

Entrance Antiphon
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; of you my heart has spoken: Seek his face: hide not your face; from me, alleluia.

First reading Acts 7:55-60
‘I see the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’
In those days: Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. And he said, ‘Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.’ But they cried out with a loud voice and stopped their ears and rushed together at him. Then they cast him out of the city and stoned him. And the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. And as they were stoning Stephen, he called out, ‘Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.’ And falling to his knees he cried out with a loud voice, ‘Lord, do not hold this sin against them.’ And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 97(96):1, 2b, 6, 7c, 9. R1a, 9b
The LORD is king, most high above all the earth.
or: *Alleluia.*

Second reading Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20
‘Come, Lord Jesus!’
I, John, heard a voice saying to me, ‘Behold, I am coming soon, bringing my recompense with me, to repay each one for what he has done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’ Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they may have the right to the tree of life and that they may enter the city by the gates. ‘I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’ The Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who hears say, ‘Come.’ And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who desires take the water of life without price. He who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’ Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

Gospel Acclamation Cf. John 14:18
Alleluia, alleluia.
I will not leave you as orphans, says the Lord. I am going away and I will come to you, and your hearts will rejoice.
Alleluia

Gospel John 17:20-26
‘May they become perfectly one.’
At that time: Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven, and praying said, ‘[Holy Father,] I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

Communion Antiphon
Father, I pray that they may be one as we also are one, alleluia.

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
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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, 1st June 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’s)

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 1st June	SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR WORLD COMMUNICATIONS	5pm 6.30pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Frances Lambert RIP Joanne’s 99th Birthday, Thanksgiving
		9.30 am	St Vincent's	Thanksgiving First Holy Communion
		11.00am 2pm	Our Lady’s Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family Igbo Holy Mass
Monday 2nd June	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Johanna Winter RIP
Tuesday 3rd June	St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Mm	9:30am	Our Lady’s	Gloria Ehimema, Giovanni and Michelle Eboigbe, Spec Int
Wednesday 4th June	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent's	Evelyn Tunstall RIP
Thursday 5th June	St Boniface, B, M	9.30am 7pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	World Peace and End to All Wars Helen Langan, Spec Int
Friday 6th June	Ferial	9.30am	St Vincent’s	John Kenny RIP
Saturday 7th June	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Albert Oatley RIP
		5pm 6.30pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family Ken and Pat Whitehead RIP
Sunday 8th June	PENTECOST SUNDAY DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH	9.30 am	St Vincent's	Raymond Lobo RIP Baptism of Kendrick Afam Ezekiel Samms (during Mass)
		11.00am	Our Lady’s	Shelagh Margaret Lees RIP International Mass at Our Lady’s followed by international food in the Guild Room.

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

Livestream Notice - Please note that some parts of our churches are on livestream camera and our Masses are recorded and available to view online. Contact the priest for guidance if you would like to avoid being filmed by livestream cameras.



Sick List

IN OUR LADY’S: Sophie Mansfield, 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, 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, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Evelyn Tunstall, James Collins, Eddie Riley, John Kenny, Anne Roper, Mary O’Grady, John Kenny, Winifred Mullarkey, Brian Sage, Margorie Philbin, Maryte Moore, Carol Angley, Joseph Scott, Debbie Chambers, Johanne Mary Winter, Peter Barton, Agnes Costello, Patrick Mullin, Joanne Kiely, and all the souls of our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Kevin McGahan, Thomas David Ainscough, Mary Patricia Millerick, Brian Collins, Amelia Mary Woods, Herbert Alan Wright, Edward T. Mulhall, Marian Naylor, Eileen Callaghan, Sydney Kemp, Eric Heap, Maureen Ogden, Evelyn O’Leary, Ken Murphy, Roy Gould

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES - Confirmation Mass with Bishop Mark Davies - 26th June 2025

ADULT CONFIRMATION - There will be a meeting for all adult candidates on Thursday 5th June, starting with 7pm Mass. Please watch as many of the videos that we sent to you as possible as these will be discussed in the meeting. Please contact the office or Fr Martin if are unable to attend.

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.

SVP FUNDRAISING - please continue to donate any foreign notes and coins, also old British notes and coins, to the big jars at the back of all 3 churches. Proceeds to SVP charitable projects. **SVP APPEAL** - About 400 Migrants in 2 Stockport Hotels, including some children. The SVP asks for stationary - pens, pencils, crayons, note pads, etc, etc. (needed by volunteers who teach English to the migrants). Collection box at the back of Church. **ANNUAL SVP WALK** - to raise funds for the SVP children’s camp in Snowdonia. An easy walk of 2, 3 or 4 miles on Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 1pm. Meet at the Coffee Shop Shrigley Rd, Highter Poynton, SK12 1TE. To register please contact John Hogan3@ntlworld.com. Sponsor forms now available from SVP members in our three parishes.

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. 7th June 2025 9.30am-4.00pm, Parish Hall, Holy Angels Church, Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG **To Register please contact: Monika, monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org** .

BISHOP MARK’S MESSAGE ON THE THREAT OF EUTHANASIA - ‘The Assisted Dying Bill came to Report Stage in the House of Commons on Friday 16th May. The pathway of this Bill has not seen our parliamentary democracy at its best, marked by lack of debate and effective scrutiny. It is troubling that in these circumstances, a Bill threatening change to our society continues unimpeded on its parliamentary path. The decisive vote is now likely to come on Friday 13th June. A number of MPs who voted for assisted suicide in principle have changed their minds to oppose the Bill in practice. If as few as 28 MPs change their minds in a similar way the threat of this legislation to the sick and the aged, and the seismic change to our society by the advent of medically assisted suicide will be averted. The final vote may be close and every effort in the next four weeks to encourage our representatives in parliament to oppose this legislation could have a significant bearing on the final outcome. Please contact your Member of Parliament. Archbishop Elect John Sherrington, as the Lead Bishop on life issues has issued a helpful statement following the report stage in parliament: [https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-report stage-terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill/](https://www.cbcew.org.uk/statement-report-stage-terminally-ill-adults-end-of-life-bill/)

DAY FOR LIFE - THE 2025 DAY FOR LIFE, SUNDAY 15TH JUNE - a reminder of the need to respect the inherent value and dignity of each life which is being challenged in our societies. Please keep this intention in your prayers and try to read the great 1995 charter for life “Evangelium Vitae” given to us by Pope Saint John Paul II exactly 30 years ago. This prophetic letter envisaged the struggle in defence of life against a culture of death which we are now faced with in medically assisted suicide. Follow the link - [Evangelium Vitae \(25 March](#)

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.

Email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com for a booking form or see Lucy



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 by appointment) and get back to 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.

FR MARTIN’S MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION VIDEO is available on the parish website or via this link - <https://vimeo.com/1058739212/1fda8b4453> **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 £290.

ENROLMENT MASS FOR CONFIRMATION will be held at the 11am Mass on Sunday, 15th June. All Candidates are expected to be present please also bring the enrolment form to the Mass (sent to you by email).

MASS OF ANOINTING AND AFTERNOON TEA on Wednesday 25th June at 2pm at St Vincent's Bramhall. Please come and bring relatives, neighbours, and friends, if safe to do so. If you need help with transport please phone or text Kevin McKenna: 075041 130749 or e-mail : KevinMCK@svp.org.uk. Please contact the office if you would like to attend.

WHY GET MARRIED? – A retreat day at Our Lady’s will be led by Jane Deegan, Diocesan Director of Marriage and Family Life. Have you ever wondered about the value or the point of getting married? Are you in a relationship and wondering where it is going? Are you a young adult who wonders about your future and whether marriage might be for you? Does God have a plan for you? Do you know what it is? What is the best thing for you as a couple, and any children you may have? Are you and your partner unmarried, just had a baby, seeking to have your child baptized, and wanting the best for them? Come and listen to what the Scriptures tell us about the purpose and beauty of marriage and family in God’s plan, how it is essential to God’s design for man, woman and child, for human happiness, flourishing and is even as a way to holiness. Each of us are called to a vocation through which we will find the very meaning and purpose of our lives. Is God calling you to be married? Saturday 28th June 2025 - retreat start: 10.30am (Mass 9.30am) finish: 1.30pm at Our Lady & The Apostles Parish Hall. Please contact Jane Deegan at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org, if you would like to take part.

OFFICE CLOSURE - Thursday 5th June 2025.

DATE FOR YOUR DAIRY - PARISH DAY PILGRIMAGE to Liverpool’s two Cathedral’s. Saturday 5th July 2025, 9am—6:30pm return. Further details to follow. Contact the parish office to book your place—first come, first served.

NEW WEBSITE - WATCH THIS SPACE! Our new three parish website will be launching very soon! The new website is under construction and will hopefully be up and running by Pentecost Sunday.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS SUNDAY 1ST JUNE - World Communication Day

OUR PARISH FEAST DAY—PENTECOST INTERNATIONAL MASS AT OUR LADY’S ON SUNDAY 8TH JUNE, 11AM. The Mass will include readings, hymns and bidding prayers in many languages and hopefully some beautiful national costumes will be on show! After Mass join us for a shared table, please bring your own national dish for all to sample.

OUR LADY’S NEWS

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

CARLO ACUTIS EXHIBITION—Is now on display at all of our Parishes. Please enjoy the miracles at your leisure.

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 mornings, 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 - Coffee and Tea after 11am Mass every Sunday.

ST AMBROSE NEWS

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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.

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

ST VINCENT’S NEWS

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Monday 2nd - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

Volunteers Needed- for Churches Together Holiday Club on 5th to 8th August. If you can offer to help with craft activities, be a team leader or part of the support team, please fill in a form by 9th June. Online at <https://forms.office.com/e/Qh10t6xNZZB> or see Jane for a paper copy.

Plant Sale coming soon. Please prepare your cuttings to sell to help raise funds for the Altar Flowers.

PIETY STALL—New Sunday missals are available for £15, rosary’s, communion, christening, cards, gift bags, banners, crosses, etc prayer booklets. Please browse at your leisure.

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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