

**Entrance Antiphon**

Cf. Mt 3: 16-17

After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.

**First reading**

‘Prepare the way of the Lord.’

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD’s hand double for all her sins.

A voice cries: ‘In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.’

Go on up to a high mountain, O Sion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah, ‘Behold your God!’ Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 104(103):1b-2. 3-4. 24-25. 27-28. 29-30

*Bless the LORD, O my soul! My God, how great you are!***Second reading**

‘God anointed Jesus with the Holy Spirit.’

Acts 10:34-38

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ — he is Lord of all — you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.’

**Gospel Acclamation**

Cf. Luke 3:16

Alleluia, alleluia.

He who is mightier than I is coming, said John.  
He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.  
Alleluia.

**Gospel**

‘When Jesus had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened.’ Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

At that time: As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Christ, John answered them all, saying, ‘I baptise you with water, but he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’

Now when all the people were baptised by John the Baptist and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heavens were opened, and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove; and a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’

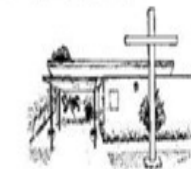
**Communion Antiphon**

Jn 1: 32, 34

Behold the One of whom John said: I have seen and testified that this is the Son of God.

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

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**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD, 12TH 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’s)  
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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 12th January</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Francis Moore Anniversary
		9.30am	<b>St Vincent’s</b>	Una Marven—Repose of Soul
		11am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Julia Higgins - Anniversary Aidan John Eggington RIP
<b>Monday 13th January</b>	Ferial	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	World Peace and End to All Wars
		12.45pm	<b>Our Lady’s Funeral</b>	Requiem Mass for Patricia Wynne
<b>Tuesday 14th January</b>	Ferial	9.30am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Holy Souls
<b>Wednesday 15th January</b>	Ferial	9.30am	<b>St Vincent’s</b>	Natalya Bartle, Spec Int
<b>Thursday 16th January</b>	Ferial	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	William, Margaret, Pat, Felix and Bill Norton RIP
<b>Friday 17th January</b>	<b>St Anthony, Ab</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent’s</b>	J. M, Spec Int
<b>Saturday 18th January</b>	Ferial The Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins,	9.30am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Robin Bartle, Spec Int
		5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Holy Souls
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Sunday 19th January</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b> Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	9.30am	<b>St Vincent’s</b>	Heather Keegan RIP
		11am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Natalya Bartle Spec Int

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](mailto:carey.judith@yahoo.com) **OLATA Ged Murtagh** [geraldmurtagh@outlook.com](mailto:geraldmurtagh@outlook.com) **St Ambrose — Marie Byrne** [ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com](mailto: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 Philips, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

**IN ST. AMBROSE'S:** 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 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:** Fred Selby, George McKee, David Welch, Alice Wynne, Janina Piechowska, Julia Higgins, Ruby Adamson, Wilfred Pecket, Edith Moores, Roy Glindon, Mary Kenny, Mary Shorrocks, Thomas Sheehyn, Elizabeth Hayes, Mary Graham, John Selby, Andrew Ashmore, Elizabeth Birks, Dorothy Wright, Maisie Whelan, Leslie Gurney, Bill O'Brien, Clare Morris Wilson, Bridget Maureen Nerney

**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.

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

**SACRAMENTAL MARRIAGE PREPARATION - BETROTHED** - A Diocesan Programme for Marriage Preparation known as Betrothed. It takes a holistic approach and covers both faith/spiritual and relational content. The next course is on 15th and 22nd February 2025. For more information and bookings, please contact Jane Deegan [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org)

**A YEAR OF HOPE: AN INTRODUCTION TO THE JUBILEE YEAR WITH THE CATHOLIC AGENCY FOR OVERSEAS DEVELOPMENT** - 2025 is a Jubilee year, but what does that mean? How will the Church be celebrating it? How can I get involved? Catholic talk show host and author Nana Churcher, and CAFOD's Simon Giarchi will be hosting Fr Jan Nowotnik (Director of Mission for the Bishop's Conference), Christine Allen (CAFOD's Director) and Kayode Akintola (CAFOD's Head of Africa) and more in this lively start to the Jubilee. Hear highlights of how we're celebrating as a church and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. With a special appearance by Catholic band Ooberfuse. This event will include Luke 4:16-21, ('The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...') a core passage for the Jubilee which will be the Gospel for Sunday 26th January. **Saturday 18 Jan, 10:30am-midday, online.** Register here for free: [cafod.org.uk/jubilee](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee).

Please see the [cafod.org.uk/jubilee/Jubilee](https://cafod.org.uk/jubilee/Jubilee) page for more resources and information around the Jubilee.

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS:** It has been lovely to welcome everybody back this week after the Christmas break. As part of our Wraparound Care, we are offering the following activities: Science Club, Art and Craft Club, Lego Club and Football Club. Please contact the School Office for further information. Vacancy: We have a vacancy for a Midday Assistant to join our small but friendly staff team. Please see <https://www.greater.jobs/job/75676276> for more information.

**THINKING OF A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION**—The Bible in a Year is a fantastic way to read the bible, it takes 15—30 minutes per day. Fr Mike Schmitz and Jeff Cavins provide this for free on You Tube or for an annual fee on the Ascension App, which also includes other forms of Bible Study. The Bible in a Year takes the story of salvation, approximately 14 books of the bible, and puts the rest of the books of the bible around the story of that particular day. Jeff Cavins introduces each time period, explaining the story and the time period to help with the biblical perspective and Fr Mike reads the bible daily and explains its meaning. Also available on the app is; The Catechism in a Year.

**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](mailto:stockport3parishes@gmail.com).

**FINAL DONATIONS**—Thank you all for your generous response to the collection at our Christmas Cribbs, to help families via Caritas. Final donations can still be made this weekend should you wish too.

**SILVER JUBILEE MASS ON WEDNESDAY 22ND JANUARY 2025** - Fr Blaise will celebrate 25 years of his priestly ordination at 0930 hrs mass at St Vincent's followed by refreshments. Please all come along to celebrate his special day.

**CHRISTMAS CARDS**—Please bring in your old Christmas cards. They will be re-made into new cards to raise money for our charity projects. Boxes are at the back of church or place them in.

**80TH BIRTHDAY** - Fr Geoff will be 80 at the end of January 2025. We will be celebrating with him when he returns from visiting his family.

**SVP FUNDRAISING EVENT** Fun night out, whilst shedding those extra Christmas pounds and raising money for a new SVP HOMELESS OUTREACH IN MANCHESTER. Fundraising Ceilidh (mainly Scottish and very great fun!) with a professional caller. Friday – 17th January At Our Lady's Club, Flint Street, Doors open at 7.00pm. £10.00 per person on the door. ALL WELCOME

**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.



**SPECIAL COLLECTION, PRIESTS RETIREMENT FUND** - On 18th and 19th January.

### 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



### 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.

**THE ANNUAL SERVICE FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY** will be held at St Gabriel's Church on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025, at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

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



### ST VINCENT'S NEWS

**MONDAY 6TH - 10AM** Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group.

**BRIAN QUINN** passed away just after Christmas and his funeral will take place at St. Mary's Heaton Norris, at 9.30am followed by 11.15am at Stockport Crematorium on 21st January 2024. Brian regularly attended Mass at St. Vincent's.

**WEDNESDAY 22ND JAN - 9.30AM MASS TO CELEBRATE THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF FR BLAISE'S ORDINATION.** Come and give thanks for his service and stay for Coffee and croissants

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - WATOTO CHOIR** Tuesday 4th March early evening.



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