

**Entrance Antiphon** 1 Pt 2:2  
*Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.*

**First reading** Acts 5: 12-16  
Many signs and wonders were regularly done among the people by the hands of the Apostles. And they were all together in the Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem. And more than ever be- lievers were added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mats, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them. The people also gathered from the towns round Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those afflicted with unclean spirits, and they were all healed.  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Responsorial Psalm** Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a R̩  
*Give praise to the LORD for he is good, his mercy endures for ever.*

**Second reading** Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19  
I, John your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the is- land called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. I was in the Spirit on the Lord’s day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet saying, ‘Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches.’ Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash round his chest. When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying. ‘Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. Write therefore the things that you have see, those that are and those that are to take place after this.’  
The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

**Gospel Acclamation** John 20:29  
*Alleluia, alleluia. You believed, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed. Alleluia.*

**Gospel** John 20:19-31  
On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Je- sus came and stood among them and said to the, ‘Peace be with you.’ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, ‘Peace be with you. As the Fa- ther has sent me, even so I am sending you.’ And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to the, ‘Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.’ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, ‘We have seen the Lord.’ But he said to the, ‘Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe. ’ Eith days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, ‘Peace be with you.’ Then he said to Thomas, ‘Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe.’ Thomas answered him, ‘My Lord and my God!’ Jesus said to him, ‘Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.’ now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disci- ples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.  
The Gospel of the Lord Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

**Communion Antiphon** + Cf. Jn 20 –27  
Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

THE ‘QUIET CATHOLIC REVIVAL’ IN BRITAIN - SOME LINKS TO THE LATEST MEDIA ARTICLES

<https://www.ncregister.com/news/edward-pentin-uk-quiet-catholic-revival>

<https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/263329/surge-in-adults-entering-church-in-england-this-easter-prompted-by-internet-tradition>

<https://thecatholicherald.com/young-men-lead-the-way-as-adult-baptisms-in-uk-surge-this-easter/>

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/2025/04/13/extraordinary-comeback-catholicism/>

**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 *cos- mos* in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil van- quished, 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 Re- deemer 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)

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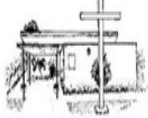

Websites: [ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/](http://ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/) [stambrosechurch.org.uk/](http://stambrosechurch.org.uk/) [stvincentbramhall.org/](http://stvincentbramhall.org/)

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER, DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY, 27th April 2025**

You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady’s church)  
or [Stockport Parishes YouTube](#) (for both St. Vincent’s and St. Ambrose’)

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 27th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	5pm 6.30pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	John Kenneth Burke, Birthday Ann Pope Francis, RIP
		9.30 am 11.00am	St Vincent's Our Lady’s	Neal McJannett Spec Int  Thanksgiving Mass for new members of the Church and welcome to Confir- mation Candidates and families.
	DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY	1pm	Our Lady’s	Baptisms of Freddie Marsh and La’Rosa Crosby
		2pm	Our Lady’s	Divine Mercy Exposition at 2pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm Mass at 3:30pm
Monday 28th April	ST GEORGE, M	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Patricia Byrne, RIP, Anniversary
Tuesday 29th April	ST CATHERINE OF SIENNA, V, D. Day of special prayer for Europe	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Deceased members of the Heyes Family Our Lady’s Primary School, Easter Mass
		1pm	Aquinas College	Mass preceded by Adoration
Wednes- day 30th April	St Pius V, Pp. R (Optional memorial)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Holy Souls
Thursday 1st May	St Joseph the Worker (optional memorial) Day of special prayer for human work.	9.30am	St Ambrose	Nora Anne Walsh– Anniversary B’day St Ambrose Primary School, Easter Mass
		7pm	Our Lady’s	Holy Souls Confirmation Programme after Mass
Friday 2nd May	St Athenasius, B, D. Friday Abstinence.	9.30am	St Vincent’s	Neal McJannett—Thanksgiving.
Saturday 3rd May	SAINT PHILIP & JAMES, APOSTLES	9.30am 5pm 6.30pm	Our Lady’s St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Mary Hough , RIP John Byrne, RIP, Anniversary. Patrick Ryan, RIP, 1st Ann,
		9.30 am 11.00am 2pm	St Vincent's Our Lady’s Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family Ann Allen, RIP, Anniversary Igbo 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 contact the parish office.

**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 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 Margorie Philbin, Mary (Maryte) Moore, 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:** Maureen Swinden, Edmund Roche, Andrew Kelly, William Joseph White, Florence Danyliw, Arthur Whelan, Norah Wood, Timothy Crowley, Bernard John Burke, Mary Bohan, Emma Wood, Owen Tiplady, Mary Kirkham, Dilly Burrell, Nora Ann Walsh, Bridget Connolly, Helen O’Gara, Ann Allen, Bridget (Beenie) Crowley, Eileen Crowley, John Richard Freeborough

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** - Classes will start on Thursday 1st May. Confirmation Mass with Bishop Mark - 26th June

**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.

**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 contact the office.

**JUBILEE 2025 LEAFLETS**—please make sure you have collected your Jubilee 2025 leaflet from the back of church with our Diary of events for the coming year at all three parishes. It also explains the Pilgrim of Hope Emblem, the Jubilee prayer & our parish prayer commitment.

**Pilgrimage to Assisi and Loreto 2025**

Cost per person £850 Sharing, £965 in a single room.

**COST INCLUDES:** 1ST—6TH SEPT 2025, Return flights Manchester Italy.

Airport duty & passenger taxes and 1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold 20kgs.

5 nights dinner, bed & Breakfast Assisi

Coach and guide throughout.

**NOT INCLUDED—TRAVEL INSURANCE £60 UP TO AGE 80YRS.**

Itinerary of Events

**Day 1** Travel from M/cr Airport to Italy and transfer to hotel. Mass will be celebrated before our evening meal.

**Day 2** Guided visit the Basilica of St Clare, the Church of St Mary Major—See Carlo Acutis. Lunch then visit the Basilica of St Francis, where Mass will be celebrated at 5 pm.

**Day 3** Mass at the Basilica of St Mary of the Angel with the Porziunicola, where the Franciscan movement started. Followed by the San Domiano Monastery, the 1st St Care Monastery.

**Day 4** Full day excursion to Loreto—to visit the Holy House with mass.

**Day 5** Mass at the Basilica of St Francis and a day to explore Assisi independently.

**Day 6** Depart after breakfast for return to UK.

Email [unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com](mailto:unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com) for a booking form or see Lucy



**Pope Francis, Requiescat in pace**

Please pray for the soul of Pope Francis and for the election of his successor.

O God, faithful rewarder of souls, grant that your departed servant Pope Francis, whom you made Successor of Peter and shepherd of your Church, may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in heaven, the mysteries of your grace and compassion, which he faithfully ministered on earth. Through our Lord Jesus, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

**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.

**A HUGE THANK YOU!**—To all our parishioners who supported our services over the Easter Triduum. All three churches were beautifully prepared with amazing floral displays, thanks to all the teams of people who helped and supported with this and for the donations received for the flowers. Thank you to all those who read and sang and so beautifully, it was greatly appreciated by all. Also to our cleaning teams who made sure our churches were maintained to such a high standard Thank you all!

**MARIAN DEVOTION**—Daily 7pm Rosary will be commencing for the month of May with a May procession led by the children of the 3 parishes after 6:30pm on 31 May 2025 at Our Lady’s Please come to as many as you can or join or us online for those unable to make it to church. Please let us know if your child would like to be part of the May Procession and the crowning of Our Lady.

**3RD WALK OF WITNESS**—Mark your diary to join us for the 3rd Walk of Witness on 10 May 2025 from Our Lady’s to St Joseph’s in Stockport after 9.30am Mass at Our Lady’s. This has been a truly remarkable experience for all those who have participated, adults and children alike.

**LENTEN ALMS JARS**—Please return your Lenten Alms Jars as soon as possible.

**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, 22 of us have raised over £290.



**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:** Offering a Mass is a beautiful way to pray for your loved ones whether living or dead. Intentions for the current week are already published in the newsletter, so please remember to make requests for Mass dates with at least 2 weeks’ notice. Making a Mass intention is also a form of almsgiving in that offerings/donations are part of our contribution towards supporting our priest. Envelopes are available at the back of church to make your request. Please indicate the church you would like your Mass held.

**FILM NIGHT** - The Chosen, Thursday 1 May 2025. The last episode of Season 4, drawing together the storylines and themes of the last season while anticipating what is to come - with artistic license, key biblical moments are explored, the plot to kill Jesus (John 11:45-57), the anointing of Jesus’ feet (Matthew 26:6-13, John 12:1-8), the sheep and goats teaching (Matthew 25:31-46), the plot to kill Lazarus (John 12:9-11), and the retrieval of the donkey in preparation for the Palm Sunday triumphal entry (Matthew 21:1-7). Come and See on the big screen. The film will be shown after 7 pm Mass at Our Lady’s in the Social Club. Donations welcome but not obligatory.

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE**— Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> April, Our Lady’s will be open from 1:30pm for adoration. Please see the front of the newsletter for the details. Divine Mercy Sunday reveals the depth of God’s love and forgiveness. Mercy is not about excusing sin but about opening our hearts to God’s grace, allowing him to heal our deepest wounds and break through our hardest defences. If there are parts of your life where you feel unworthy of forgiveness, remember God’s mercy knows no limits. Trust in his love, seek reconciliation through confession, and allow his mercy to flow through you to others

**OUR LADY’S NEWS**

**CHILDREN’S LITURGY** - Every Sunday in the Guild Room during 11am Mass.

**THE PIETY STALL** - If you would like the New Sunday Missal, please order one at the piety stall. Cost is £15 for all 3 years readings A, B & C. Open after Mass on Tuesday morning, and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

**DONA ONLINE CARD DONATION STAND AT THE PORCH** - or use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing order.

**TEA AND COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS** - after 11:00 Mass, everyone welcome!.

**St AMBROSE NEWS**

**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. If you would like the New Sunday Missal please put a request in the cost is £15 and covers all year A, B & C which is effective £5 per year for all the readings.

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



**St VINCENT’S NEWS**

**MANY THANKS** to everyone who helped with the Holy Week and Easter services, especially the Flower group and the musicians.

**MONDAY 28TH** - Service of Word and Communion followed by Knit and Natter

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO BRING YOUR FOOD DONATIONS** for Chelwood Foodbank and the Wellspring. Leave them in the container in the porch

**St VINCENT’S MARY GARDEN** -This year, with the support of the Flower Group, we are doing the Mary Garden slightly differently and the children are going to be doing an "Our Lady Timeline" for the Queen of Hope in flowers, statues and plants. Please may we respectfully request the loan of plants, images and statues with your name for their return. For next Sunday the focus is on the Annunciation and the Nativity.

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**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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