

Welcome to our Newest Members!

We joyfully welcome to God's family, this Easter:

Ronnie King
Jacob Olwaju
Sonia Olwaju
Neal McJannett
Catherine Eyong 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 Holy Roman Catholic Church.

Please mark your diaries to come and celebrate this joyful event with us **8pm on Holy Saturday, 19th April, 2025**, followed by refreshments in the Guild Room.

We look forward to seeing you also at the other Masses/services for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. See the front of the newsletter for details.

3 Course Meal and 3 TED talks

Science made simple

Carlo Acutis, Medicine, Science, Faith and the Eucharistic Miracles.



For many Catholics today, the Eucharist is merely a symbol of Christ, and the Mass is merely a collectivity of like-minded individuals gathering to remember his life. But the truth of what is made present on the altar, and what the faithful dare to receive into their bodies and souls, is far more strange and beautiful. (Bishop Barren 2021)

3 Course Italian themed meal

Three Ted Talks—one talk at each course

Ted talk 1

The anatomy/physiology of the heart related to the Eucharistic Miracles
By Lucy McJannett MSc Advanced Practitioner

Ted Talk 2 & 3

The Science of the Eucharistic Miracles Explained in plain language.
By Dr Nicola McJannett PhD Immunology

Venue—St Vincent de Paul's Handley Road Stockport SK7 3EX

Date—26 April 2025

Time— 7:30pm

Tickets for meal and Ted Talks £20.00
(Pre-order a bottle of wine red, white or rose £10)

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.



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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Parish Priest: Fr. Martin Onuoha Email: frifeanyimom@yahoo.com

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD, 6th 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 13th April	PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	5pm Vigil	St Ambrose Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Anne Oldham	
		6.30pm Vigil		St Vincent's Our Lady's	Paul Wingate, Spec Int Pat Greber Palm Sunday Procession before Mass
Monday 14th April	MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK	9.30am	St. Ambrose		Peace on Earth and End to All Wars
		11am		Our Lady's	Kate Thorpe—Speedy Recovery
Tuesday 15th April	TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	9.30am	Our Lady's	Kate Thorpe—Speedy Recovery	
Wednesday 16th April	WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK	9.30am	St Vincent's	Paul Wingate, Spec Int Mass of Chrism, St Anthony's, Wythenshawe	
		7pm		Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church
Thursday 17th April	HOLY THURSDAY EVENING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	10am	Our Lady's Our Lady's (for all 3 parishes)	Morning Prayer of the Church	
		7pm		St Ambrose	Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper, Washing of Feet, Watching with the Lord (for all three parishes)
Friday 18th April	GOOD FRIDAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Day of Fasting and Abstinence	10am	Our Lady's Our Lady's St Ambrose	Morning Prayer of the Church	
		3pm		Our Lady's	Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross
		3.30pm		St Vincent's	Stations of the Cross, Passion and Veneration of the Cross
Saturday 19th April	HOLY SATURDAY	4pm	Our Lady's Our Lady's (for all 3 parishes)	Stations of the Cross, Passion and Veneration of the Cross	
		10am		Our Lady's	Morning Prayer of the Church
		11am		Our Lady's	Blessing of Easter Food (Polish)
Sunday 20th April	EASTER SUNDAY	8pm	Our Lady's (for all 3 parishes)	Easter Vigil, Adult Baptisms and Receptions into the Church	
		9.00am		Our Lady's	Carmel and Michael O'Malley
		9.30 am		St Vincent's	Margaret Conwy Special Int
		10.00am	St Ambrose	Our Parish Family	
		11.00am		Our Lady's	Shaun and Sofia Hazelwood, Spec Int

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: Margorie Philbin, 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: Mary Dawson, Louise Phillips, Gerard Smith, Mary Ellen Kelly, Pauline Morris, Eva Heath, Laurence Dyer, Winifred Dooley, Mary Eileen Colette Murphy, Lily Glendinning, Mary Oldham, Peter Leigh, Eva Sweeney, Carl Waldron, Deirdre O'Kane, Pat Ashmore, Sheelagh Hampson, Kathleen Muldoon, James Bowen, Alex Walker, Walter Brett

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: Last week, the children on the Sacramental Programme received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time - well done to everyone on this special occasion. On Tuesday, children in Key Stage Two came over to Church to attend Mass followed by a Reconciliation Service with Fr Martin and Fr Geoff. Our Lenten journey has helped us to prepare for Holy Week and Easter next week.

School closes on Friday 11th April and reopens on Monday 28th April. We wish everyone a relaxing break and a Happy Easter.

ST AMBROSE SCHOOL NEWS:- St Ambrose Primary School News - Our families have shown amazing generosity during our Lenten fundraising with over £1500 raised for charity so far. We will share the final total raised after the Easter holidays. Our Mini Vinies will meet to decide which charities we should donate to.

3 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. Our Guest speaker will be Dr Nicola McJannett, PhD. Doors open 7:30pm, Meal commences 8pm. Drinks not included, pre order a bottle of wine for £10. If you have a preference for soft drinks please also inform us of your request. Tea's & Coffees to purchase after the meal. Venue, St Vincent's Church. Parking opposite the church. Posters from the Carlo Acutis exhibition on the miracles will be available too. Tickets on a first come first served basis. Only 30 places available. See poster at back of church. Tickets on sale now £20, please contact Lucy/Neal on 07557475242 or email on lucymcjannett@btinternet.com See poster at the back of church.

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

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.

GROWTH IN CATHOLIC CHURCH ATTENDANCE - according to a new report from the Bible Society, young Catholic church goers are exponentially on the increase. It seems that a 'quiet revival' in Catholicism is occurring in Britain, indicating that we are in a period of growth and change. The Bible Society found that church attendance in Catholic churches grew by more than half between 2018 and 2024. Numbers grew in all age groups but this was particularly noticeable amongst those under 25 years old and especially amongst young men. In 2024 only 4% of 18- to 24-year-olds said that they attended church at least once a month. This had risen to 16% in 2024. Let us continue to pray for this intention in our daily prayers; that young people will return to the church and that they will find the support that they need as they seek to follow Christ.

MARRIAGE HELP - Retrouvaille helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. Next date: 20-22 June www.retrouvaille.org.uk Tel: 0788 7296983

THE JOY OF THE LORD IS MY STRENGTH (NEHEMIAH 8:10) - All are welcome to join a time of Scripture & live worship music in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at St Benedict's Catholic Church, Hall Road, Handforth, SK9 3AD on Sunday 4th May 2025, 7pm followed by refreshments in the hall.

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.

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 GOFUNDE 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.

PILGRIM WALK OF WITNESS—Our 2nd pilgrims of Hope Walk of Witness is 6pm this Saturday, 12th April, from St Ambrose to Our Lady and the Apostles and the 3rd and final lap will be on Saturday 10.5.25, 10am, from Our Lady's to St Josephs for a solemn service, Holy Door Indulgence, and blessing with relics.

HOLY SATURDAY NIGHT - After the Easter Vigil Mass we will be serving refreshments to celebrate with and congratulate our newest parishioners who will have been received into communion with the Catholic Church during the Mass. Please come along and celebrate with them.

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 - After 11am Mass on Sunday. N.B. There will be no Coffee Morning after 11:00 Mass on Easter Sunday, 20th April.

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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

PLEASE STAY for Coffee after Mass

MONDAY 10AM Service of Word and Communion followed by Lent Prayer Group.

MONDAY 7.00PM Taize Service—a time to sing and reflect on Holy Week

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - We will be welcoming the children making their First Holy Communion at St Vincent's on Sunday 11th May and Sunday 1st June. Please leave the front 3 central rows free for the children and their families and keep the children in your prayers.

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We are also invited to join the Churches Together in Bramhall and Woodford for a walk from Robins Lane at 10.40am down to the Methodist church. Open air Service starts at 11am.

ST VINCENT'S CHILDREN LITURGY TEAM are looking for a new Liturgist to work with the children. You will receive support from Fr Martin and the other Liturgists to undertake this important role. Please see Fr Martin or Veronica Martin, if interested.

PIETY STALL-Easter, Holy Communion cards, Bibles, Sunday Missal, Rosary beads. Please have a look, there is no obligation to buy. All the proceeds go to charity and goods are very reasonably priced.

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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.

Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ; St. Ambrose, Adswold Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall.