

Entrance Antiphon

Is 66: 10-11

*Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her. Be joyful, all who were in mourning; exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.***First reading**

Joshua 5:9a,10-12

In those days: The LORD said to Joshua, 'Today I have rolled away the reproach of Egypt from you.' While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. And the manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 34(33):2-3. 4-5. 6-7. R cf. 18b

*Taste and see that the LORD is good***Second reading**

2Corinthians 5:17-2

Brothers and Sisters: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ; God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ: be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Gospel Acclamation

Luke 15:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you'. Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus

Gospel

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

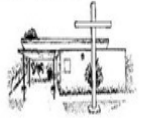
At that time: The tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to hear Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes grumbled, saying, 'This man receives sinners and eats with them.' So he told them this parable: 'There was a man who had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of property that is coming to me." And he divided his property between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took a journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in reckless living. And when he had spent everything, a severe famine arose in that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him into his fields to feed pigs. And he was longing to be fed with the pods that the pigs ate, and no one gave him anything. 'But when he came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Treat me as one of your hired servants." 'And he arose and came to his father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and felt compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. And the son said to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And bring the fattened calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate. For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now his older son was in the field, and as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing. And he called one of the servants and asked what these things meant. And he said to him, "Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fattened calf, because he has received him back safe and sound." But he was angry and refused to go in. His father came out and entreated him, but he answered his father, "Look, these many years I have served you, and I never disobeyed your command, yet you never gave me a young goat, that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fattened calf for him!" And he said to him, "Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. It was fitting to celebrate and be glad, for this your brother was dead, and is alive; he was lost, and is found." '

Communion Antiphon*You must rejoice, my son, for your brother was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.*

The Jubilee Prayer: Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom. May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally. May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Parish Jubilee Prayer (to be prayed daily) - Hail Mary and Glory be.**Extra jubilee Prayer Commitment :** Daily Rosary & Daily Holy Hour (available in our churches 8.30 am to 9.30 am)**Newsletter for the Parishes of****Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul**

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Websites: ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/ stambrosechurch.org.uk/ stvincentbramhall.org/Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Onuoha Email: frifeanyimom@yahoo.com**THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT, 30 March 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.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

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A very Happy Mothers' Day to all Ladies in our parishes! *God bless you immensely for all the love and care you give. You are specially remembered today.*

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 30th March Mothers' Day	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady's	Fr Dermot Murphy b'day Anniversar
		9.30am	St Vincent's	Sheila Hindle , RIP Anniversary
		11am	Our Lady's	Dorothy Chamberlain, RIP
		1.00pm	Our Lady's	Baptism of Eliel Destura Bravo & Freddie Paul Marsh
Monday 31st March	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Success in Exams
Tuesday 1st April	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Barbara Wharmby RIP, Ann
Wednesday 2nd April	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Philip Martin, Spec Int
Thursday 3rd April	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	First Forgiveness St Ambrose Primary School.
		2.30pm	Aquinas College	Staff Mass at Aquinas College
		7pm	Our Lady's	Giovanni & Michelle Egoigbe Spec Int
Friday 4th April	Ferial Friday Abstinence	9.30am	St Vincent's	Holy Souls
		2pm	Our Lady's	First Forgiveness Our Lady's Primary School
		7pm	St Ambrose	Stations of the Cross
Saturday 5th April	Ferial	8:30 am	Our Lady's	Adoration— start of Retreat for Eucharistic Ministers, Readers, and all interested parishioners
		9.30am	Our Lady's	Bob Corrigan RIP
		5pm Vigil	St Ambrose Our Lady's	End to all wars/Peace on earth Lilly and the Harris Family.
Sunday 6th April	FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11 am	Our Lady's	Baptism of Ada Hughes (11am Mass)
		2pm	Our Lady's	Igbo Holy Mass

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 **OLATA Ged Murtagh** -geraldmurtagh@outlook.com **St Ambrose — Marie Byrne** ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com

Sick List

IN OUR LADY'S: Erith O'Connor, 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 Philips, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

IN ST. VINCENT'S PLEASE PRAY FOR: Paul Wingate, Lorraine, John Lowe, Refugee Family, Mary O, John Severn, Grace & Norman, Derek, Ramos Family, Mary N, Lynette, Bojena & Family, Maureen, Natalie & Jasmine, Michael Morris, Andrew, Betty, Those in Nursing Homes

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 Carol Anglely, Joseph Scott, Debbie Chambers, 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: Kath Hodgkinson, Martin Anthony Connor, Joan Finnerty, Kathleen Hadfield, Mary Phyllis Hampson, Monsignor Bernard Bell, Margaret Horton, Vivienne Johnson, Barbara Mary Wharmby, Joan Riley, Clifford Woods, (Baby) Tommy Harris, Beatrice Currie, Harry David Oakley, James Winters, Mr J O'Gara, Elizabeth Buckley, Joseph Arthur Bennett, Dave Fox

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

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, except on Mondays. Please join us.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL AT OUR LADY'S - at the grotto every Saturday morning at 7:30am. Approx 75 mins, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Mass in church. All are welcome.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS: Fr Martin visited Year 2 this week. He heard about the children's learning in RE and helped to develop their understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our Sponsored Bounce took place on Tuesday to raise funds for our PSA - there was an incredible number of bounces completed by the children and lots of fun was had by all!

ST AMBROSE SCHOOL NEWS:- Year 4 have responded to the call to be "Pilgrims of Hope" in this jubilee year. They have made special cards for the residents at Bamford Grange care home which cheered everyone up. On Friday, the children made hats in school to raise money for brain tumour awareness. Please pray for our children who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on 3rd April.

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

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 12th and 13th April. Please make the most of these opportunities during Lent; a period of preparation for Christ's Resurrection at Easter.

LENT SERIES OF TALKS on Faith, Hope and Love with Mrs Natalie Orefice and Fr David Irwin at St Joseph's Catholic Church, Hope Rd, Sale M33 3BF. At 7pm on 1st April. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact Natalie Orefice Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or 07730 526826.

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY: There will be an informal meeting on Wed 9 April at 7pm, in St Columba's, Plas Newton Lane, Chester CH2 1SA to reflect on the role and purpose of the Hospitality, with a view to developing a more unified vision. All members are welcome. Please email secretary @teamshrewsbury.co.uk if you would like to attend. **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.

DIVINE MERCY AND ST MICHAEL RETREAT, - Friday 2nd May 2025, 2 - 3.30pm. Birkenhead Carmelite Monastery, Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead, Prenton, Merseyside CH43 1UA. The Retreat will be led by Fr Matthew Szerszen CSMA, a member of the Congregation of Saint Michael the Archangel and the day will include the Divine Mercy Chaplet, talks on the Divine Mercy and St Michael, veneration of the 1st class relics of St Faustina and Bl. Fr. Bronisław Markiewicz (Founder of CSMA), blessing of scapular of St Michael and all sacramentals, anointing with St Michael's oil. To book contact: Noreen Bavister, noreen-bavister@btinternet.com, 07795 318 605

SUPPORTING THE VOCATION TO MARRIAGE & FAMILY LIFE: Calling all those interested in supporting the vocation of marriage and family to join Jane Deegan Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation for a retreat day to find out more about this important work and the various different ways you can help. When: 7th June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm Where: Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG. To Register and for more Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org. Mobile:07549226794 or Jane Mobile: 07517 906435. jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

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 the 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.

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!

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.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC THIS EASTER (RCIA SESSIONS): May we keep in our prayers the 7 candidates constantly 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.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY AT OUR LADY'S - will be held on Sunday 27th April at Our Lady's Church. The church will be open from 1:30pm, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confessions will be from 2pm. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm. We are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS— each Friday until 11 April 2025. 04.04.25 at St Ambrose and 11.04.25 at St Vincents.

RETREAT FOR ALL MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST AND THE WORD, ON SATURDAY 5TH APRIL 2025 AT OUR LADY'S. - NEW READERS AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO ALSO ATTEND. 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 see the poster at the back of church and please let the parish office know if you are able to attend. PPT members and all parishioners are welcome to attend.

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

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.

SAVE THE DATE - 26.04.25 - A 3 Course meal and 3 TED talks on the Eucharistic Miracles related to those that have been scientifically researched. Further information to follow.

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

ON BEHALF OF FR MARTIN AND THE PARISHIONERS OF ST AMBROSE PARISH - a special word of thanks to Siobhan and Mike for their superb job on the front garden.

ST. AMBROSE WILL HOST THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS this Friday, 4th April. Volunteers to read are needed please

EASTER FLOWERS - Donations for flower for at St Ambrose are now being requested. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

PIETY STALL—Thank you to everyone who supports the Piety stall. We have some lovely Holy Communion gifts, Rosary beads and children's Bibles available at the back of church and we also have Easter cards in stock.

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

ST VINCENT'S NEWS

EASTER LILIES COLLECTION - please use the envelopes in the porch for your donations for the Easter Lily display. Write clearly on the envelope the name of your relative(s) you wish to be remembered. Any excess money will be used by the flower group for displays over the coming months if no-one specific has sponsored a particular week.

MONDAY 31ST - 10AM Service of Word and Communion followed by Lenten Prayer Group. All are welcome to join the sessions

MONDAY 14TH APRIL -7.30pm Holy Week Taize evening. Come for a calm and gentle time of song and reflection on the events of Holy Week. Volunteers to read on the night are needed as well as people to help with The Stations of the Cross on 11th April

PIETY STALL-Easter, and Holy Communion cards, Bibles, rosary beads, crosses are available from the piety stall. Please have a look, there is no obligation to buy. All the proceeds go to charity and goods are very reasonably priced.

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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