

Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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Sunday 21st February 2021

First Sunday of Lent

We are glad we can still gather to celebrate the Eucharist! We are assured, nevertheless, that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed during these emergency circumstances. You can participate in these Masses via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (For Our Lady's church) OR click on tinyurl.com/stockportparishes or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR A FACE COVERING AT MASS

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 21 st Feb	First Sunday of Lent	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Vigil Mass Sat. St. Ambrose' Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St. Vincent's Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Mary Ward RIP
Mon 22 nd Feb	The Chair of St. Peter	9.30am 7.00pm	St. Ambrose Our Lady's	Pete Tansley RIP Neville Harrop RIP
Tues 23 rd Feb	St. Polycarp	9.30am	Our Lady's	Holy Souls
Wed 24 th Feb	Ferial	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Tommy Sharp RIP
Thurs 25 th Feb	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose's	Paddy Connors
Fri 26 th Feb DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR THE NEEDY AND HUNGRY OF THE WORLD	Ferial FAMILY FAST DAY	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Sr Mary Martin
Sat 27 th Feb	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Ken Yates RIP
Sun 28 th Feb	Second Sunday of Lent	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	Vigil Mass Sat. St. Ambrose' Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St. Vincent's Our Lady's	Our Parish Family James Dean anniversary Our Parish Family Our Parish Family

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every morning 8.30 - 9.30am** (before Holy Mass).

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday and by request.

7.30pm each evening via livestream: **Consecration to St. Joseph**

Please pray for:

The Sick

In St. Vincent's: We remember in our prayers all the intentions on the **St. Vincent's** Prayer Board. If you would like a copy of the list and have not received one by email or post, please contact Jane Roberts on 0161 439 4326.

In Our Lady's: Denise Corlett, Elaine Hallworth, Nora Reade, Tommy Higgins, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Mary Brett, George E. Smith, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Catherine Tracey, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon and Sean O'Callaghan.

In St. Ambrose's: Mavis Doggett, Terry Skorzewski, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Barry Lloyd, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Pat Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, and Marie Hughes.

Lately Dead

Joseph Kelly, Michael Fogarty

Anniversaries

Sheila Carr, Christopher Traynor, Kathleen Unsworth, James Thomas Clegg, Betty Smith, William Monks, Maisie Horan (birthday), Irene Winifred Bradley, Annie Patricia McEvoy, Patrick McFadden, Evelyn Allen, Anne Blythe, Joseph Higgins, Bert Wood, William Peers, Josephine Kitchin, William Tracey, Kenneth Watson, Gerard Burke and James Dean. May they all rest in peace.

Fr. Martin Writes: As promised, below is the quote on St Joseph for this week.

YEAR OF ST JOSEPH: 'God chose to make his most tangible image on earth {St Joseph}, the repository of all the rights of his divine paternity, the husband of that noble Virgin who is Mistress of Angels and men'. (Blessed William Joseph Chaminade.) Please join us for the preparations for consecration, 7.30pm daily. Our guide for this is Fr. D. Calloway's book, *Consecration to St Joseph*. We will try to offer short reflections (please get in touch if you would like to lead one of the days), based on the book, and conclude with prayers to St Joseph.

OUR NEW WEBSITES! We are delighted to announce the launch of our websites (see links below). I will be asking our parish teams and group leaders to send us all the information they would want posted. They are still work in progress. We thank Barrie for his dedicated work in setting these up and Max Eden for producing the welcome videos. The links are:

Our Lady's <http://ourladyandtheapostles.co.uk/>

St Ambrose: <http://stambrosechurch.org.uk/>

St Vincent's: <http://stvincentbramhall.org/>

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY: Please join us for live-streamed stations by 7.00pm, for our three parishes.

THE BISHOP'S LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER will be read in all Masses this weekend. Copies on our websites. God bless you!

A zoom (interactive) Way of the Cross: Fran and Dave Fitton are going to host an interactive Way of the Cross on zoom on the Wednesday evenings through Lent starting next Wednesday 24th February at 7.30pm. There will be 3 stations each week presented by different contributors and will feature some music. The zoom codes below are valid only for this week so please register by attending the first evening or emailing davidjfitton@hotmail.com to be included in the distribution list for future weeks. Meeting ID: 771 2236 5009. Passcode: ngTiB9.

This Lent, **CAFOD's** focus is to end water poverty. You may have committed to the Walk for Water 40-day, 10,000 steps every day, challenge throughout Lent. **Family Fast Day** will be on Friday 26th February. Donations may be returned to church in an envelope marked 'CAFOD' or you can donate online at <https://cafod.org.uk/Give> or by texting LENT to 70460 to donate £10.

Children's Liturgy via Zoom is at 10am every Sunday. For more details please follow us on our Facebook page - Our Lady's children's liturgy - or email with any queries to liturgyourladys@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you there!

Our Lady and St. Ambrose SVP - helping children learn at home: The SVP would be really grateful for the donation of **any laptops or tablets in working order that you no longer use**, if at all possible with a cable attached. We will have them professionally reconditioned and wiped clean before they are given to our two primary schools, St Ambrose, and Our Lady's. Members of the SVP will (safely) collect laptops from you. We ask you to put your donated laptop/cable in a plastic bag. Please telephone Dennis Clarke on 0161 485 1256 to arrange for a collection.

The **SVP Prisons Group** supplies clothing through Prison Chaplains to prisoners and those due to be released. They request men's joggers, T-shirts, sweat shirts and jumpers please. If you have any to spare, in good condition, please bring them to church with you.

On **Monday 22nd February** we are asked to remember **Bishop Mark** especially in our prayers as he celebrates the 11th anniversary of his ordination as Bishop. Many congratulations to him!

Maureen Harrop and family wish to thank all of you for the cards, Mass intentions and kind messages following the passing of Neville. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

ST. VINCENT'S, BRAMHALL: St Vincent's Flowers for Easter - we will be starting a collection for these next week. Normally we also collect names of deceased loved ones you wish to remember at this time. Donations can be handed in at church with the names or given to those who deliver the mailings if you are housebound. **Green fingers?** We would be very grateful if someone would volunteer to provide some pretty plants in the large planter by the entrance porch.....

PORCH PROJECT: We happily announce that this has received the Diocesan Board's approval and can now be progressed!

These are the links for online giving to the Parishes:

For **Our Lady's** parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/ourladyandtheapostlesdioceseofshrewsbury2127>

For **St. Ambrose** parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stambroseadswooddioceseofshrewsbury2185>

For **St. Vincent's** parishioners, the link is:

<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stvincentdepaulbramhalldioceseofshrewsbury2608>

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