

**Entrance Antiphon***When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days*

Ps 90 15-16

**First reading**

Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Moses spoke to the people: ‘The priest shall take the basket from your hand and set it down before the altar of the LORD your God. And you shall make response before the LORD your God, “A wandering Aramean was my father. And he went down into Egypt and sojourned there, few in number, and there he became a nation, great, mighty, and populous. And the Egyptians treated us harshly and humiliated us and laid on us hard labour. Then we cried to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. And the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great deeds of terror, with signs and wonders. And he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. And behold, now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground, which you, O LORD, have given me.” And you shall set it down before the LORD your God and worship before the LORD your God.’

**Responsorial Psalm***Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.*

Ps 91(90):1-2. 10-11. 12-13. 14-15. R cf 15b

**Second reading**

Romans 10:8-13

Brothers and Sisters: What does Scripture say? ‘The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart’ (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, ‘Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.’ For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For, ‘everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.’

**Gospel Acclamation**

Glory and praise to you, O Christ. One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 4:4b

**Gospel**

‘Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil’ At that time: Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness for forty days, being tempted by the devil. And he ate nothing during those days. And when they were over, he was hungry. The devil said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become bread.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “Man shall not live by bread alone.”’ And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time, and said to him, ‘To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is written, “You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.”’ And he took him to Jerusalem and set him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, “He will command his angels concerning you, to guard you”, and “On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone.”’ And Jesus answered him, ‘It is said, “You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.”’ And when the devil had ended every temptation, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Luke 4:1-13

**Communion Antiphon**

Mt 4: 4

*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*

**THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTS OUR PARISHES FINANCIALLY.** Our coloured envelopes for the new financial year are available for collection and you can use them from 5th April. If you’d like a box of envelopes & don’t already have one please ask. If you’d prefer to make your donation via Standing Order we have a form for you to submit to your bank. You can also donate with the DONA machine at the entrance to St Vincent’s & Our Lady’s via your debit/credit card or use the QR code for your parish on the next page. If you are a UK taxpayer we can claim an additional 25% on what you give if you complete a Gift Aid form and donate using our numbered envelopes, standing order or by cheque. The additional money makes a huge difference to our Parish income.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF 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

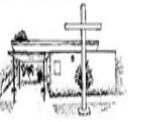
**Newsletter for the Parishes of****Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul**

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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.churchservices.tv/stockportparishes) (for both St. Vincent’s and St. Ambrose’)

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 9th March Planned Giving Appeal</b>	<b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Brian Collins RIP, B’d day Ann.
		9.30am 11 am	<b>St Vincent's Our Lady’s</b>	Holy Souls Mary Sheridan and James Patrick Moore RIP, Ann
<b>Monday 10th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	End to All Wars and World Peace
<b>Tuesday 11th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Souls in Purgatory
		11.30am	<b>Funeral St. Am- brose</b>	Requiem Mass for Johanna Mary Winter
<b>Wednesday 12th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	James Dean, RIP Ann
		1:45 pm	<b>Aquinas College</b>	Mass Preceded by Adoration at 1:15hrs
<b>Thursday 13th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Holy Souls
		7pm	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Agnes Costello RIP
<b>Friday 14th March</b>	<b>Ferial Cafod Family Fast Day</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent’s</b>	Fr Jean Patrice Coulon, Spec Int
		7pm	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>	Led by SVP at St Ambrose
<b>Saturday 15th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Tommy Higgins
		5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Pat Mullin RIP
<b>Sunday 16th March</b>	<b>SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Success in Exams
		11 am	<b>Our Lady’s</b>	Douglas Child, for a swift recovery
		1pm	<b>Baptism Our Lady’s</b>	Baptism, Evelyn Marie Kelly Thea Roberts
		2pm	<b>Baptism St Ambrose</b>	Baptism, Aiofe Whitehead

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour** before every weekday morning Mass from 8.30am - 9.30am and before every Sunday Mass

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

**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 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 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:** Eugene Sweetman, 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 Johanne Mary Winter, 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:** Moira Selby Snr, Terence Maguire, May Maynes, Kathleen Fay, Robert Leech, David Wolstencroft. Kate McLoughlin, Terry Hibbert, William Joseph White, Walter Wright, William Gee, Constance Johnson, Joseph Ebbs, Kathleen Mason, Joseph Sheehan, John Eric Ford, Daniel Redden, Reginald Lyne, Elizabeth Greatorex, William Norman Lawler, Henry O'Brien, Elizabeth Hulme, Winnie Kelly, George Trevor Smith, Patrick Fleming, Bernard Pritchard, Tommy Higgins

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** - Please register now as classes will soon start.

**ADULT CONFIRMATION** - Any adults who are yet to be Confirmed are invited to enrol now for the Confirmations in June 2025. A special preparation programme, tailored to your situation, will be explored. Please contact the office or Fr Martin.

**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.

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

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS:** To mark the start of Lent, the whole school came to Church for Mass on Ash Wednesday. From the Gospel, the children learnt how Jesus teaches us to fast, pray and give during the season of Lent. We will be reflecting on this message in school during the next few weeks.

**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 [unitedheartsprilgrims@gmail.com](mailto:unitedheartsprilgrims@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)

**PARISH PILGRIMAGE WALKS** - The Holy Father has called us to be Pilgrims of Hope in the jubilee year of 2025. As a joint parish, we will be embarking on a series of short walks of pilgrimage focusing on the theme of hope. The first leg is from **St Vincent's to St Ambrose on Saturday 15th March starting at 4pm** and concluding with 5:30pm Mass at St Ambrose and followed by refreshments. The other 2 sections will be announced in the coming weeks. Please join the parish community and Catholics across the globe in this special year of renewal and reflection.

**RECONCILIATION DURING LENT** - In addition to Saturdays, after the 9.30am Mass at Our Lady's, we are hoping to make Confessions available before and during each of the Palm Sunday Masses on 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> April. Please make the most of these opportunities during Lent; a period of preparation for Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

**GARDEN MASSES FOR 2025** - Would you like to host a garden Mass this year? The available weeks are in May, June, July. In August Our Lady's parish will host a BBQ for all volunteers from our three parishes, watch this space for details! The Garden Masses will be during the week, by 7.00pm, on one of the days that your church has a weekday Mass. Please express your interest in hosting one of these Masses by contacting the office.

**CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY** - Lent Family Fast Day is on **Friday 14th March**. Envelopes for your donation are now available in our churches. There will be a collection for CAFOD on Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th March.

**JUBILEE RETREAT WITH A FOCUS ON THE FAMILY.** Come and learn about the biblical roots of a year of jubilee, and why a jubilee year includes an important focus on the family. Venue: St. Columba's Church Hall, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA. Saturday 15th March 2025, 9.45 am- 1.00 pm. To register and for more information, contact Monika Golembiewska at [monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org), Mobile: 07549 226794, or Jane Deegan [jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Mobile: 07517 906435

**JOB VACANCY** - Refugee Project coordinator post. Lead required for the established programme of activities across the four Manchester hotels accommodating people seeking asylum, Please see [caritasshrewsbury.org.uk](http://caritasshrewsbury.org.uk) for more information.

**JOB VACANCY PARISH SECRETARY** - A vacancy has arisen for a Parish Secretary at the parishes of St Vincent's, Knutsford and St Winefride, Lymm (Based at St Vincent's). Hours: 12 per week. Rate of pay: £13 per hour. More details can be found via the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/> CV's with a covering letter should be sent to Pauline McCulloch [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org) Closing date: Monday 31 March 2025.

**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 10 candidates attending 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.

**MINISTER OF THE WORD VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - Would you be interested in being a Minister of the Word at Our Lady's church? Your role would be to read the first or second reading during Mass, lead the psalm, read the prayer intentions. It is usual to have 2 readers per Mass to share the readings. Readers must be baptised and practicing Catholics and if married, have a marriage that is recognised by the church. Please let the office know if you are interested.

**RETREAT FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE WORD, ON SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025** . During this special day of prayer and reflection we will have a talk by guest speaker, Natalie Orefice, Director of Evangelisation and Catechesis at the Diocese of Shrewsbury. Please let the parish office know if you are able to attend.

**THE CHOSEN**—Free Film Night after 7 pm Mass. We will watch Season 4 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. Jesus has a hygiene issue addressed by his mother. Judas takes bad advise. Rahma's father is looking for revenge. The Film will be shown at Our Lady's Social Club after 7pm Mass at Our Lady's Church. Please come along, the bar is open. All welcome, Donations if you so wish to the Medical Outreach Mission.

**LENTEN ALMS JAR**—will be available for you to collect at the back of church after Ash Wednesday Mass. The donations will go to the Medical Outreach Mission. Please return the jars on Easter Sunday.

**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 14.3.25 - SVP at St Ambrose, 21.3.25 - the Children's Liturgy groups at St Vincent's, 28.03.25 Brenda Ackroyd at Our Lady's. The following Friday evenings need to be covered please, , **04.04.25 at St Ambrose** and **11.04.25 at St Vincents**.

**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 on the parish website or via this link - <https://vimeo.com/1058739212/1fda8b4453>

**THE GOFUNDME PAGE IS STILL AVAILABLE**, click on this link <https://gofund.me/181ecc20> or scan the QR code. Or let your shopping raise free donations by signing up on <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fr-martins-medical-outreach-mission> So far, 20 of us have raised over £250.

**OFFICE CLOSURE ON 10TH AND 11TH MARCH**—Please note that requests and queries will be dealt with from Thursday 13th March.

### 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. Lots of St Patrick's day gifts and cards, are now available.

**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

**MONDAY 10TH** - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Lent Prayer Group. All welcome

**WEDNESDAY 12TH** - Churches Together Hope 2025 12 to 1pm at Bramhall Baptist Church. - ecumenical prayer time to ask the Lord for an increase in attendance at churches in the area. Please join us.

**WEDNESDAY 12TH** - LAMBS Social event 7 to 9pm. Donations for food and the disco will be collected after Mass this Sunday. As usual, help with the chairs after Mass on Wednesday and at 9pm would be appreciated.

Coffee after Mass next Sunday, also please bring any food donations for Chelwood Foodbank

**PIETY STALL**—Should you wish to see a copy of the Sunday Missal please see Lucy after Mass. The Missal contains all three years , A, B & C and costs £20 plus postage and packaging and is available now. The Daily missal is also available at £69.99 and contains the weekday and the weekend services. This is not available until April.

**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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