are available if money is an issue - just get in touch at [events@youth2000.org.uk](mailto:events@youth2000.org.uk)"

**THEODORE HOUSE: A VENUE FOR RETREAT AND R&R** -The Christian Heritage Centre has a residential facility, Theodore House, which reopens to the public from July 2022 and offers B&B stays for individuals and small groups, as well as a unique venue for retreats, conferences and meetings. Comfortable and with modern amenities on the beautiful Stonyhurst estate in the heart of the Ribble Valley. Contact [manager@theodorehouse.com](mailto:manager@theodorehouse.com) for enquiries

**Stockport Council Fostering Service** is hosting fostering drop in sessions next Thursday 30 June, please see Our facebook page: Stockport Council Fostering Service. Our twitter page: Foster for Stockport Council for further details.

**Stella Maris School - Heaton Mersey KS 2 Teacher - for September 2022** part-time (5 mornings) position, but could become a full-time position. Please register your interest with the school office, by email, addressing your correspondence for the attention of the Headteacher at [office@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stellamarisschool.co.uk)

**Vacancies** have arisen at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant and a Caretaker. Further details can be found on our website.

**Stockport Ukrainian Club and Stockport Council** invite you to show solidarity with Ukraine and join together at 7pm in St Peters Square, Town Centre, SK1 1NZ, Wednesday 29.7.22 for a quiet and reflective, prayerful vigil, followed by a celebration of Ukrainian culture through dance, music and song.

**Footsteps Event Happening Soon:** Do come on TUESDAY 5 JULY at 8pm to St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA. You'd be most welcome.

**Second Collections for Peter's Pence** today.

**Second Collection for Apostleship of the Sea** will be on the 10th of July.

**Last weekend's collections** (excludes standing orders): **OLATA- £627.55 & Day for Life- £124.13 St Vincent- St Ambrose £56.31 Day for Life- £51.20 THANK YOU.**

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

**GOD IN YOUR GARDEN:-** Bring the word of God to your street with a celebration of mass in your garden. *It was a beautiful, Spirit-filled, garden Mass and social evening last Wednesday at Hugh Brown's garden. Thank you Hugh for your amazing hospitality. There was enough to eat and drink, in great company, and no one wanted it to end! 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.

**GOLDEN JUBILEE:** We send our prayers and best wishes to our Dean, **Fr Oliver O' Doherty**, who celebrated the 50th anniversary of his priestly ordination on Friday, 24th June. We thank God for the gift of his priesthood and thank Fr Ollie for his continued yes to God in the service of His people.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)** is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to help people with needs and disadvantages by offering practical assistance to them. There will be a collection box at the door after Mass to raise much needed finance for this vital work. If any parishioners or their families wish to seek help, the members will be pleased to hear from them. The SVP is seeking for new members 07504 130749.

**The SVP Prisons Group** provides clothes for men in prison. Prisoners (male or female) have to provide their own clothes out of meagre prison allowances. How can they leave prison for families, employment, a hostel or new accommodation looking so tatty? Thus the SVP Prisons Group collects clothes – this time to the SVP Chaplain at HMP Hindley (Near Wigan). The chaplain asks for trousers, shorts, shirts, particularly T shirts. They must not be dark coloured (I assume security). **Please leave in the box at the back of Church over the next few weeks.**

**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.

### St Vincent News

**Monday 27th June-** Service of Word and Communion at 10am followed by Prayer Group. Emmaus Book Group Zoom meeting at 7.30pm

**Commitment forms**—Please take a Commitment form from the back of church if you haven't filled one in yet. It keeps our records up to date and we would love more volunteers. We will be contacting new volunteers soon.

**Holiday at Home** - they are looking for volunteer drivers to ferry the participants too and from the URC for the events on 23 to 25th August. Pick up a form at the back of church if you can help.

**Food collection**—We will be starting a monthly food collection, initially for Chelwood Foodbank, it will be on the 3rd Sunday of each month, when we also have coffee after Mass.

**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.**

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