

Dear Parishioner,

03/03/22

I wanted to get in touch to wish you a Blessed and Joyous Easter from the Stockport Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, St. Ambrose', Adswood, and St. Vincent's, Bramhall.'

I am the Parish Priest at your local Catholic churches, if you live within one of the above parishes. Having arrived at the heart of the Pandemic, it has been difficult to meet most of my parishioners. Thankfully, as things have eased off and the Government has lifted most of the Covid-19 restrictions, I am overjoyed to see many parishioners return to Mass, not only to keep our Sunday obligations but with such joy and gratitude. I would like to invite you and your family to join us to celebrate Mass this Easter together. We have several Masses and services across Shaw Heath, Adswood and Bramhall and we would love for you to join us! There is no longer any need to book in advance or sign in on entry and facemasks are no longer mandatory but recommended. However, we still require people to use hand sanitisers and have other hygiene measures in place for your safety. Our Mass/Service times for the Holy Week are:

Sun 10th April <i>Children to lead Palm Sunday Procession</i>	<b>SATURDAY</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	<b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's</b> <b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday</b> <b>Vigil Mass of Palm Sunday</b> <b>Palm Sunday Mass</b> <b>Palm Sunday Mass</b>
Thurs 14th April	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>	7.00 pm	<b>Our Lady's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b>	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper
Fri 15th April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	3.00pm 4.00pm	<b>Our Lady's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b> <b>St. Vincent's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b>	<b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion &amp; Veneration of the Cross</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion</b>
Sat 16th April	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	11.00 am 8.00 pm	<b>Our Lady's (Polish)</b> <b>Our Lady's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b>	Blessing of Food for Easter <b>Easter Vigil/Mass</b>
Sun 17th April	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	8:30am 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St. Vincent's</b> <b>St. Ambrose'</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	<b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> <b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> <b>Easter Sunday Mass</b> <b>Easter Sunday Mass</b>

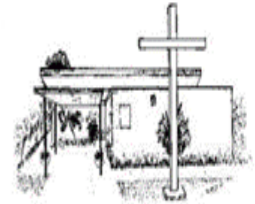
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God Bless You,

Fr Martin Onuoha (Parish Priest)

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

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**10th APRIL 2022. PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD**

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](https://www.youtube.com/stockportparishes) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/stockportparishes) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

**MASKS ARE NO LONGER MANDATORY BUT RECOMMENDED. PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITISER.**

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
<b>Sun 10th April</b>	<b>PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD</b> (Children will lead procession)	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 3.00pm	<b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's</b> <b>St Vincent's (Children's Mass)</b> <b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St Ambrose</b>	Our Parish Family Eileen Fitzgibbon RIP Our Parish Family Heather Ann Bailey RIP Church's Together Service
Mon 11th April	<b>MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Deceased members of the Quirk & Morrell Family
Tues 12th April	<b>TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Heather Ann Bailey RIP
Wed 13th April	<b>WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK</b>	7.00pm	At Saint Michael & All Angels, Woodchurch, Birkenhead.	Chrism Mass
Thurs 14th April	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b> Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper	9.30am 7.00pm	<b>Our Lady's (all welcome in person or livestream)</b> <b>Our Lady's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church Prayer Group (Thanksgiving Mass)
Fri 15th April	<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b> The Celebration of the Lord's Passion  (DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE)	10.00 am 3.00pm 4.00pm	<b>Our Lady's (all welcome in person or livestream)</b> <b>Our Lady's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b> <b>St. Vincent's (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion &amp; Veneration of the Cross</b> <b>Celebration of the Lord's Passion &amp; Veneration of the Cross</b>
Sat 16th April	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>	10.00 am 11.00 am 8.00 pm	<b>Our Lady's (all welcome in person or livestream)</b> <b>Our Lady's (Polish)</b> <b>Our Lady's Easter Vigil (FOR ALL THREE PARISHES)</b>	Morning Prayer of the Church Blessing of Food for Easter Michael Leadbeater RIP
<b>Sun 17th April</b>	<b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	8:30am 9.00am 10.00am 11.00am	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>St. Vincent's</b> <b>St. Ambrose'</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Prayer Group (Thanksgiving Mass)

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning from 8:30am to 9:30am.  
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 resume in April 2022

**First Holy Communion:** Preparations continue in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass.

**RCIA:** 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 at Our Lady's. God Bless!

### 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:** 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, Sean O'Callaghan 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 Tommy Higgins, Anthony Evans, Michael Leadbeater, Sofia Afum, Allan Stanway and the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

### Anniversaries

Rev. Fr Henry Casartelli, Jack & Dorothy Valentine, Harold Alfred Jackson, Mary Veronica Walker, Terrence Barnwell, Paul Dennis Cartwright, Kath Selby, Mona Daniels, Joan Nadin, Alice May Webb/ Littlemore, Mary Dawson, Louise Phillips, Gerard Smith, Mary Ellen Kelly, Pauline Morris, Eva Heath, Laurence Dyer, Winifred Dooley, Mary Eileen Colette Murphy.

**PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2021-23: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.**

During **APRIL** We pray with Pope Francis for **Health Care Workers** who serve the sick and the elderly, especially in the poorest countries; may they be adequately supported by governments and local communities.

On May 1<sup>st</sup> at 2pm Mary Langton will do a presentation on 2 Kings. Hope you can come or watch on line via Bramhall Methodist Church web site.

**Easter Letter to Parishioners:** Please help us circulate the letters as widely as possible. God bless.

### Holy Week:

1. Please join us for the Holy Week services. Please check the front page for our schedule. The Chrism Mass this Wednesday will be at St Michael & All Angels, Birkenhead.
2. **Volunteers needed for Washing of feet** on Maundy Thursday, 12 volunteers from across the 3 parishes. Please give your names to the Parish Office or to Fr Martin.
3. **Maundy Thursday Watching and Adoration** of the blessed Sacrament will take place until 12 midnight at Our Lady's church for the 3 parishes. You could stay on from after the Mass or go and return.

**DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2022**—29th July - 5th August 2022 We very much look forward to returning as a Diocese to Lourdes next year. The dates for our Diocesan Pilgrimage have been confirmed as being from 29th July to 4th August (by air); 28th July to 5th August (overland). Full details, itineraries and booking forms will soon be available on the Shrewsbury Pilgrimage Website: [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) or from the Pilgrimage Office at St Alban's, 30 Mill Lane, Wallasey CH44 5UD sezzyj@hotmail.co.uk.

**LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE!**—Join us on the 2022 Diocese of Shrewsbury Pilgrimage to Lourdes—25th July—5th August. Ages 16-22. Cost £570 additional insurance £33. For more information or for an application form, email [youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:youth@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**Collection for Easter Flowers**— there will be retiring collections at the Masses in our 3 churches this weekend 9th and 10th of April.

**Last weekend's collections ( excludes standing orders): OLATA— £485.38 St Ambrose - £95.88**

**St Vincent- £230.31 THANK YOU.**

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

**THE MAGNIFICAT PUBLICATION** - Please note that the digital version for April & Holy Week is available, free of charge! Go to: [www.magnificat.com/april](http://www.magnificat.com/april).

**DAY OF DIVINE MERCY CELEBRATION IN STOCPORT**—This special celebration will be held on Sunday 24 April 2022 at Our Lady's Church, The church will be open from 1.30pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament from 2.00pm and Confessions from 2.00pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated at 3.30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday. The Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet can be found at <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/message/devotions/novena>. Copies will be made available on the day too. Please spread the word!

**Caritas Shrewsbury Newsletter April 2022.** Please use the link to access <https://www.caritasshrewsbury.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Caritas-Shrewsbury-Newsletter-March-2022.pdf> . It gives an overview of the projects across the Diocese.

### Our Lady's News

**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 – THANK YOU** everyone who called in at the end of Mass the last two Sunday and made the return of the Coffee Mornings a huge success. We look forward to seeing you again over the coming weeks. From this Sunday, would you consider leaving a donation to help those impacted by the current crisis in Ukraine, through Caritas Shrewsbury Diocese, please? Traditionally we have not run a Coffee morning on Easter Day in order to allow families to spend time together, so there will be no Coffee Morning on Easter Sunday, 17th April.

**CAFOD**— collections for Lenten appeal—for those who missed the opportunity last week, there are envelopes at the back of the church.

**Ian & Cath's Family Group** are meeting in the Guild Room on Wednesday 27th April 2022 from 7pm to 9.15pm for nibbles, a chat, session planning and the usual game of bingo for a hamper. The plan is to revert back to monthly gatherings from then on.

### St Ambrose News

**The Piety stall** - Piety stall has lots of new items for sale including some lovely new children's bibles and christening gifts, many cards, rosary beads, prayer cards and Easter cards. We also have a book case with some lovely books for the children to read if they wish to, just return when they have finished reading.

**Request for donations for Easter flowers**- After Mass this weekend of the 9/10 of April.

There are still some **Diocesan Yearbooks** available at £5.00 each.

**Palm Sunday Ecumenical service** for the Churches together—We are meeting at the Community Centre on Garner's Lane at 2.30pm on Sunday 10th April where we will sing a few hymns. Then go along to St Ambrose church for the service at 3pm, after which refreshments will be served. Parishioners from the other churches are welcome.

### St Vincent News

**Please check** the times of the services over the Easter period, Easter Sunday 9am.

**Holy week services** at St Vincent's Taize evening Monday 11th 7.30pm. Seiger Koda Stations of the Cross Wednesday 13th 7.30pm All welcome

**Last chance** to put names forward for Easter Lilies this weekend

**Good Friday Walk of Witness.** Service at Bramhall URC starting 9.45am. 2 stewards needed to marshal the walk to the Methodist Church at 10.40am. Contact Jane Roberts 439 4326.

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

For Our Lady's parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/ourladyandtheapostlesdioceseofshrewsbury2127>

For St. Ambrose parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stambroseadswooddioceseofshrewsbury2185>

For St. Vincent's parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donor/page/stvincentdepaulbramhalldioceseofshrewsbury2608>

**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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