

Sunday 16 February 2025

**Entrance Antiphon**

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

**Ps 30: 3-4**

**First Reading**

Thus says the Lord: ‘Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the Lord. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land.

‘Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.’

**Jeremiah 17:5-8**

**Responsorial Psalm**

*Blessed the man who has placed his trust in the Lord.*

**Ps 1:1-2. 3. 4, 6. R Psalm 40(39):5a**

**Second reading.**

Brothers and Sisters: If Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied. But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

**1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20**

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia.** Rejoice and leap for joy, says the Lord, for behold, your reward is great in heaven. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel.**

At that time: Jesus came down with the Twelve and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea and Jerusalem and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon. And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said: ‘Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you shall be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you shall laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, and revile you, and spurn your name as evil on account of the Son of Man! Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy, for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for so their fathers did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry. Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep. Woe to you, when all people speak well of you, for so their fathers did to the false prophets.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

*Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ*

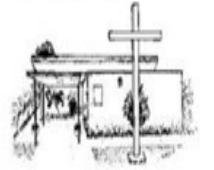
**Communion Antiphon**

**God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.**

**Jn 3: 16**

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

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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 16th February 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
Sunday 16th February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day of Prayer for Racial Justice	5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Jane and Joan Scott Spec Int
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
		9.30am	St Vincent's	Lobo Family RIP
		11 am	Our Lady's	Patrick and Julia Moore, RIP
Monday 17th February	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Andrew Duffy, Spec Int.
Tuesday 18th February	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tommy and Vincent Higgins, B'day Ann,
Wednesday 19th February	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Philip Martin, Birthday
		11.30am	Funeral at Our Lady's	Requiem Mass, Florence Mary Donohoe Mass
		6.30pm	Funeral Vigil	Reception of Joanne Kiely into the Church for Funeral Vigil.
Thursday 20th February	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Paul and Joanna Winter, Spec Int
		11am	Funeral at Our Lady's	Requiem Mass, Joanne Kiely
		7pm	Our Lady's	Fr Geoff O'Grady, 80th B'day.
Friday 21st February	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Cypriano and Mary RIP
Saturday 22nd February	FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF ST PETER, Ap	9.30am	Our Lady's	Geraldine Jentz, Spec Int
		5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady's	End to All Wars, World Peace
Sunday 23rd February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11 am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Walter Tyrer RIP, Ann Private Intention

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.

*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:** 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 Thucoc, 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 Agnes Costello, Patrick Mullin, Joanne Kiely, William Barton, Florence Donahoe, Brian Quinn, Jean Marie Peake, Brenda Bowden, Eileen Mary Brennan, Christopher O'Gara, Leslie Plover, and all the souls of our recently departed rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Thomas O'Brien, Norah Murphy, Paddy Langan, John O'Brien, Margaret Kenny, John Vincent Donohue, John Short, Edward Giblin, Ron Wilde, Lucy Swindells, Mary Molloy, Clara Gee, Jack Cavanagh, Nora Burns, Mary Josephine Aitken Peter Edward Humphries, Jack O'Gara, Patricia Iredale, Sheila Carr, Christopher Traynor, Kathleen Unsworth, James Thomas Clegg, Betty Smith, William Monks, Maisie Horan (birthday), Irene Winifred Bradley, Annie Patricia McEvoy

**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.

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS:** We were delighted to be invited to meet Chris Boardman CBE to discuss Viaduct Park and the new bus interchange as part of a new national funding announcement for Active Travel. A group of our Year 6 children were interviewed for a promotional film to support this funding. **PSA Valentine's Disco:** This was a great success and everyone really enjoyed the evening. A huge thank you to the PSA for organising this event!

**ST AMBROSE SCHOOL VACANCY** - for a lunchtime organiser. The role involves supporting and supervising children at dinnertime in school. Please contact the school on 0161 480 8466 or visit the school website for more details.

**VACANCY ST JAMES' CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** - The governors of the school wish to appoint an outstanding, dynamic and highly motivated Lay Chaplain to begin in April 2025 or sooner. For more information please visit: <https://www.stjamescheadle.co.uk/jobs>

**A RECRUITMENT PROCESS FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS** is now underway, Please see the following link for more information: <https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/deputy-director-of-schools-birkenhead-2171685> If you would like further information or candidate pack and application form please contact Liam Dowds, our Emmaus Advising Consultant, on 01737 652 043 or email him at [ldowds@emmausleadership.me](mailto:ldowds@emmausleadership.me)

**RADIO MARIA:-** Don't miss "Walking with Destiny", an inspiring radio programme with Edmund Matyjeszek, exploring how Winston Churchill's language reveals the hand of God at work. Edmund reflects on Churchill's words, the victory won, and England's identity as the Dowry of Mary. This thought-provoking discussion will deepen our understanding of our nation's purpose and strengthen our faith. Part 1 airs on Tuesday, 18 February, and Part 2 on Tuesday, 25th, at 10am. Listen live on the Radio Maria England App, online at [radiomariaengland.uk](http://radiomariaengland.uk), or on your smart speaker by saying, "Play Radio Maria England"!

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE BY AIR FROM MANCHESTER 20TH MAY FOR 7 NIGHTS STAYING AT 4\* HOTEL IN MEDJUGORJE.** Cost £749 per person sharing . Single room £879. Organised by Northern Star Travel with Fr. Pat Munroe as Spiritual leader. Further information: [info@northernstartravel.com](mailto:info@northernstartravel.com)/0161 773 2115 [pat.munroe@btinternet.com](mailto:pat.munroe@btinternet.com)/ 07711 428970. You are welcome to request copy of Fr. Pat's Reflection on pilgrimage to Medjugorje September 2024.

**KSC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** - Tickets are now on sale for the Knights of St. Columba annual fundraiser. Tickets are £1 each, and there are prizes of £1000, £750, £500, £250, and 36 prizes of £30 each. See Daniel Chamberlain, or phone him at 07749141004.

**GOOD NEWS—OUR HEATING IS BACK ON!** - Finally, the heating at Our Lady's is fixed. There are still two radiators around the sacristy waiting to be replaced, but we now have a warmer Church!

**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).

**BECOMING A CATHOLIC THIS EASTER (RCIA SESSIONS):** We now have 8 candidates enrolled for the programme, preparing to be received into the church this Easter. Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Church or learning more about the faith? Please contact the parish office, speak to Fr Martin after Mass or just join the sessions after the 11.00am Mass, in the presbytery.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION**—Any adults who are yet to be Confirmed are invited to enrol now for the next Confirmations in June. A special preparation programme, tailored to your situation, will be explored. Please contact the office or Fr Martin.

**RETURNING TO THE CHURCH**—We have recently had enquiries about returning to the Church after years or even decades of absence. If you know anyone in this situation, please, inform them they are most welcome back to the Church and to speak to the priest before or after Mass, if they can. Otherwise, they can just come to Confession on Saturday morning (or on appointment with the priest) and resume receiving Holy Communion. Once a Catholic, always a Catholic!

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS—VOLUNTEER GROUPS REQUIRED** - Please put your group's name forward for leading the Stations of Cross during Lent. Commencing 7th March each Friday until 11 April 2025.

Dates taken so far : 7.3.25 - PPT at Our Lady's, 14.3.25 - SVP at St Ambrose, 21.3.25 - the Children's Liturgy groups at St Vincent's

The following Friday evenings need to be covered please, **28.03.25 at Our Lady's, 04.04.25 at St Ambrose and 11.04.25 at St Vincents.** Could the Readers and Eucharist Ministers and family groups take one each?

**CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS** at St Vincent s at 7pm on March 21st. This year there will be a focus on the Year of Hope for Jubilee year 2025. Please can you round up our young parishioners to come along and help to lead the stations of the cross; as we did last year. Thanks for your support.

**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.

**PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL AT OUR LADY'S** - at the grotto every Saturday morning at 7:30am. All are welcome

### 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 your 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

**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](http://missio.org.uk) . Missio provide training and support.

**PLEASE STAY FOR** Coffee and cake after Mass this morning

**MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY** Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

**MONDAY 17TH FEBRUARY**-7.30pm Exploring Faith group meeting. All welcome

**TUESDAY MARCH 4TH** 6.30pm Please bring your non Christian friends for a lively event at St Michael's

**WATOTO CONCERT-** please reserve a place by logging on to the following link

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2025-bramhall-tickets-1107246878219>

**PIETY STALL**—There are cards, Rosary Beads, booklets, religious gifts available on the Piety Stall. All money made during the year, goes to support charities and provide support for Children's Liturgy. All items are reasonably priced. If you have any particular item you are looking for that the stall doesn't stock please see Lucy.

**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.**