

**Entrance Antiphon**

Ps 12: 6

*O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.*

**First Reading**

1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days: Saul arose and went down to the wilderness of Ziph with three thousand chosen men of Israel to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. David and Abishai went to the army by night. And there lay Saul sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head, and Abner and the army lay round him. Then Abishai said to David, 'God has given your enemy into your hand this day. Now please let me pin him to the earth with one stroke of the spear, and I will not strike him twice.' But David said to Abishai, 'Do not destroy him, for who can put out his hand against the LORD's anointed and be guiltless?' So David took the spear and the jar of water from Saul's head, and they went away. No man saw it or knew it, nor did any awake, for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the LORD had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side and stood far off on the top of the hill, with a great space between them. David said, 'Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and take it. The LORD rewards every man for his righteousness and his faithfulness, for the LORD gave you into my hand today, and I would not put out my hand against the LORD's anointed.'

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 8, 10. 12-13. R8a

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious***Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and Sisters: 'The first man Adam became a living being'; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven.

**Gospel Acclamation**

John 13:34

**Alleluia, alleluia.** A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, just as I have loved you. **Alleluia**

**Gospel**

Luke 6:27-38

I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. To one who strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from one who takes away your cloak do not withhold your tunic either. Give to everyone who begs from you; and from one who takes away your goods, do not demand them back. And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them. 'If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. 'Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful. Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.'

**Communion Antiphon**

Ps 9: 2-3

*I will recount all your wonders, I will rejoice in you and be glad, and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.*

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

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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/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose's)  
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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 23rd February	SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady's	End to All Wars, World Peace
		9.30am 11 am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Walter Tyrer RIP, Ann Private Intention
Monday 24th February	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Paul & Joanne Winter Spec Int
Tuesday 25th February	Ferial	11.45am	Funeral at Our Lady's	Requiem Mass Patrick Carmel Mullin
		1:00pm	Aquinas Col-	Preceded by Adoration
Wednesday 26th February	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Dorothy Chamberlain RIP
Thursday 27th February	Ferial	9.30am 7pm	St. Ambrose Our Lady's	John Kenneth Burke Anniver- sary Florence Donohoe RIP
Friday 28th February	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	End to all wars/peace on earth
Saturday 1st March	ST DAVID, B, Patron St of Wales	9.30am	Our Lady's	Deceased of Wharmby and Bint- liff Families
		5pm Vigil 6.30pm Vigil	St Ambrose Our Lady's	Paul and Joanna Winter Spec Int Samson Elijah Oluwaju RIP
Sunday 2nd March	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	9.30am 11 am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Fr Blaise Birthday
		2pm	Our Lady's	Igbo Mass

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 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 Joanne Mary Winter, Christine Bentley, Peter Barton, 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:** Patrick McFadden, Evelyn Allen, Anne Blythe, Joseph Higgins, Bert Wood, William Peers, Josephine Kitchin, William Tracey, Kenneth Watson, Gerard Burke, James Dean, Rachel Curran, William D. Griffiths, Thomas Little, Brian Rothwell, Cecilia Carruthers, James Fleming, Brian Smith, Philip Hamilton

**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.

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

**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.stjamesheadle.co.uk/jobs>

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND LORETO 2025** - 1st September to 6th September 2025. Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal. Visits to the Basilica of St Clare and the Basilica of St Francis, the Basilica of St Mary of the Angel, where the Franciscan movement started, the San Damiano monastery - the 1st St Clare monastery, the church of St Mary Major - see Carlo Acutis. Full day excursion to Loreto to visit the Holy House. Trips and guided tours all included in the price. Insurance available to those up to 90 years of age at £60. Cost - £850 per person sharing and £965 for a single room. Poster at the back of church with all the details. For a booking form or more information please email [unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com)

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE** - Bookings for the Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage - [www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk) .

**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. Proceeds to SVP charitable projects.

**FILM NIGHT** - Thursday 27 February 2025 The Chosen Season 4 episodes 4 & 5. Due to technical issues we only got to see episode 3 on the last showing, so this week we will start with episode 4. If time permits we will also see Episode 5 - After a lesson in humility, Jesus and his disciples head off to Lazarus's house for the night, where an awkward family disagreement breaks out between Martha and Mary. Our Lady takes Jesus to task about hygiene issues! Judas takes some bad advice. Rahma's father is looking for revenge. Film will be shown at Our Lady's Social Club after 7pm mass at Our Lady's church. All welcome. Donations to the Medical Outreach Mission.

**BISHOP MARK'S PASTORAL LETTER** will be read at all Sunday Masses this weekend. Please pick up a copy from the back of church or read the letter on the parish website.

**THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY PPT MEETING** are on the noticeboards in all churches. The minutes can also be found on the parish website.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY AND CONTINUED HEALTH OF THE HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS -**

Loving and Merciful God, We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(Caritas Jerusalem)

**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 and a very generous parishioner from Our Lady's has offered to pay for the replacement radiator. We are hoping to book the replacement radiator installation in the coming weeks and we are very grateful for the generosity shown by this parishioner. The heating at St Ambrose has been surveyed and checked. A St Ambrose parishioner has also kindly offered to pay for one heater that needs to be replaced in the sacristy - Thank you!

**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.

**FR MARTIN'S MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION VIDEO** is now available to watch via this link or on the website - <https://vimeo.com/1058739212/1fda8b4453>

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### 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.

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



### ST VINCENT'S NEWS

**THANKS** to everyone who contributed money and cakes for Fr Geoff's celebration. There was a good attendance to wish him well and he was very pleased with the almost £1000 collection which he will be donating to help Kenyan students at his old college.

**MONDAY 24TH** - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Knit and Natter

**TUESDAY 4TH MARCH** - Watoto Children's Choir 6.30pm at St Michael's church. Please register for free places using this link

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

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - March 7th 10.30am World Day of Prayer at Ford's Lane Church

**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.**

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