



Newsletter for the Parishes of:

## Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 2020 Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Cardinal Nichols assures us that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed during these emergency circumstances. You can participate in these Masses via this Live Stream link:

<https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport>

Date	Feast	Mass Time	Mass Intention
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR	10.00am	Joe Mollard RIP
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial (St. Edmund of Abingdon, St. Margaret of Scotland, St. Gertrude)	10.00am	Our Parish Families
Tues 17 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial (St. Hilda, St. Hugh of Lincoln, St. Elizabeth of Hungary)	10.00am	Gertrude Ashton birthday memorial
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial (Dedication of the Basilicas of Ss. Peter and Paul)	10.00am	Ann McKee
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	10.00am	deceased members of the Morrell and Quirk families
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Ferial	10.00am	Peter Jeffers birthday memorial
Sat 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	10.00am	William Henry RIP
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	<b>Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe</b>	10.00am	Our Parish Families

**Our Lady and the Apostles Church** will open for **Private Prayer** with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 10.45am to 12 noon. You may pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament from 9am via Live Stream.

**St. Vincent's Church** will open for **Private Prayer** on Wednesday and Friday mornings from 10.00am to 11.00am.

We are grateful to all the volunteers who are stewards and allow our churches to open for private prayer.

*Please pray for:*

#### The Sick

**In St. Vincent's:** We remember in our prayers all the intentions on the **St. Vincent's** Prayer Board. If you would like a copy of the list and have not received one by email or post, please contact Jane Roberts on 0161 439 4326.

**In Our Lady's:** Tommy Higgins, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Diana Aldred, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Mary Brett, George E. Smith, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Edith Harper, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Catherine Tracey, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Matthew Donegani, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon and Sean O'Callaghan.

**In St. Ambrose's:** Jackie Doggett, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Barry Lloyd, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Paul Righini, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Pat Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins and Marie Hughes.

#### Lately Dead

**Dennis Holland** Funeral Service in Our Lady's on Tuesday November 17<sup>th</sup> at 12.15pm.

*Only 30 people may attend any funerals at this time by prior arrangement with the family of the deceased. The funeral can be viewed on Live Stream via the link above.*

#### Anniversaries

Tom O'Gara, Peter John McDonald, Michael Shields, Hilda McDonald, James Stephen Riley, Annie Hassett, Peter Shields Snr., Terry Kilduff, Phyllis Mary Roberts, Maureen Sylvia Lohbach and Carl Aaron Forshaw. May they rest in peace.

*Fr. Martin writes:* As we continue to pray for all who have lost their lives to the pandemic and for their families, and indeed for all those currently infected by Covid, I hope we are all keeping safe and well. May we spare some time to check on one another, and please inform me, the parish office or the SVP if any of our parishioners is in need, especially during this national lockdown. Remember to join us for Eucharistic adoration and Mass every morning following the Our Lady's Parish link. You are all in my daily prayers and I count on your prayers too.



From the attendance figures, it seems that the second session of **Private Prayer** after Mass is more popular than the earlier one, so we have decided to open the church only after Mass each morning for a longer session of Private Prayer from **10.45am until 12 noon**. The Blessed Sacrament will still be exposed between 9am and 10am and you can adore at home via the live stream.

**Suspension of Public Worship until 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** During this health emergency the celebration of Mass on Sundays, Holy Days and weekdays will continue to take place without a public congregation, and you are encouraged to unite yourself spiritually to the daily offering Mass. This might be helped by participating in the live streaming of the Holy Mass, following its prayers at home and making an act of Spiritual Communion. St. Thomas Aquinas described this act of Spiritual Communion as “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.”

**An Act of Spiritual Communion:**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You.

Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

We will pray for all the Holy Souls on our **November Lists** at each Mass during this month, and their names from the lists gathered in all three parishes have been placed in a book on the altar in Our Lady's. On **Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November**, I will celebrate a **Memorial Mass** for the souls of everyone whose funeral was celebrated in Our Lady's, St. Ambrose's or St. Vincent's during the past twelve months. This year, we are unable to welcome families and friends back into our churches due to the lockdown, but extend a very warm, virtual welcome to all the recently bereaved and hope that they join us on November 28<sup>th</sup> via the live stream, whose link is at the top of this newsletter. Please may I rely on you all to spread the word about this Mass to those who may not receive the newsletter?

£760 was collected for **Fr. David** and he says: I am just writing to say a huge thank you to everyone at Our Lady's, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent's for the very kind and generous cheque that I have just received. It was very unexpected and I am truly grateful to all those who contributed. I met many kind and supportive people in each of the three parishes and I hope I have managed to give something to you all that has helped and sustained you in your faith journey. May God bless you all and I hope and pray that you will move forward under the guidance and leadership of Fr. Martin building on the strong traditions that mark out each of the three parishes. God bless you all and thank you again. Fr. David

The **St. Vincent de Paul Society** is still a very active presence in Our Lady's. If anyone, parishioners or not, any religion or none at all, would like support or help from them, perhaps a call or chat, particularly at this time of a second lockdown, please let Dennis know on 0161 485 1256. Maybe you have some time to spare and would like to join them in helping others? If so, as above, please ring Dennis.

The **Eucharistic Congress**, scheduled to take place in Bucharest in 2020, has been deferred to September, 2021. As part of the preparation for this event, the International Organising Committee is inviting all Catholics to mark the Feast of Christ the King by joining in a time of adoration and prayer on **Saturday, November 21<sup>st</sup> 2020**. All the information needed to do so can be accessed via this link: <https://www.iec2020.hu/en/news-press/7th-worldwide-adoration-and-prayer-21st-november>

**These are the links to use for online giving to the Parishes:**

Our Lady's: <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/ourladyandtheapostlesdioceseofshrewsbury2127>

St. Ambrose's: <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stambroseadswooddioceseofshrewsbury2185>

St. Vincent's: <https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stvincentdepaulbramhalldioceseofshrewsbury2608>

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