



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

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**EASTER SUNDAY 20th April 2025**

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Wishing everyone a very happy Easter

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 20th April	EASTER VIGIL	8pm	Our Lady's	Easter Vigil All Our Candidates for Reception into the Catholic Church
	EASTER SUNDAY	9.00am 9.30 am 10.00am 11.00am	Our Lady's St Vincent's St Ambrose Our Lady's	Carmel and Michael O'Malley Margaret Conwy Special Int Our Parish Family Shaun and Sofia Hazelwood, Spec Int
Monday 21st April	MONDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	St. Ambrose	John Byrne—Birthday Memory
Tuesday 22nd April	TUESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	Our Lady's	Giovanni & Michelle Eboigbe Spec Int
Wednesday 23rd April	WEDNESDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	St Vincent's	Holy Souls
Thursday 24th April	THURSDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am 7pm	St Ambrose Our Lady's	End of all Wars/Peace on earth. Vocations to the Priesthood
Friday 25th April	FRIDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	St Vincent's	Elizabeth Fowler RIP, Anniversary
Saturday 26th April	SATURDAY OF EASTER OCTAVE	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls
		5pm 6.30pm	St Ambrose Our Lady's	John Kenneth Burke, Birthday Ann Our Parish Family
Sunday 27th April	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30 am 11.00am	St Vincent's Our Lady's	Neal McJannett Spec Int Thanksgiving Mass for new members of the Church.
		1pm	Our Lady's	Baptisms of Freddie Marsh and La'Rosa Crosby
		2pm	Our Lady's	Divine Mercy

**Entrance Antiphon**  
*I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Cf. Ps 138: 18, 5-6**

**First reading** **Acts 10:34a, 37-43**  
In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said: 'You yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, but God raised him on the third day and caused him to appear, not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

**Responsorial Psalm** **Ps 118(117):1-2. 16-17. 22-23. R24**  
*This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice in it and be glad.*

**Second reading** **Colossians 3:1-4**  
Brothers and Sisters: If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory

**Gospel Acclamation** **1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a**  
*Alleluia, alleluia. Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed; let us therefore celebrate the festival in the Lord. Alleluia.*

**Gospel** **John 20:1-9**

On the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going towards the tomb. Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, and the face cloth, which had been on the head of Jesus, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

**Communion Antiphon**  
*Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, alleluia.*

**Welcome to our Newest Parish Members!**

We joyfully welcome to God's family, this Easter:  
Ronnie King, Jacob Olwaju, Sonia Olwaju, Neal McJannett, Eyong Catherine Nzalie, Ava Hope Kinsella, Joanne Wong, Anish Ranasinghe. Please, may we keep them in our prayers as they take this huge step into full Communion with

**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 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)

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](mailto: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, 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:** Margaret Carson, Austin Kelly, John Bradley, Christine Simms Smith, John Hales, Patrick Lawrence O'Donovan, Lisa Jane Mansfield, Vincent Morris, Mary O'Shea, Brian Cox, Rose Doyle, Fr John Gannon, Marie Maguire, Barbara Ann Currie, Peter Diffley, Gertrude Glendinning, Rev. Fr. Patrick Mulcahy, Florence Burrows, Joan Lillis, Emma Murphy, Anne Jenkinson, Annie Wolstencroft

**CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES** - Please register now as classes will start on Thursday 1st May. Confirmation Mass - 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.

**CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION**—Is now on display at all of our Parishes. Please enjoy the miracles at your leisure. A list will be at the back of church of all the miracles and the ones on display are highlighted so you can see which ones each church has. This is an International Exhibition and we are very grateful to Aquinas College for printing all these posters for us. Carlo Acutis will be Canonised on 27.5.25.

**COURSE MEAL WITH 3 TED TALKS—26.04.25** - Italian themed 3 course meal, each course served with a TED talk of 10—15 minutes on the science behind the Eucharistic Miracles. Tickets on sale now £20, please contact Lucy/Neal on 07557475242 or email on lucymcjannett@btinternet.com. See poster at the back of church. Only 4 tickets left. Please book quickly. As well as the speakers on the poster we have a surprise guest speaker to give us a fourth TED talk on faith and the Eucharist.

### 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



**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.

**MESSAGE FROM BISHOP MARK DAVIES ON ASSISTED SUICIDE** - 'We are all aware of the latest attempts to breach the moral boundaries and legal safeguards to allow the killing of the sick and elderly in medically assisted suicide. Thank you for all you have done in the parishes during these past few weeks. I think you will also be aware now that the vote initially to take place on Friday of Easter Week, has been postponed by the Bill's sponsors until Friday 16th May. An optimistic and hopefully realistic reading of the reasons for this delay is loss of support among Members of Parliament. The well-funded and organised campaign for euthanasia will undoubtedly use the intervening weeks to seek to persuade wavering MPs to re-commit to what is now widely acknowledged to be a "dangerously flawed" Bill. We must continue to encourage our Members of Parliament to vote against the Bill by contacting them directly and if possible arranging meetings where a clear and reasoned case can be made. Let us also pray and intercede in this time of the Christian Year that celebrates the victory over sin and death that the value of human life will be upheld in our society. If this Bill is vanquished on 16th May (which requires from the previous vote only a small number of MP's to change their mind) it will be a significant rejection of the "culture of death" both in our country and the wider world and we hope prompt fuller consideration of the need to improve palliative care.'

**HAPPY EASTER FROM FR. MARTIN** - What an amazing Holy Week we have had this year! I wish to thank all who helped prepare for the fantastic celebrations. The attendance this year, right from Palm Sunday, has almost doubled. The reception of eight very committed new members into the Church crowns it all. It confirms the news across the country of a 'silent revival' of the Catholic faith and a return to Mass in the UK. We thank God for this development and we thank our parishioners for all their efforts in evangelization; there is more work to be done and we trust in the power of the risen Lord! Happy Easter!

**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.

**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. Link to prayer— [www.thedivinemercy.org/library/how-pray-chaplet-download](http://www.thedivinemercy.org/library/how-pray-chaplet-download)

**FILM NIGHT**—24 April 2025 Thursday. The Chosen—Come and see. Matthew makes a special journey to Mary of Magdala. The last miracle of Jesus is portrayed tonight. *Please come and see this very moving episode of The Chosen.* Mass will be at 7pm at Our Lady's followed by the film at Our Lady's Social Club. 7:45pm You know the story, The Chosen brings this to life for us in a way never portrayed before whilst maintaining the biblical narrative of St John's Gospel.

Free to attend Donations welcome but not obligatory.

**LENTEN ALMS JAR**—Please return your Lenten Alms Jars this 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.

Parish Office will be closed on Monday 21st April and Tuesday 22nd April. Please leave a message and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

**MASS INTENTION ENVELOPES:** We have lots of spaces in our Mass Book for your Mass intentions. Please fill in an envelope at the back of church with your intentions and give it to Fr. Martin or to the parish office.

### 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** - give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing order.

**TEA AND COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS** - There will be no Coffee Morning after 11:00 Mass on Easter Sunday, 20th April.

### ST AMBROSE NEWS

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

**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. 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

**PILGRIM WALK OF WITNESS** - 10.5.25, 10am, from Our Lady's to St Joseph's for a solemn service, Holy Door Indulgence, and blessing with relics.

**WELL DONE** to all our parishioners who have been supporting CAFOD this year. You have donated over £2000!

**THANK YOU** to all who supported the Taize evening on Monday, a good start to Holy Week

**THE CHURCHES TOGETHER HOLIDAY CLUB AT ST MICHAEL'S** on April 15th was very successful. Over 50 children had a great time doing Easter Crafts and playing games with some Christian input too. We are hoping to run it over the summer from 5th to 8th August. We will need more volunteers to help with this initiative.

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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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