



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

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Celebrate Christmas 2022 with Us!


Dear Parishioners/Residents,

Merry Christmas in advance! I write to wish you a blissful celebration of this Holy Season. Christmas is indeed a special family time when God lovingly chose to dwell among us as part of the human family. I hope you will have a special family celebration and that you will be able to join our parish family to celebrate Christmas this year and visit our Cribs and Christmas trees at our three churches.

In special thanks and praise for our Children who bless our lives, we will have our Children’s Christmas Masses again. Our children are encouraged to come dressed in their best Nativity Outfit to add more colour to our celebration of this joyful feast. (The only time of year when a tea towel takes centre stage for those up-and-coming thespian Shepherds!)

There will be Carol singing, so please come and warm up your vocal cords at one of our **Advent Carol Services**. Our children have been preparing to astound you with their heavenly voices, from Primary School to Sixth Form College. The dates for your diary are:- **14th December** at Our Lady’s church at 2 pm, by Our Lady’s Primary School. On **13th December** at Our Lady’s church at 1:30pm by Aquinas Sixth Form College Choir, who will be supported by some of the children from our local Primary Schools. What a wonderful way to prepare to welcome the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We warmly invite you to any of our Christmas Masses:

Sat. 24 th Dec	Christmas Eve <i>Vigil Masses for Christmas</i>	4.00 pm 4.30 pm 4.45 pm (5 pm Mass) Midnight Mass	St. Ambrose’s Adswold Children’s Mass St. Vincent’s Bramhall Children’s Mass Our Lady’s Edgeley Carols followed by Children’s Mass Our Lady’s Edgeley Midnight Mass
Sun 25 th Dec	The Nativity of the Lord 	9.15am (9.30am Mass) 9.30am (9.45am Mass) 10.45am (11am Mass)	St. Ambrose’s Adswold Carols followed by 9.30am Mass St. Vincent’s Bramhall Carols followed by Mass at 9.45am Our Lady’s Edgeley Carols followed by Mass at 11am

Together, we can truly rejoice in the birth of Our Lord Jesus and enjoy a holy, prayer-filled, Christmas.

We also heartily invite you to our weekly Sunday Masses and to bring your children and grandchildren to join other children in our parish life in the children’s liturgy groups. Our weekly Sunday Children’s Liturgy Masses are:- 08:30 am at St Ambrose, 09:45 am at St Vincent’s or 11 am at Our Lady’s. We also have a weekly Saturday evening Mass at 6.30 pm at Our Lady’s. We would be delighted to see you at any of our Masses.

Other spiritual activities for the remaining part of this year are:- **Mass for the recently deceased and their families** on 27.11.22 at each church during mass, **Mass of Anointing of the Sick** on 11.12.22, 2 pm at Our Lady’s and our **Advent Service of Reconciliation** to prepare our hearts for Christmas on 15.11.22, 7 pm at St Vincent’s.

In the coming years, we look forward to creating more opportunities to gather as a family **to pray, learn and laugh**. I wish you and your families a happy, holy, and safe Christmas and look forward to meeting you soon.

Love and best wishes,
Fr. Martin Onuoha (Parish Priest)

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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 or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=StockportParishes) (for both St. Vincent’s and St. Ambrose’s)



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 27th November <i>(Last Sunday of November, Lighting of Candles for the recently Deceased)</i>	THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family
		8.30am	St. Ambrose	Maureen Kellehan (Thanksgvg)
		9.45am	St Vincent’s	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady’s (Enrolment Mass for 1st Communion)	Pat Iredale RIP
Mon 28th November	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Holy Souls
Tues 29th November	Ferial	9.30am 11.30am	Our Lady’s St Vincent’s— Requiem Mass	Maurice Higgins (ann) Marjorie Allen RIP
Wed 30th November	ST ANDREW, Ap	9.30am 12.00pm	St Vincent’s OLATA- Funeral Service	Margaret Conway 90th B/day Dorothy Smith RIP
Thurs 1st December	Ferial	9.30am	St Ambrose	Holy Souls
		7.00pm	Our Lady’s	Shelagh Lees RIP
Fri 2nd Dec	Ferial	9.30am 1.45pm	St Vincent’s OLATA— Requiem Mass	Holy Souls Eileen Mains RIP
Sat 3rd Dec	St Francis Xavier, P <i>(Day of Special prayer for all migrants and refugees)</i>	9.30 am 6.30pm	Our Lady’s Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady’s	Catherine Murphy (sp/int) Andrew Callaghan RIP ann
	SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT	8.30am 9.45am 11.00am	St Ambrose St Vincent’s Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family Allan Jekinson (ann) Paula & Agnes Kiely

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning from 8:30am—0930hrs.
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 start on the 15th January 2023.
First Holy Communion: Preparations will soon resume in school and at Our Lady’s church for 2023. We are collecting names and all candidates are expected to come to mass and join the children’s liturgy from September.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): *Congratulations to the seven people recently received/baptised into the Church!* 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.

CONFIRMATION FOR OUR LADY’S, ST JOSEPH’S, ST AMBROSE & ST VINCENTS PARISHES has been scheduled for **9th December 2022** at Our Lady’s. **Retreat Day/Reconciliation this Saturday, 3rd December, 3pm –7pm.**

Safeguarding Leads for the Three Parishes are as follows:- **St Vincent’s—Judy Carey** carey.judith@yahoo.com **OLATA Ged Murtogh** gedronimo@gmail.com **St Ambrose—Karen Tatton** thetattons@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: McKenzie Kiely, Eileen McGahan, Winifred Thomas, Veronica Morrissey, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, 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.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Monsignor Canon Peter O'Neill, Eileen Mainds, Majorie Allen, Dorothy Smith and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Annie McKee, Georgina Webb, Joe Selby, Frank Maguire, Samuel Fidler, Eileen Fleming, Mary Hawcroft, Lynda Anderson, Timothy Robert Ascough, Steven James Neill, Mary Jewsbury, Maurice Higgins, Eliza Bohan, Winifred Mary Ryan, Madeleine O'Connell, Vincent Gough, John Durkin, Joseph Thorley, Joan Kelly.

In December; we pray with Pope Francis for – Children who are suffering, – especially those who are homeless, orphans and victims of war. May they be guaranteed access to education and the opportunity to experience family affection.

NOVEMBER HOLY SOULS: ANNUAL REMEMBRANCE MASS ON 27TH NOVEMBER—SEE BELOW.

Retreat Day/Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates: holds this Saturday, 3rd December, 3pm –7pm. All are expected to attend.

BISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER will be read at all Masses this weekend and will be attached to the newsletter and posted on the website. Few hard copies will also be at the back of church.

DEACON MOSES ON HOLIDAY this week visiting friends. We wish him a safe, relaxing, time away!

CHILDREN'S ADVENT CALENDAR: This year, during Advent, the Children's Liturgy group are going to make a reverse Advent Calendar. This means that you DONATE an item each week for homeless and families in need. At the end of Advent, the calendar will result in a collection of goods that can be dropped off at a local food bank in time for Christmas. Every Sunday during Advent we will fill a box with tins, non-perishable foods, toiletries and chocolates to take to either Chelwood or The Olive Branch. If you would like to join please bring one item each Sunday to fill our box which will be at the back of church before and after Children's Liturgy. Thank you and God bless! Claire, Kerry, Rachael and Lesley.

IN AID OF ST ANN'S HOSPICE— Festival choir on Sunday 4th December 2022 at 7.30pm at Stockport Town Hall. Tickets £16.00. www.hospicechoir.org.

DIOCESAN RCIA PROGRAMME 2023: Bishop's Retreat – Saturday 11 February 2023 at St Michael and All Angels, Woodchurch, Birkenhead, CH49 5LE. Rite of Initiation – 1st Sunday of Lent, 26 February at Shrewsbury Cathedral, SY1 1TE, Diocesan Mass of Thanksgiving – Pentecost Sunday Sunday 28 May, 11am, at Shrewsbury Cathedral.

“**Thank you from CAFOD** - Your support over this past year has been life-changing and very much appreciated. Thank you for praying, campaigning, donating or volunteering to support people and communities in their struggles against poverty. An example is in South Sudan; communities who take in displaced people fleeing violence or natural disasters. The arrivals are given food and some are given land. They erect temporary structures as shelter and some start farming. Nyanguet, who fled with her five children after her village was attacked, says, “The community host us well. My children and I feel safe now.” Thank you for helping to support people and communities like this throughout the world. Have a joyful Advent and a happy Christmas.”

FOREIGN AND OLD CURRENCY: Please donate any foreign notes and coins also old British coins to the big jars at the back of all 3 churches. Donations will go to SVP Charities.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be obtained from the Gift Aid Coordinator of each parish, through the Parish Office. We thank the many who give through Standing Orders. Also get in touch if you need help with this Or follow these 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>

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS 2022 LETTER TO ALL RESIDENTS: Please see, overleaf, the letter we have written to all parishioners and all who live our area inviting them to come and share the joy of this amazing Season with us. Might you (with children/grandchildren) be able to help us distribute them to the streets in your area. They will be available from this weekend and we will soon publish a list of streets in each parish so you can tick which street you have covered to avoid duplication.

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE:

Sunday, 27th November—Mass and lighting of candles for Recently Deceased and their families at each church

FRIDAY 2ND DECEMBER 7PM—Joint Pastoral/Mission Team End of Year Get-Together at Our Lady's club

Saturday, 3rd December, 3pm –7pm—Retreat Day/Reconciliation for Confirmation Candidates.

Friday, 9th December at 7pm—Mass of Confirmation at OLATA for four parishes. All welcome!

Week beginning 6th December— Outdoor Christmas Trees to up at our three parishes

Thursday, 15th December 7pm—Advent Penitential Service at St Vincent's for 4 parishes (St Josephs, Our Lady's, St Ambrose, and St Vincent's) . All welcome!

11th December 2pm—Mass of Anointing of the Sick at OLATA. All welcome!

13th December 1.30pm—Aquinas College Carol Service at OLATA. All welcome!

14th December 2pm—Our Lady's Primary school Carols at OLATA. All welcome!

FREE MEDICAL SERVICES JANUARY 7TH, 2023: The date is now fixed for Fr Martin's 4th Medical Outreach Mission in his hometown. As usual, the target is to attend to one thousand patients. We sincerely thank those who have donated. If you would like to donate, you can scan the QR code here to go to the GoFundMe page.



<<< Scan Here to Donate or open at <https://gofund.me/9cc9372d>.

The video of this year's outreach is available here > [Medical Outreach Master Translated-1.m4v](#).

Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated by Fr Martin and especially by the beneficiaries who, otherwise, cannot access medical care. Thank you.

FROM THE PIETY STALL: Christmas gift ideas. Consider a donation to Martin's Medical Outreach Mission? Collect your notification receipt to add to your Christmas card explaining the purpose of the medical outreach to your recipient and space for you to write a personalised message. They are freely available on the Piety stall. You can add the link in your message to the go fund me page, so they can see your donation **or** add the video link to your message.

Our Lady's News

PARISH PASTORAL/MISSION TEAM MEMBERS FOR OUR LADY'S ARE:- Moreen Chamberlain, Hazel Dove, Magdalena Makowska, Stuart Montieth, Samantha Dobson, Henry Chukwuma, Denis Clarke, Tina le (Thi le), Dennis Wharmby, Mark Kenberg, Jannine Murphy and Kevin McKenna. Please keep them in your prayers.

THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING are now on the notice boards.

TEA AND COFFEE: In the guild room after 11 AM MASS

CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS will be on sale. All proceeds to the medical outreach mission

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP—has now resumed, during the 11am Mass.

THANKS to everyone who came to the soup lunch last Sunday. £45 was raised to support the work of The Wellspring.

St Ambrose News

PIETY STALL—now has Christmas cards, gifts and lovely books come and browse the stall.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE - Don't forget to get your raffle tickets before or after Mass. The first prize is a £50.00 note, generously donated anonymously. Donations for prizes are also still welcome. There is a box at the back of church for any donations. **Thank you for your generosity.**

St Vincent News

Travelling Nativity—our Mary and Joseph figures starts their journey around the parish today. Please put your name down at the back of church if you could take a turn. Basket contains all you need to do the service.

Gift Mass— We have the Caritas gift collection at the Mass on Sunday the 11th of December as usual, please could you donate a gift for the underprivileged children around Manchester. Wrap and label with boy or girl and a suggested age for the gift.

Prayer intentions— once each year we take the names off the prayer board and start afresh. Please write out a new intention slip for those who still need our prayers and we will update the website too.

Crib Afternoon— Friday the 16th of December—the crib and lights will be outside by from 3-4pm.

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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