



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

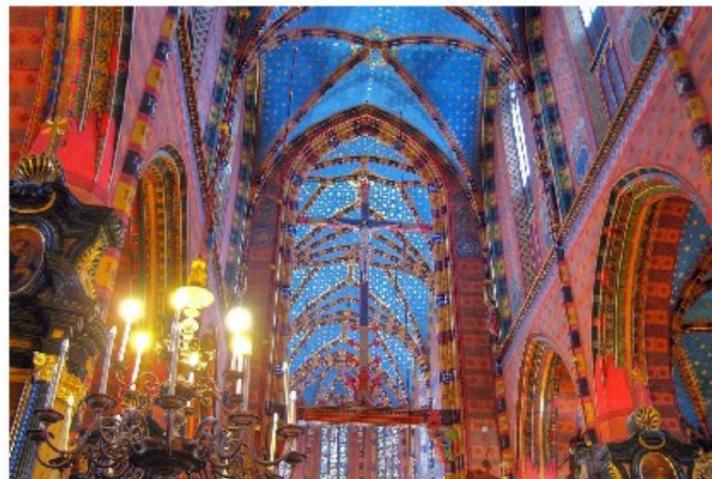
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Easter Sunday, 31st March 2024

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

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 31st March		9am	Our Lady's	Ceris Jones, Thanksgiving
		9.30am	St Vincent's	Our Priests—Thanksgiving.
		10am	St Ambrose	Kirsty Bain, RIP
		11am	Our Lady's	Barbara Wharmby, RIP, Ann
Monday 1st April	MONDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	St. Ambrose	World Peace & End to all Wars
Tuesday 2nd April	TUESDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr Liam Tallon (RIP)
Wednesday 3rd April	WEDNESDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am 10.45	St Vincent's Rowan Chapel	Margaret Conway—Special Int Funeral Service for Roy Dye (RIP)
Thursday 4th April	THURSDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	9:30	St. Ambrose	Peter Freda Paul Slingsby RIP
		7pm	Our Lady's	Success in Exams & Gift of Marriage
Friday 5th April	FRIDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	09:30	St Vincent's	Holy Souls
Saturday 6th April	SATURDAY OF THE EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	Our Lady's	Private Intention
		6.30pm	Our Lady's	Sofia Hazelwood (Spec Int)
		6.30pm	Our Lady's Baptism	Baptism Raphael Elimort Kearney
Sunday 7th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER DIVINE MERCY SUN-DAY	9.30am	St Vincent's	John Campbell RIP
		10am	St Ambrose	Tommy MacKinlay RIP
		11am		Our Parish Family
		2pm	Our Lady's	Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions
		3pm		Divine Mercy Chaplet
		3.30pm		Mass



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Pilgrimage to Poland

23 – 27 Sept 2024
 4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast
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 1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold, of 20kgs.
 Deposit of £275.
 Optional travel insurance of £55 (age limit 80 yrs, medical screening if new condition in the last 12 months..
 Expressions of interest please email: unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

Spiritual Director – Fr Martin Onuoha Group Lead – Lucy McLannett

What's included?

- St Mary's Basilica visit and mass.
- Krakow - the biggest medieval square in Europe.
- The Bishops palace - the residence of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla until he became Pope
- Krakow Cathedral – within the vast Wawel Castle.
- Jasna Gora Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa & the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and its modern Basilica
- Auschwitz Concentration Camp & the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe
- Mass daily.
- There will be time for shopping or optional sightseeing should you wish.

'A BIG THANK YOU to everyone who has helped us through the amazing and uplifting spiritual and social events so far this year and in the graceful celebration of the paschal season. Wishing you all a blessed Easter!' Fr Martin

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, during lent see times above.
Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments
Baptisms: New Baptism classes will start in JULY
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.

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: Monica McManus, Denise Corlett, Chloe Logan, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Angela Mullin, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, Julie Scanlan, 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 Kennefick.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: 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.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of John Campbell, Laurence John Gallagher, Tommy Mackinlay, Dorothy Chamberlain, Mary Joyce Henderson, Veronica Morrissey, Sister Thomas More McGrath, , Kirsty Bain, Lucile Ebbs, Stanley William Berry, John Adams, Kam Fu Miu, Ann Boswell, Charles Edwards, Susan Margaret Mills, Mary Ryan, Veronica Rendell, Margaret Pendlebury, George Bockenheimer, , and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Barbara Mary Wharmby, Mary Phyllis Hampson, Monsignor Bernard Bell, Margaret Horton, Vivienne Johnson, Joan Riley, Clifford Woods, (Baby) Tommy Harris, Beatrice Currie, Harry David Oakley, James Winters, Mr J O' Gara, Elizabeth Buckley, Joseph Arthur Bennett, Dave Fox, Samuel Jewsbury, Florence Tudor, John Desmond Burrell.

JOHN CAMPBELL RIP - The family of John Campbell have requested that we announce that he has recently passed away. Please pray for him and his family. Funeral arrangements will be announced soon.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM CLASSES -The April Baptism Course is now full. The next courses are:-7th & 13th July - attendance on both dates is required), 6th & 12th October - attendance on both dates is required). Book early via the parish email or phone.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 -12th May 2024 for children of none Catholic Schools. St Ambrose school children on 16.6.24. Our Lady's Catholic Primary School on 23 June 2024.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024 -will take place on **16th May 2024 at 7pm at Our Lady's** for the four parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St Ambrose, St Vincent's and St Joseph's.

NEW RCIA CANDIDATES:- Any new candidates considering joining or knowing more about the Catholic Church are welcome to join the sessions. Please speak to Fr. Martin or contact the parish office.

OLATA CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - THURSDAYS AFTER 7PM MASS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH are held before every morning Mass in our three parishes. Please join us.

CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS - We plan to train new Altar Servers in our three Parishes, who will hopefully be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen to receive their medals. If any boys and girls who have made (or are preparing for) their First Holy Communion would be interested in this, then please see Fr. Martin or William, the Seminarian, after Mass.

DIOCESAN NEWS

ST PHILIP'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found at: <https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123>

ST AMBROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ADSWOOD are looking for new governors to join the Board for this small and friendly school. You need to be a practising Catholic to be a Foundation Governor, but we also have 2 vacancies for other people who would like to volunteer their time and skills. Experience in education is not a necessity but other transferable skills such as knowledge of HR or accountancy would be welcome. If you are interested or know someone who may be suitable, please contact the school office initially on 0161 480 8466

HARRYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL - We are currently recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers. Please visit the school website for further information – www.harrytownschool.org

FILM NIGHT - 4 APRIL 2024 - 7:30PM - THE CHOSEN SEASON 1 EPISODES 5 & 6. Come and see –it's miracle season. Jesus goes AWOL, the Wedding at Cana—Ever thought you'd see Jesus and the apostles dance— Well now is your chance!!! We are introduced to Thomas a gentleman of precision. We meet a leper, encounter vandalism to private property and a paralytic. Both changed following an encounter with Jesus. What's not to like? Mass is at 7pm at Our Lady's for those that would like to attend Mass first. Make your way to the Social Club for the film.

EASTER EGGS TODAY FOR THE CHILDREN. Please make your way to the back of church at the end of Mass with your children to collect an Easter Egg for your child. Hopefully next year we will be able to organise an Easter Egg Hunt!

CANDLELIGHT CABARET—It's a sell out!—Please let Lucy or Neal know if you want to put your name down in case any tickets become available nearer the time. If you would like to purchase bottles of wine or beer for your table let Lucy or Neal know and we will reserve you a bottle. Please note our Licence does not allow you to bring your own alcohol—sorry. Note one glass of wine is included in the price of the ticket.

YOUTH NIGHT—Stockport family church First Friday of Every month. Next one 5.4.24—6:30—8:30 pm Games, free entry, food. For more information www.stockportfamilychurch.org.uk/youth Venue—Disability Stockport (23 High Street, SK1 1EG), in the town centre.

OFFICE CLOSURE - The office will be closed on Easter Monday 1st April, bank holiday.

MASS INTENTIONS -there are spaces in the diary for Mass Intentions for your loved ones. Collect Mass intention envelopes at the back of the church or contact the office.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES -are now available at the back of the church. Please collect your box as soon as possible and help us distribute the remaining. If you will like to enrol, please take one of the boxes with no name and write your name and contact on the first envelope you hand in and the office will sort out the rest for you. Thank you for keeping the parish running through your generous financial support.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY This special celebration will be held on Sunday 7 April 2024 at Our Lady's Church. The church will be open from 1:30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be from 2pm. The Divine Mercy Chapel will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.

FR MOSES ON HOLIDAY - Fr Moses will be going to Nigeria on his annual holiday from the Easter week till the first week of May. May we keep him in our prayers for a safe trip. Fr Martin is grateful to Frs Geoff and Blaise who are ever willing to assist.

PILGRIMAGE 2024 - ONLY 10 PLACES LEFT—Our Pilgrimage this year is to Poland—a **5 day pilgrimage: 23.9.24—27.9.24.** Flying from Manchester to Krakow : morning flight out and evening flight back. There will be visits to: St. Mary's Basilica in the largest mediaeval square in Europe, the Bishop's Palace: the residence of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla until he became Pope John Paul II in 1978, and Krakow Cathedral within the vast Wawel Castle. Trips to Jasna Gora Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa, also the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and its modern basilica. We will visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp where we'll see the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe. There will be leisure time for shopping and additional optional sightseeing. You could visit the whole of Wawel Castle, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Wadowice the home town of Pope St John Paul, Kazimierz the old Jewish district with synagogues and Oskar Schindler's factory. Cost is £630 sharing or £730 in a single room. Deposit £275. Please register your interest with unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com or call for details as soon as possible.

FR MARTIN'S MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION. You can support it for FREE whenever you shop online with over 8,100 retailers via easyfundraising. Sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/fr-martins-medical-outreach-mission/> or speak to Lucy if you need further details/guidance.

FOREIGN CURRENCY – Please put spare notes or coins to the big jars in all 3 churches for SVP charitable projects.

LENTEN ALMS - Please bring your Lenten Alms jars back to church by Easter Sunday.

GARDEN MASSES FOR 2024 - The garden Mass a lovely way to invite Jesus into your home. Everyone who has had a garden Mass has thoroughly enjoyed it and felt specially blessed. There is no need to provide anything other than your garden and a table for the altar. Please feel free to invite your family and neighbours to the Mass. Available weeks are in June, July & August, during the week, by 7.00pm, on one of the days that your church has a Mass. Contact the parish office to book and let us know if you need help setting up.

THE WOODEN "SMILE" SIGNS, as displayed on the flower troughs at St Ambrose, are now available for purchase at the price of £5.00. They make a welcome, uplifting, addition to any garden and are available for sale at each of our three churches.

OUR LADY'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY -every Sunday in the Guild Room.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS - Note there will be no Tea and Coffee after Mass on Easter Sunday.

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.

FLOWERS FOR EASTER—The Dona donation stand now has the facility to gift your donation for the Altar flowers.

DONA ONLINE 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

WEEKDAY MASS will be held in the church, not the sacristy, after Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS TO VERONICA AND PAUL MORRELL who celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary this weekend.

LENTEN ALMS JARS—Please remember to return your Lenten Alms jam jars by Easter weekend.

ST VINCENT'S NEWS

THANKYOU—to all who arranged, played and read and attended the Taize evening, a lovely way to prepare our minds and souls for the Triduum.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST - Was well attended, a stark and brutal reality of The Passion. A meaningful way to start Holy Week. Thank you to Mark Kerberg for his presentation on our Poland Pilgrimage prior to the film and all who made the film possible.

LENTEN ALMS JARS—Please remember to return your Lenten Alms Jars.

OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS go to Vera Campbell the wife of John Campbell who died last week. John was a regular and long standing parishioner of St Vincent's.

TO DONATE TO ST VINCENT'S PARISH—please scan the QR code or by card at the Dona stand at the porch.

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.

Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ; St. Ambrose, Adswold Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3EX.

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