

**Entrance Antiphon****Cf. Ps24:15-16**

My eyes are always on the Lord, for he rescues my feet from the snare. Turn to me and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor.

**First reading****Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15**

In those days: Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. And Moses said, 'I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.' When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' And he said, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. Then the LORD said, 'I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey.' Then Moses said to God, 'If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' And say this to the people of Israel: I AM has sent me to you.' God also said to Moses, 'Say this to the people of Israel: "The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.'

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Responsorial Psalm****Ps 103(102):1-2. 3-4. 6-7. 8, 11. R8a**

*The LORD is compassionate and gracious*

**Second Reading****I Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12**

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptised into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did, nor grumble, as some of them did and were destroyed by the Destroyer. Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.****Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 4:17**

Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God. Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. Glory to you, O Christ, you are the Word of God.

**Gospel****Luke 13:1-9**

There were some present at that very time who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. And he answered them, 'Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans because they suffered in this way? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.' And he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. And he said to the vine dresser, "look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?" And he answered him, "Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig round it and put on manure. Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down," The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****Communion Antiphon**

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

**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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**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT, 23rd 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.youtube.com/channel/UC...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 23rd March</b>	<b>THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Holy Souls
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family
		9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Matthew Thorpe Birthday.
		11am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Pat Mullin. RIP
<b>Monday 24th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Patricia Byrne RIP
<b>Tuesday 25th March</b>	<b>THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD</b> A genuflection should be made at the words of the Creed "By the power of the Holy Spirit...and was made man" on one knee.	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Alan Thorpe RIP Anniversary
<b>Wednesday 26th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Erith & David O'Connor - Thanks-giving
		12:30pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Funeral Service of Joseph Scott
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	End to all Wars/Peace on Earth
		7pm Mass Parish Film Night	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Gloria Eli, Special Intention.
<b>Friday 28th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b> Friday Abstinence	9.30am 7pm	<b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Graham Meleady, Get well Mass Stations of the Cross led by Brenda Ackroyd, followed by refreshments in the Guild Room
<b>Saturday 29th March</b>	<b>Ferial</b> British Summer Time begins, clocks go forward 1 hour tonight	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Joan Corrigan RIP
		5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Fr Dermot Murphy b'day Anniversary
<b>Sunday 30th March</b> <b>Mothers' Day</b>	<b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Sheila Hindle, RIP Anniversary
		11 am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Dorothy Chamberlain, RIP
		1pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Baptism of Eliel Destura Bravo & Freddie Paul Marsh

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**



### 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 Angley, 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:** Doris Coyle, James Costello, Lynn O'Higgins, John Salt, Mary Brannon, James O'Donovan, Florence Wild, Ellen Wood, Margaret O'Callaghan, Leo Corcoran, John Tumblety, Nellie Horan, Kathleen Brett, Jessie Crooks, Eileen Mary Seery

**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:** Our Lady's School News: Year 3 Sacramental Programme - There will be a Workshop for parents and children on Wednesday 26th March at 2:00pm followed by a meeting for parents regarding the arrangements for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Following the success of the Valentine's Disco, our PSA have organised a 'Sponsored Bounce' on Tuesday 25th March. There will be a bouncy castle in school, and children are invited to complete as many bounces as they can in one minute!

**ST AMBROSE SCHOOL NEWS:-** The children of St Ambrose have made a great start to their Lenten fundraising. The EYFS children raised £495.35 with a sponsored walk. We are grateful to all parents, friends and parishioners who have supported our children. Father Martin came in to school this week and spent time with Year 1 who shared their Lenten promises. He also enjoyed the sunshine with EYFS who were playing outside. 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](mailto: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 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.

**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 18th & 25th March and 1st April. The evening will conclude with Adoration and Compline. For Further details please contact Natalie Orefice [Natalie.orefice@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto: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](mailto:@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](http://www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk).

**DIVINE MERCY AND ST MICHAEL RETREAT**, - Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:noreen-bavister@btinternet.com), 07795 318 605

**FILM NIGHT**—The Chosen Season 4 Episode 6 Dedication. Come and see Jesus and his disciples celebrate the Feast of Dedication. The Pharisees and Jesus have a serious altercation in the Temple and Jesus receives some very bad news. Join us at Our Lady's Social Club this Thursday, 27th, after 7pm mass. The bar is open. Donations to the Medical Outreach Mission.

**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. Contact us at [stockport3parishes@gmail.com](mailto:stockport3parishes@gmail.com).

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

**NEW STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BOOK PRESENTATION**—28th March at Our Lady and the Apostles at 7pm Stations of the Cross will use new reflections by Brenda Ackroyd - 'Jesus speaks on the way of the Cross'. Followed by a 'launch' of the new stations and other books by Brenda, in the Guild Room with Tea, Coffee and Chat. Proceeding to the Medical Outreach Service.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**—Volunteer groups required - Please put your group's name forward for leading the Stations of Cross during Lent, each Friday until 11 April 2025. 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.

**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.

**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.

### 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.

**RED BOXES** - The red boxes need to be collected and emptied this month. Jim Herron will do this before the end of the month. Please contact Jim Herron with any questions.

**TEA AND COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS** - After 11am Mass on Sunday.

### ST AMBROSE NEWS

**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

**Cafod Envelopes** - Please put any remaining CAFOD donation envelopes into the collection on Sunday.

**Easter Lilies Donations** - there are envelopes in the porch for you to give your donation towards the Easter display; please write clearly on the envelope the names of the people you wish to be remembered.

**Monday Prayer Group** 10.30am - looking for new people to join in the Lenten reflection sessions. Do something extra for Lent!

**Date for your diary** - Good Friday Morning Walk of Witness - a great ecumenical walk and service in the centre of Bramhall organised by Churches Together

**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. Should you wish to buy a copy of the Sunday Missal please see Lucy after Mass. CTS is £20 and has the Latin and English. Hodder is £15 and is in English.

**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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