Readings Sunday 33Rd Sunday Ordinary Time 2026

Entrance Antiphon
Jer 29:11,12,14
The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

First reading
Proverbs 31:10 -13, 19-20, 30-31
An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands and let her works praise her in the gates.
The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.
Responsorial Psalm
Ps 128 (127):1-2. 3. 4-5. R Ia
Blessed are all who fear the LORD.
Second reading
1Thessalonians 5:1-6
Concerning the times and the season, brothers and sisters, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. While people are saying, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. But you are not in darkness, brothers and sisters, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.
The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.
Gospel Acclamation
John 15:4a, 5b
Alleluia, alleluia. Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord. Whoever abides in me bears much fruit. Alleluia.
Gospel
Matthew 25:14-30
At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, 'The kingdom of heaven will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, "Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, "Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two more ." His master said to him, "well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master." He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, "Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours." But his master answered him, "You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth".
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Fragrance Prayer by Saint John Henry Newman

Dear Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance everywhere I go.
Flood my soul with your spirit and life. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly, that my life may only be a radiance of yours.
Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel your presence in my soul.
Let them look up and see no longer me, but only Jesus!
Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so, to shine as to be a light to others;
The light, O Jesus will be all from you; none of it will be mine; it will be you, shining on others through me.
Let me thus praise you the way you love best, by shining on those around me.
Let me preach you without preaching, not by words but by my example, by the catching force of the sympathetic influence of what I do, the evident fullness of the love my heart bears to you.
Amen.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you. For ever and ever. Amen.

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NEWSLETTER
FOR THE THREE PARISHES OF
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THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME - 15th November 2026 – YEAR A

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 15th November Psalter Week I	**THIRTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE POOR**	5pm 9.30am 11am	**St Ambrose** *(Vigil Mass)* **St Vincent's** **Our Lady's**	World Peace/End to all wars Enrolment Mass St Ambrose Yr 3 Sacramental Programme. Margaret Connor Spec Int Remembrance of Moore Family members. Enrolment Mass Our Lady's Yr 3 Sacramental Programme
Monday 16th November	**FERIAL**	9:30am	**St Ambrose**	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 17th November	**FERIAL**	9.30am 12:15pm	**Our Lady's** **Aquinas**	Joseph Tien RIP Aquinas College Mass.
Wednesday 18th November	**THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICAS OF SS PETER AND PAUL, AP**	9.30am 11.30am	**St Vincent's** **Our Lady's**	Ursula Perry Special Intention Requiem Mass, Elizabeth Reilly
Thursday 19th November	**FERIAL**	9.30am 7pm	**St Ambrose** **Our Lady's**	Morrell Family Private Intention Mary Neary, Special Intention
Friday 20TH November	**FERIAL** **FRIDAY ABSTINENCE**	9.30am	**St Vincent's**	Peter Jeffers Birthday Ann.
Saturday 21ST November	**PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**	9.30am 5pm	**Our Lady's** **St Ambrose (Vigil Mass)**	Ged M, Healing Our Parish Family
Sunday 22ND November	**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE** **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR YOUNG PEOPLE** **Youth Sunday**	9.30am 11am 1.30pm	**St Vincent's** **Our Lady's** **Our Lady's**	Yemi Lidaju, RIP, 1st Ann Annette Casey, 1st Ann Baptisms, Orla Willow Burgess and Sophie Jenkins Saint Cast

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour before every weekday morning Mass from 8.30am -9.30am
The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning

Safeguarding leads for the three parishes

- St Vincent's: Judy Carey — carey.judith@yahoo.com
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DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION: https://dioceseofshrewsbury.org/department/safeguarding

Livestream Notice -Please note that some parts of our churches are on livestream camera and our Masses are recorded and available to view online. Contact the priest for guidance if you would like to avoid being filmed by livestream cameras.

Sick List

OUR LADY'S

Lee James, Gerard Lannigan, Angela Mullin, Maria Hien, Joseph Tien, Annie Donelon, Joe Caffy, Paul Morrell, Sophie Mansfield, Erith O'Connor, Eugene Sweetman, Catherine Gibbons, Teresa Greenhalgh, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping.

ST VINCENT'S

Mary Mahoney, Paul Wingate, John Lowe, Mary O, Grace & Norman, Derek, Ramos Family, Lynette, Maureen, Natalie & Jasmine, Michael Morris, Andrew, Betty.

Those in Nursing Homes

Those who are housebound

ST AMBROSE

Gerard Lannigan, Liz Wilson, Karon Tatton, Baby Jet, Maureen Sheard, Joan Rowles, Fiona Hinton, Vicki & Nancy Pearce, Emma Prior, Walt Tomlin, Roy Porter, Adeel, Molly Lane, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Mary Young, Imelda Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey

RECENTLY DEPARTED

May the souls of John Doggett, Hugh Simpson, Enid Ann Reid, Elizabeth Reilly, Veronica Lane, Eileen O'Donnell, Mary Walsh, Veronica Gallagher, John 'Jack' Kirwan, Martin 'Barry' Johnson, Patrick Collins, Joan Hales, Rosemary Danam, Colin Seery, John Ludlow, Monica Dockney, Freda Anning, Bartholomew Zammit, rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES

Tom O'Gara, Peter John McDonald, Michael Shields, Hilda McDonald, James Stephen Riley, Annie Hassett, Peter Shields Snr., Terry Kilduff, James (Jim) Hawthorn, Phyllis Mary Roberts, Maureen Sylvia Lohbach, Carl Aaron Forshaw

News and Events

The Knights of St. Columba are again sponsoring competitions in photography, painting, and drawing for youths ranging from 4 through 18 (Reception through year 13). The deadline for submission is December 6th. There will be other competitions throughout the school year. See Daniel Chamberlain, or call 0161 491 2555 for entry requirements.

Pilgrimage To the Shrines of Northern France Expressions of interest are now being taken for the above parish pilgrimage. Dates of travel 15.9.2027 – 22.9.2027, leaving from Our Lady and the Apostles church. We will visit Lisieux, Chartres, Paris and Nevers. Luxury Coach travel throughout and accommodation is on a half board basis, with our own tour guide. For further information see the poster at the back of church and email

unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

Red Wednesday 19th November, organised by the Charity, Aid to the Church in Need, is observed annually. Churches & public buildings are illuminated in red, symbolizing martyrdom and solidarity with persecuted Christians. If you can, wear something Red on Wednesday, standing in solidarity with those persecuted. Red Wednesday 2026 | Help Persecuted Christians | Aid to the Church in Need UK

Our Lady's School News:- Remembrance Day: It was our pleasure to welcome the Normandy Veterans Association into school on Remembrance Day. They held an assembly and visited classes to help us all understand more about the sacrifice of those involved in these battles. The children were captivated by their stories. . Missed Open Day? Visits to school can be arranged by ringing the school office 0161 480 5345.

The Shroud of Turin - a talk by Michael Kowalski, author of 'The Shroud of Christ: Evidence of a 2000-Year Antiquity' On Thursday 26th November at 7.30 pm at St Peter's Parish Centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove, SK7 4EA

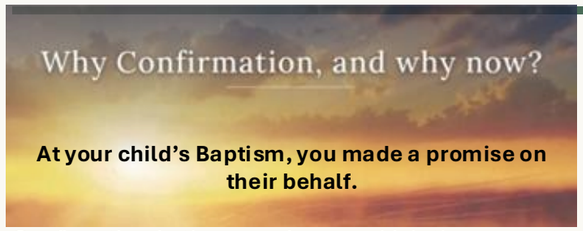
The November list Please take a Month of the Holy Souls envelope and place inside the names of your deceased parents, relative, friends and all for whom you wish to pray for alongside your donation. Holy Mass will be offered for them throughout the month of November, and any donations will be used for Masses for Holy Souls for the following 12 months.

To mark his Silver Jubilee, Fr. Martin is delighted to announce the publication of his new book, Strung with Grace: 25 Pearls on the Rosary. Available at the back of church or to purchase on Amazon. https://amzn.eu/d/0j0SMDsC

Recent review of Fr Martin's book, Strung with Pearls*: 'This book was gifted to me….It has reawakened a love of the rosary within me; I must confess that I hadn't prayed it much in recent years, but I'm so glad it's back within my prayer life…'*

Film Night – House of David – Season 2 Episode 4. Come and join us after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's Church in the Social Club. Free to attend. Donations welcome for the Medical Mission.

Free Medical Outreach Programme 2027 provides an invaluable service in Umunomo and surrounding villages in the Eastern region of Nigeria by providing medical care for those who are unable to afford this essential requirement and basic need. Please use the link for more information or to donate https://gofund.me/db9a797c1



Confirmation is the occasion on which they come to make that promise on their own. It is not a graduation from the faith, nor a formality. It is the moment at which a child ceases simply to inherit the beliefs of their family and begins to hold them personally, strengthened by the Holy Spirit and bound more closely to Christ and to his Church. As the Catechism teaches, the confirmed are made true witnesses of Christ, obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed (CCC 1285).

The adolescent years make considerable demands of our young people. It is during these years that a young person's conscience is really put to the test, that they determine whom they will follow, and that they discover what they are prepared to stand for in their lives, when doing so carries a cost. The seven gifts of the Holy Spirit address that need directly: wisdom and understanding, that they may see beyond passing fashions and know themselves honestly; knowledge and counsel, that they may pray faithfully and judge rightly; fortitude, that they may hold firm under pressure; and piety and fear of the Lord, that they may grow in reverence for God and in respect for those around them. We would be glad to hear from you regarding preparation for next year's group if your child is age 12 yrs or over or in Year 8 or above.

Register now for the reception of the Sacraments – Register now with the office for First Sacraments, and Confirmation. The programmes which will run in 2027. Please contact the office for a booking form. Please collect Mass attendance cards, where applicable, to be ticked from October onwards.

RCIA for those who wish to join the Catholic Church If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church then please sign up to join us on this journey in faith. Please contact the office to receive more information on the programme. The programme will continue after 11am Mass on 8th November.

Sing, choirs of angels: a Choral Christmas - Sunday 20 December, 6pm at Our Lady's - Join Stockport Community Choir for an evening of festive favourites from Silent Night to O Little Town of Bethlehem and Do You Hear What I Hear? Come join us in praise for the coming of Our Lord Jesus Christ. All are most welcome to celebrate with us.
Tickets are £5 and available after Mass on Sunday, from the Parish Office and online at stockportcommunitychoir.eventbrite.com

Our Lady's News

Children's Liturgy - During 11am Mass on Sundays at Our Lady's. Please speak to the liturgy team if your child would like to take part.

Our Lady's Youth Group – will be serving Homemade Soup after Mass on Sunday Nov. 8th 2026. Please stay and enjoy a warming bowl before heading home.

Donations to Wellspring for the homeless.

Dona Online Card Donation Stand at the back of church - give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes—Please let us know if you would like to start using envelopes and register for Gift Aid. Standing orders are another very popular and efficient way of donating. Please consider this to support our parish.

St Ambrose News

Masses on Monday and Thursdays will be in the Sacristy ante-room.

Christmas Piety Stall – is now available at the back of church. Come and browse our new stock

Flowers Please any donations for flowers in the box at put the back of church.

QR Code: Please use the QR for online donations to St Ambrose

St Vincent's News

Christmas Piety Stall is now open – Please come and browse at your leisure. All proceeds to charity.

First Sacrament programme today we welcome and pray for Orlaith Baker and Natalia Alton who commence their First Sacrament programme today.

Young Children – Please come and join our Children's liturgy group during mass. It's free to attend. Parents are welcome to join or remain in the Mass.

QR code – Please feel free to donate your Mass offering using the code below.