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Solemnity of Ss Peter and Paul, 30th June 2024
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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 30th June	SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER AND ST PAUL, AP	9.30am	St Vincent's	St Vincent's Children's Mass, Madeleine and Eric Lomax Diamond Wedding Ann,
		10am	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		11am	Our Lady's	The Hawkes and Paul Murray
		1pm	Our Lady's	Baptism, Isabella Sinclair
		2.30pm	St Ambrose	Baptism Ivy-Rose & Arthur Reggie Donlon
Monday 1st July	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Marge Newbrook, Spec Int
Tuesday 2nd July	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Julie Scanlon, RIP
Wednesday 3rd July	FEAST OF ST THOMAS, AP	9.30am	St Vincent's	Erith O'Connor, Spec Int
		2.30pm	Aquinas College	Mass at 2.30pm preceded by Adoration at 2pm.
Thursday 4th July	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Colin, Birthday, Spec Int.
		7pm	Our Lady's	Michael Heath RIP
Friday 5th July	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	End of All Wars/Peace
Saturday 6th July	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls
		6.30pm	Our Lady's	Michael Dove RIP, Ann
Sunday 7th July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		10am	St Ambrose	Brian Lane RIP
		11am	Our Lady's	June Campbell, 90th Birthday, Spec Int.

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour before every weekday morning Mass from 8:30am—0930hrs and before every Sunday Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning.

Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments

Baptisms: New Baptism classes will start in JULY, CONFIRMATION: 7PM, 16th May 2024 at Our Lady's.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): 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.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :- St Vincent's-Judy Carey carey.judith@yahoo.com OLATA Ged Murtagh -geraldmurtagh@outlook.com St Ambrose — Marie Byrne ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com

Wednesday 3rd July 2024

THE YEAR OF PRAYER

Parish Version



Encountering Christ

The Wednesday Prayer Custom for Homes, Schools & Parishes

Prayerfully preparing for Sunday Mass with special prayers for our school families

- 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.
- Remember that through this scripture our Lord is truly present. Read the Gospel, 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.

1 Read

The Gospel for Sunday 7th July 2024

A PROPHET DESPISED IN HIS OWN COUNTRY

Jesus went to his home town and his disciples accompanied him. With the coming of the sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue and most of them were astonished when they heard him. They said, "Where did the man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been granted him, and these miracles that are worked through him? This is the carpenter, surely, the son of Mary, the brother of James and Joset and Jude and Simon? His sisters, too, are they not here with us?" And they would not accept him. And Jesus said to them, "A prophet is only despised in his own country among his own relations and in his own house"; and he could work no miracle there, though he cured a few sick people by laying his hands on them. He was amazed at their lack of faith.

Taken from Mark 6:1-6 The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

2 Reflect

After reading the Gospel, did any words stand out? If they did, ponder or discuss them before proceeding with the reflection.

The very last sentence of the reading speaks of the people's lack of faith. What was this lack of faith? They recognized in Jesus an extraordinary wisdom and the power to perform miracles, but this seems not to have been enough. What more was needed? Faith is not the acceptance of a set of propositions ('I believe that the earth circles the sun', etc.). It is putting all my trust in God as my only hope. Abraham, the model of faith, went out into the desert, leaving everything on which he relied, everything that made him what he was. He even trusted God to get him out of the unbearable fix when God told him to sacrifice his only son. The townsfolk of Nazareth presumably thought they knew Jesus through and through. They were prepared to acknowledge his wisdom and his miracles. But they were not prepared to go further and see that God was at work in him, that he was the manifestation of God among them. It is all very well to admire Jesus, to think him a fine teacher and a heroic, honourable man, who gave everything for his high ideals; but unless we see God in him, the divine transcendence of all that is human, he cannot work the miracle of taking us to himself. **What does it mean to you to describe yourself or someone else as "a person of faith"?**

Dom Henry Wansbrough OSB

3 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. Thank God for any insight you may have received.

Then ask God to bless you with a spiritual gift to help you act on any resolution you have made. Perhaps: love, hope, understanding, wisdom, faithfulness, peace, patience, humility, joy, forgiveness, self-control, courage, generosity, faith or something else.

4 Pray for Families

This Wednesday's word for our school families is **WELCOME!**

After praying for your loved ones, please remember to pray for our present and future Church, particularly for the families connected to our schools. You may want to conclude this special weekly time with a simple prayer such as:

St Joseph, Patron Saint of Families and Protector of the Church, pray for us. Mary, Star of Evangelisation, pray for us. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

2024 The Year of Prayer

Share the Prayer: Why not forward a digital copy of this Parish Version to your friends? Also, to see a sample of your primary school's Family Version, visit: wednesdayword.org

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: Teresa Greenhalgh, Denise Corlett, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Angela Mullin, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: Vera Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Molly Lane, Matthew Donegani, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Veronica Norbury, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson Slatery, Susan Claffey.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Ann Mary Jones, Julie Scanlan, Eddie Hickman, Brenda O'Higgins, Josephine Shannon, Patricia Byrne, Lavinia Alice Tracey, Patrick Ryan, Celia Cameron, John Campbell, Monica McManus, Laurence John Gallagher, Tommy Mackinlay, Dorothy Chamberlain, Marjory Lees, Mary Joyce Henderson, Veronica Morrissey, Sister Thomas More McGrath, , Kirsty Bain, Lucile Ebbs, Stanley William Berry, George Bockenheim, Mary Ryan, and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Veronica Fallows, Ann Furness, Shane Patrick Conlon, Bernard McGovern, Phyllis Mary Roberts, Mary Giblein, Josie O'Brien, Tony Dove, Mary Dolan, Maria Ford, Jock Kelly, Eddie Cooke, Wilfred Hampson, Stanley Curtis, Margaret Ann Stephenson.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM CLASSES—The next course is 6th & 12th October (attendance on both dates is required). Book early via the parish email or phone. If you desperately need the baptism course before October, please talk to Fr Martin.

OLATA CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Thursdays after 7pm Mass

MARRIAGE COURSE—2.11.24 at Our Lady & St Christopher Church, Romily 9.45am—4pm. www.marriagecare.org.uk

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH are held before every morning Mass in our three parishes. Please join us.

FOREIGN CURRENCY—Please put spare notes or coins in to the big jars in all 3 churches for SVP charitable projects.

FR MARTIN'S BOOK, 'LIFE IS ALWAYS WORTH LIVING' is still available - A parishioner has ordered 10 copies to be distributed widely, especially to doctors and people who might have a say in the ongoing debate. Feel free to give out any **signed copy** from the back of any of our churches. Please help spread the word to stop this attack on the dignity of human life and the protection of the most vulnerable. If you would like to support this effort by donating books, please contact Fr Martin.

JOIN ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AS A FOUNDATION GOVERNOR - St James' Catholic High School is seeking dedicated individuals to join our Governing Body as Foundation Governors. Working closely with the Headteacher, the Governing Body plays a crucial role in shaping the direction and ensuring the high standards of our educational environment. A deep commitment to our Catholic ethos is essential for this role. Please note that to be eligible, you must be a practicing Catholic. If you are interested in this important and rewarding position, please contact Miss K Bowers at headteacherpa@stjamesheadle.co.uk

THE GOVERNORS OF ST. JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL wish to appoint an inspirational, dynamic and highly motivated teacher of Religious Education. For more information visit: <https://www.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs/> The closing date is Monday 24th June 2024, 12 noon.

PLEASE HELP, LET'S END POVERTY AND CARITAS ENGAGE WITH LOCAL CANDIDATES AT THIS GENERAL ELECTION—Caritas Shrewsbury are part of the Let's End Poverty national movement. Can you help support work to champion the common good, and the preferential option for the poor, at the General Election? Please use the new online tool for individuals to write to your local candidates, asking them what they plan to do to tackle poverty if they are elected: <https://letsendpoverty.co.uk/election/#email-candidates>

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY—the next meeting is at St Mary's Caritas Centre, Delamere St, Crewe, CW1 2JX on Sat 13 July at 3pm. All members of the Hospitality are welcome to attend. Please pass details to any interested members. Register your attendance and make any apologies to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk. After the meeting members are invited to attend the 5.30pm Vigil Mass at St Mary's Church, Crewe (adjacent to the centre) to join in prayer for the success of the forthcoming Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM IN REPARATION & PRAYER FOR THE SANCTITY OF LIFE - Right Rev Dr David Oakley Bishop of Northampton. 3 August 2024. Commencing 12 noon in Chapel of Reconciliation, Pilgrimage Mass. Further details: prolifepilgrimage.org

CALLED TO THE PRIESTHOOD—Have you considered a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood in imitation of Jesus the Good Shepherd? For more information see our website at shrewsburyvocations.org. If you would like to explore God's call for your life and learn about other opportunities for discernment, please email the diocesan vocations director at vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. For more resources, www.ukvocation.org and www.ukpriest.org

BISHOP BARRON VIDEO SERIES ON THE MASS - Learn how the Mass "brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm," and how we are truly united with God Himself in Christ through the Holy Eucharist, in a beautiful 6-part video series on the Mass by Bishop Robert Barron. Each video is about 25 minutes. Watch at <https://videos.wordonfire.org/themassepisode1>

THE CATENIANS - We welcome members of the Catenian Association to this week's Sunday Mass at Our Lady's. They are an international body of Catholic laymen who offer friendship and support to Catholic men and their families at all stages of their lives. For more information contact Mark Kernberg at 07827 628261 or membership@thecatenians.com.

NEXT SECOND COLLECTION: Sunday 14th July, Apostleship of the Sea.

NEW READERS NEEDED—As we return to our usual practice of having two readers at the weekend Masses, we are in need of more readers to ease the pressure on our readers who graciously undertake this privileged task every Sunday. Would you consider becoming a reader at any of our three churches? Please indicate in the ministry form or contact the parish office.

SVP - Could you spare a few hours every one or two weeks to accompany us on very worthwhile and satisfying visits to the sick and housebound? Please let the Parish Office have your contact details so that SVP can provide you with more information. No previous experience required.

VOTIVE CANDLES - due to increasing costs the votive candles will now be 30p each.

PETER'S PENCE: SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY - Supporting Pope Francis in his mission. It is an invitation for communities worldwide to support the mission of the Bishop of Rome—a mission of peace, charity, and solidarity with those in need. This mission is more necessary than ever in a world troubled by wars, the arms race, injustices, the suffering of many poor people, and attacks on the sanctity of human life and personal dignity. By donating to Peter's Pence, we not only help the Pope aid those suffering but also participate in his mission to proclaim the Gospel and assist local Churches through the world.

PARISH DAY TRIP TO SHREWSBURY - Good news—We've got a bigger coach so there are now 4 places available. If you no longer require your seat please let us know or cancel your name on the list at the back of church. Please put your £5 deposit in an envelope and clearly mark for Shrewsbury Pilgrimage with your names. Saturday, 7 September 2024. Visit & tour Shrewsbury Cathedral followed by Mass. The afternoon is free for you to enjoy Shrewsbury Town or perhaps an afternoon stroll along the River Severn. Tickets £20, Adults, **£10 Child Subsidy**, return travel by Coach from Our Lady and the Apostles. See Fr Martin if finance is an issue.

CURRY NIGHT - The men of our 3 parishes invite everyone to a CURRY NIGHT on the day before. Fr Martin's birthday. Tuesday 16th July from 6.30pm at The Spice Room, 55 Dairyground Road, Bramhall SK7 2QW. £20 cash only. Bring your own wine or beer. There's a Co-op store and cashpoint nearby.

BLACKPOOL TRIP—Do something different—Treat yourself to a Trip to Blackpool. Wednesday 21 August 2024, leaving St Vincent's at 09:30 hrs and returning for 1930hrs. £15 return coach trip. (Fish and Chip Lunch optional Extra). Treat yourself to a glide around the ballroom at Blackpool Tower to the Wurlitzer Organ; book yourself afternoon tea; climb the tower that has been standing for 130 years this year, taking in the panoramic view; Visit Madam Tussauds; visit the Sea Life Centre; stroll along the beach and pier. There's lots to do in Blackpool whatever the weather. This is the LAMBS annual trip, with spaces for any interested parishioners. Book via Lucy 07557475242.

SMILE, SHALOM & WELCOME locally handcrafted signs available at the back of church are £5 each. Proceeds to the Medical Outreach Mission.

THE NEW LECTIONARY - Thank you so much to all those who donated towards the new Lectionaries for our three parishes. Your generosity means that we can now order the Ambo edition for all three of our churches! We will keep you updated on when they will arrive later in the year.

OUR LADY'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - every Sunday in the Guild Room.

THE PIETY STALL - at the back of church has cards for every occasion including Mass cards, also rosary beads and medals. Open after Mass on Tuesday morning, and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

DONA ONLINE CARD DONATION STAND - Feel free to give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing orde



ST AMBROSE NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - starting soon. Watch this space.

QR CODE PLEASE USE THIS QR for online donations for St Ambrose



ST VINCENT'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S MASS this Sunday

MONDAY 1ST JULY - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

WEDNESDAY 3RD JULY - 12-1pm at Bramhall Baptist church. A time to pray for a successful election in Bramhall with other Churches Together Christians.



DATES FOR YOU DIARY: Saturday 3rd August 10am. Clean up morning for the shed and garden at St Vincent's

PRAISE IN THE PARK: Sunday July 21st 3.30pm in Bramhall Park

HOLIDAY AT HOME AT BRAMHALL URC August 20th to 22nd, sign up to attend or be a volunteer driver.

MADELEINE AND ERIC wish to thank Fr Martin and Fr Moses and our friends at St Vincent's for their love and good wishes on the occasion of our Diamond wedding anniversary. It made it such a special day for us. God bless.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT ST VINCENT'S - If any children who will be in Year 3/4 from September would like to make their First Holy Communion at St Vincent's, please contact Rosy on 07941 826511 or rth.hickman@gmail.com

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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