

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendour, strength and honour in his holy place.

Cf. Ps 95: 1, 6

First reading.

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

In those days: Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could understand what they heard, on the first day of the seventh month. And he read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand. And the ears of all the people were attentive to the Book of the Law. And Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was above all the people, and as he opened it, all the people stood. And Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, 'Amen, Amen,' lifting up their hands. And they bowed their heads and worshipped the Lord with their faces to the ground. Ezra and the Levites read from the book, from the Law of God, clearly, and they gave the meaning, so that the people understood the reading. And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept as they heard the words of the Law. Then he said to them, 'Go on your way. Eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready, for this day is holy to our Lord. And do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength.'

Responsorial Psalm.

Ps 19(18):8. 9. 10. 15. R John 6:63c

*Your words, O Lord, are spirit and life.***Second reading**

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Brothers and Sisters: Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptised into one body — Jews or Greeks, slaves or free — and all were made to drink of one Spirit. For the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honourable we bestow the greater honour, and our unrepresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honour to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honoured, all rejoice together. Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the Church first Apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret?

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord has sent me to proclaim good news to the poor; to proclaim liberty to the captives. **Alleluia.**

Gospel

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

In as much as many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the things that have been accomplished among us, just as those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word have delivered them to us, it seemed good to me also, having followed all things closely for some time past, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, that you may have certainty concerning the things you have been taught. At that time: Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit to Galilee, and a report about him went out through all the surrounding country. And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified by all. And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll, and found the place where it was written, 'The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' And he rolled up the scroll, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, 'Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.'

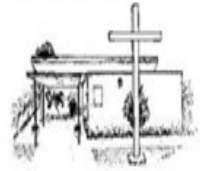
Communion Antiphon

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed.

Ps 33: 6

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 26TH JANUARY 2025**

You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady's church) or [Stockport Parishes YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 26th January	THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD	5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	John Constable RIP
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
		9.30am	St Vincent's	Warren Walton RIP
		11am	Our Lady's Our Lady's Baptism	Vocations to the Priesthood Baptism of Rosie and Masie Walton
Monday 27th January	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Holy Souls
Tuesday 28th January	St Thomas Aquinas, P, D	9.30am	Our Lady's	Agnes McKeown RIP, Ann
Wednesday 29th January	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Pauline Doherty—Spec Int
		1.45pm	Aquinas College	St Thomas Aquinas Mass
Thursday 30th January	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	World Peace
		7pm	Our Lady's	Christine Mullin RIP
Friday 31st January	St John Bosco, P, R	9.30am	St Vincent's St Ambrose Funeral	Holy Souls Requiem Mass for Christopher O'Gara
Saturday 1st February	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Andrew Queenan RIP, 2nd Ann,
		5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady's	Pat Molloy RIP/Thanksgiving.
Sunday 2nd February	THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.30am	St Vincent's	Fr Jean Patrice Coulon, Spec Int
		11am	Our Lady's	Fr Blaise 25th Ann of Ordination to the Priesthood.
		2pm	Our Lady's	Igbo Holy Mass

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour** before every weekday morning Mass from 8:30am—0930hrs and before every Sunday Mass from February onwards.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning.

Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments

Baptisms: Contact the parish office.

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.

CONFIRMATION: Please register with the parish office as soon as possible.

WEDDINGS: Please speak to Fr Martin after Mass or contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :- St Vincent's—Judy Carey carey.judith@yahoo.com OLATA Ged Murtagh geraldmurtagh@outlook.com St Ambrose — Marie Byrne ma.byrne1@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: Joanna Mary Winter, Catherine Gibbons, Teresa Greenhalgh, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Phillips, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: John McCormack, Emma Prior, Walt Tomlin, Roy Porter, Adeel, Vera Gallagher, Molly Lane, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Mary Young, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Jean Marie Peake, Brenda Bowden, Eileen Mary Brennan, Christopher O'Gara, Leslie Plover, David Kyle Sloan, Patricia Wynne, Christopher Hung Kan-Hai, Warren Walton, Michael Gallagher, Michael David Smith, Jack Birch, Veronica Norbury, Elizabeth West, Veronica Knowles, Margaret Forester, Anne Sheridan, Raymond John Burke, Stuart Thorneycroft, Bernadette Marsh, Maureen Brosnahan, and all the souls of our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Evelyn Little, Veronica Mary Power, Bill Kirkham, James Thomas Traynor, James Gerightly, Alan Riley, Katherine Leech, Michael John Joyce, Kathleen Wood, Peter Murphy, Margaret Norton, William Cook, Chris Conlon, Margaret O'Neal, Ellen Fidler, William Joseph Norton, Ann Brown, John Allen, Patrick Gallagher, Joseph Costello, Elsie Draycott

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Please let the office know immediately if you would like to register your child for this Sacrament in 2025. Please register with the parish office. Mass attendance cards are at the back of church and need to be signed by the priest after each Mass.

BAPTISM CLASSES Book early via the parish email or phone. Next course will be in April.

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

THE SVP CAMP FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN was started in 1932 by members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady and the Apostles parish in Stockport. It has continued with very few interruptions ever since. Thousands of needy children have enjoyed a holiday with the SVP over the years. Following recent retirements, additional **Volunteers are needed** to assist at the Plas Gwynant Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon, North Wales between Monday 4th and Friday 8th August. If you are available to help us on any of these days please contact Camp Organiser, John Hogan on 07512400211 or email: john.hogan3@ntlworld.com

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS: We held a 'Crazy Hair' Day on Thursday 23rd January to raise funds for our Valentine's Disco on Thursday 13th February. Well done to everyone for your wonderful hair creations - you all looked amazing! **Vacancy:** We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant to join our small but friendly staff team. Closing date: 9am on Monday 27th January. Please see <https://www.greater.jobs/job/75676276> for more information.

ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADSWOOD:- are looking for a practising Catholic to join them as a foundation governor. 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.

- St Ambrose School Vacancy - for a lunchtime organiser. The role involves supporting and supervising children at dinnertime in school. Please contact school on 0161 480 8466 or visit the school website for more details.

ST JOSEPH'S WALSINGHAM 2025 PILGRIMAGE will be for 4 nights from 5th May 2025 to 9 May 2025. Please email Shelagh Humphries :- shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com or telephone 07853176698 for more details. The approximate cost £508 Ensuite room / £432 Standard for half board and includes coach travel. A £100 per person non-refundable deposit is required by the 30 November 2024.

FROM SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY: Father Pat Munroe will celebrate Holy Mass on Tuesday 11th February for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Hospitality members are invited to join him at 7.00pm at St Hugh and St John, West Timperley WA14 5NB. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk

LOURDES ROADSHOW - In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To help raise the profile of the pilgrimage and to answer any questions. The Diocese have organised two roadshows for those who are interested in joining the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The first roadshow will be on 1st February 2pm-4pm at Our Lady & St John's, Heswall, Wirral, and the second roadshow will be on 15th February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. Information and register of interest cards will be available, and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS TO OUR PARISHES. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Martin and let the parish office have your email address so that we can send you the weekly newsletter and Sunday reflections every Friday afternoon. Contact us at stockport3parishes@gmail.com.

INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR 2025 - A special day will be held at Saint Joseph's Stockport on Saturday 1st February to introduce the Jubilee Year 2025. The day will begin with Mass at 10.00 am and include presentations by the diocesan catechetical, marriage and family life, CAFOD and Caritas Diocese of Shrewsbury teams. All are welcome.

THE CHOSEN—We have 2 dates for your diary. As usual after 7pm Mass at the Social club for 13th Feb & 27th February 2025. We will add an announcement to the newsletter closer to the time.

THANK YOU for your donations to Fr Martin's MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION in Nigeria - The GoFundMe page is still available, click on this link <https://gofund.me/181ecc20> Let your shopping raise free donations. Sign up to #easyfundraising to raise free donations while you shop online with over 8,000 retailers like eBay, Argos and Sainsbury's - at no extra cost to you! Join today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fr-martins-medical-outreach-mission> So far, 20 of us have raised over £250.



Missio and Mill Hill MISSIONARIES: VOLUNTEER REQUIRED FOR ST VINCENT'S - Each parish benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to administer the mission Red Boxes to raise funds for the Pope's charity for overseas mission. More information at missio.org.uk. If you think you could carry out this ministry for St Vincent's then please make yourself known to the parish office or to Fr. Martin who will put you in touch with Missio. Missio provide training and support.

OUR LADY'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Every Sunday in the Guild Room during 11am Mass.

THE PIETY STALL - Open after Mass on Tuesday morning, and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

DONA ONLINE CARD DONATION STAND - give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing order.

TEA AND COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS - After 11am Mass on Sunday

PLEASE PRAY for the repose of the soul of Florence Donohoe who died recently.



ST AMBROSE NEWS

PARISH LIBRARY AT ST AMBROSE - There are books on subjects such as the Church, the Saints and the Rosary to borrow at St Ambrose. Please borrow any books that interest you and please expand the library by donating suitable books.

QR CODE Please use this QR for online donations for St Ambrose.



ST VINCENT'S NEWS

MONDAY 10AM - Service of Word and Communion followed by Knit and Nattter

SUNDAY FEB 16TH - celebration for Fr Geoff on his 80th birthday. Coffee and cake after Mass to celebrate with him after his trip to his family. Donations of cakes and biscuits gratefully received.



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, Adswood Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport.

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