



# 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 14<sup>th</sup> July 2024

INSTRUCTIONS FOR MISSIONARIES

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff - no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, "Do not take a spare tunic." And he said to them, "If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them." So they set off to preach repentance; and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

**Taken from Mark 6:7-13 The Fifteenth 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 instructions for missionaries are shaped by the urgency of the Kingdom. The Twelve are to travel light for speed. They should wear sandals rather than go barefoot, also for speed and security. They are to rely for their provisions on the welcome they receive and, if they are unwelcome, they should not waste time on those who reject them. Did Jesus think that the Kingdom or Kingship of God would finally burst on the world in his own time, that there was so little time to spare? In one way it did – at his death and Resurrection, which fulfilled God's plan and restored us to friendship with God. In another way the Kingdom is still in the future: the reign of peace and justice is not yet established. There is still sorrow, distress, enmity, fraud, jealousy and plenty of other evils which fracture God's Kingship. We are still imperfect reflections of the light of Christ, still pilgrim members of a pilgrim Church. Our efforts are often feeble, even when we try to walk in Christ's footsteps. We cannot sit back complacently, any more than the missionaries of Jesus' own time. The task of establishing the Kingdom is still imminent. **How can we missionaries best bring Christ's light and God's joy to the world?**

*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 LISTENING!**

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](http://wednesdayword.org)

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

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### Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 7th July 2024

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')

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 7th July	FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am	St Vincent's	Damian Jeffers, Ann, RIP
		10am	St Ambrose	Brian Lane RIP
		11am	Our Lady's	June Campbell , 90th Birthday, Spec Int.
Monday 8th July	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Kirsty Bain RIP
Tuesday 9th July	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr Moses Ibeh, 1st Ann. of Ordination, Thanksgiving
Wednesday 10th July	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Mary Ann Jones RIP
Thursday 11th July	FEAST OF ST BENEDICT, Ab Day of Special Prayer for Europe	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Holy Souls
		11am	Our Lady's funeral	Funeral of Josephine Shannon
		7pm	Our Lady's	Alan Oswin RIP
Friday 12th July	Ferial	7pm	Garden Mass	Guinness Family
Saturday 13th July	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	End of All Wars/World Peace
		6.30pm	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
Sunday 14th July	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  Day of Special Prayer for Seafarers	9.30am	St Vincent's	Barbara Bockenheim RIP
		10am	St Ambrose	Brian Lane RIP
		11am	Our Lady's	John Milledge RIP
		2pm	Our Lady's	Igbo Holy Mass

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 October.

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](mailto:carey.judith@yahoo.com) OLATA Ged Murtagh [geraldmurtagh@outlook.com](mailto:geraldmurtagh@outlook.com) St Ambrose — Marie Byrne [ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com](mailto:ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com)



### 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:** Joan Constable, Margaret Porter, Roy Porter, Adeel, 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, Susan Claffey.

**RECENTLY DEPARTED:** May the souls of Philomena Lavender, 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 Bockenheimer, Mary Ryan, and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Dove, James Angus Faulkner, Seamus Croke, Fred Arden, Alice Lewis, Ronald Borrell, Margaret Hales, Terence George Tottle, Sue Allison, Firouzeh Pugh, Margaret Maloney.

### 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](http://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** - 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@stjamescheadle.co.uk](mailto:headteacherpa@stjamescheadle.co.uk)

**NEW DAWN PILGRIMAGE 2024** - This year's New Dawn Pilgrimage will take place from Monday 5th to Friday 9th August at the National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. New Dawn is a family event with a programme of Liturgy, Sacraments, praise and worship, keynote speakers, workshops, children/youth ministries and more. Further information can be found on the enclosed poster and website at [www.newdawn.org.uk](http://www.newdawn.org.uk)

**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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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](mailto:vocationsdirector@dioceseofshrewsbury.org). For more resources, [www.ukvocation.org](http://www.ukvocation.org) and [www.ukpriest.org](http://www.ukpriest.org)

**SECOND COLLECTION:** Sunday 14th July, Apostleship of the Sea. "Sea Sunday" is a day to encourage prayer and financial support for the work of Stella Maris, the official maritime charity of the Catholic Church. This mandatory second collection is vital for Stella Maris and its support of seafarers and fishers in the UK and around the world. If you are a tax payer please use one of the gift aid envelopes at the back of church. You can donate in church, by visiting [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate), or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5.

**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.

**FIRST FIVE SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** - to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, continues this Saturday at Our Lady and the Apostles, with Adoration and Mass at the usual time, followed by the Rosary, a procession to the Grotto, Confession will also be available. On the 13th May 1917, Our Lady first mentioned devotion to her Immaculate Heart to the children of Fatima saying, "You have seen hell, where souls of poor sinners go. To save them God wishes to establish in the world, devotion to my Immaculate Heart. If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace." This is our opportunity to collectively and actively intreat Our Lady for Peace.

**Garden Mass - Friday 12 July 2024**, 7pm at Kevin and Maureen Guinness's garden - 23 Grange Road, Bramhall, SK7 3BD. All welcome. Please come and experience a garden Mass if you have not attended one before it is a wonderful way to celebrate and pray together and a great opportunity to meet and chat to our parish family.

**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 CHOSEN**— Film Night, Thursday 11.7.24. Season 2 Episode 6 & 7 at Our Lady's Social Club, 7:45pm showing. Bar open from 7:30pm. Mass at 7pm at Our Lady's Church SK3 8BD. Watch and experience the healing power of Jesus's redemptive grace as Mary the mother of Jesus intercedes for Mary Magdala by leading her to Jesus for forgiveness. You can physically feel the tension Mary of Magdala is experiencing prior to meeting Jesus and the power that Jesus's forgiveness offers. Watch Jesus heal the man with a withered hand in the temple and encounter the indignant wrath of the Pharisees. Have you never seen The Chosen? – click on the link to experience a 3 minute taster of the series, 'S2E6 Mary returns to Jesus.' <https://app.gloo.us/discover/kit/3f1d5daa-f688-11ed-acad-9b9a5311cc7b>. Watching on the big screen takes this to a whole new level. Donations on the night are welcome but optional.

### 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 order.

### ST AMBROSE NEWS

**TRIP TO SHREWSBURY** - If you have not paid your deposit of £5, could you please do so now to secure your seat. You can also pay the balance at any time. Thank you.

**PREPARATIONS FOR THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY** - are being finalised and we hope to shortly confirm the date it will begin.

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

### ST VINCENT'S NEWS

**ALTAR FLOWERS THIS SUNDAY** - The altar flowers this Sunday have been donated by Sheila Jeffers in memory of her son Damian Jeffers.

**MONDAY** - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

**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.

**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](mailto: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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