

Fr Martin's paper on Assisted Dying Bill will continue after Christmas.
Please see attached covers of his new books published this Christmas by Peter Lang International Publishers, Oxford.

TO ALL CHILDREN AND YOUNG FAMILIES:


2021 Children's Christmas Celebrations

Dear Children and Parents/Carers,

Merry Christmas! What a joy to celebrate Christmas with you! We are thrilled that we can meet for our Christmas Masses, endeavouring to adhere to all Covid safety measures. We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. I hope you can also visit the cribs and Christmas trees at our three churches.

This year, again, at our Children's Christmas Masses, you are welcome, of course, to come dressed in your best Nativity Outfit to add more colour to our celebration of this joyful feast and there may even be a surprise visit from someone! There will also be Carol singing (only we have to compulsorily keep our face masks on in church for obvious reasons).

As we did last year, we have planned many Masses across our three parishes, to enable everyone to attend Mass while avoiding overcrowding our churches. We warmly invite you to any of our Christmas Masses in the table below, and especially to the ones designated 'Children's Masses'.

	Fri 24th Dec Christmas Eve <i>Vigil Masses for Christmas</i>	4.30pm 4.45pm 5.45pm Carols (6pm Mass) Midnight	St. Vincent's Children's Mass St. Ambrose Children's Mass Our Lady's Children's Mass (After Carols) Our Lady's Midnight Mass
	Sat 25th Dec The Nativity of the Lord	9.15am 9.30am 10.45am	St. Vincent's St. Ambrose's Our Lady's
	Sun 26th Dec Holy Family Sunday	9.15am 09.30am 10.45am	St Vincent's St Ambrose's Our Lady's

Booking is not required, so please come and celebrate with us. In line with government guidelines, we are required to **sign in at the door or use the URL code**. Please **use the hand sanitiser and wear a mask** for the protection of the more vulnerable of our parish. I promise you that we will still be able to rejoice in the birth of Jesus and enjoy a truly delightful, holy, and prayerful Christmas.

Why not join the other children in parish family life by joining the Children's Liturgy every Sunday at the **11.00am** Mass at Our Lady and Apostles' church, Edgeley, **Sunday 09.30am** at St Vincent's Bramhall, or **Saturday 5.30pm** at St Ambrose, Adswold. The Facebook page is *our lady's children's liturgy* and email address is liturgyourladys@gmail.com.

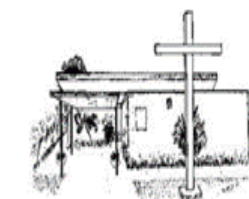
We look forward, in the coming years, to creating more opportunities to gather all our children together **to pray, learn and laugh.**

I wish you and your families a happy, holy, and safe Christmas and look forward to meeting you soon.

Love and best wishes,
God bless
Fr. Martin Onuoha (Parish Priest)

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

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19th DEC 2021 (4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT)—2ND JAN 2022 (2 weeks)
You can join us 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/channel/UCv8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8v8) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')



IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, WE ASK THAT YOU PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITISER, SIGN IN AT THE DOOR FOR TRACK AND TRACE USING THE QR CODE OR PAPER, WEAR A FACE COVERING, AND GIVE PEOPLE SOME SPACE UNTIL THE PANDEMIC IS OVER.

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 19th Dec	FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT (DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR EXPECTANT MOTHERS)	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 Christine Mary White— B/d mem Mike Smith RIP Peter Felstead RIP
Mon 20th	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Francis Moore RIP
Tues 21st Dec	Ferial (St Peter Canisius, P, D)	9.30am	Our Lady's OLATA— Wedding	Cranny Family RIP Grace Carlin & Matthew Eyres
Wed 22nd	Ferial	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Special Intention
Thurs 23rd Dec	Ferial (St John of Kanty, P)	9.30am 11am 7.00pm	St Ambrose Or Lady's (Funeral Mass) Our Lady's-	Alan Thorpe B/D Ann Gerald 'Gerry' O'Leary RIP Joe & Bridie Sweeney RIP Ann
Fri 24th Dec	Ferial (Christmas eve)	4.30pm 4.45pm 5.45pm Midnight	St. Vincent's Children's Mass St. Ambrose's Children's mass Our Lady's Carols/Children's Mass Our Lady's	Caroline Higgins RIP Our Parish Family Our Parish Family Bill Molloy
Sat 25th Dec	THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	 9.15am 9.30am 10.45am	St. Vincent's St. Ambrose's Our Lady's	Tom Brett —RIP Our Parish Family Deceased members of the Higgins Family & McGowan Family
Sun 26th Dec	THE HOLY FAMILY	9.15am 9.30am 10.45am	St Vincent's St Ambrose's Our Lady's	Pat Melson RIP Parish Family Marie O'Neil RIP
Mon 27th	St John, Ap, Ev	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Billy Molloy
Tues 28th Dec	THE HOLY INNOCENTS, Mm	9.30am	Our Lady's	Eaton Family RIP
Wed 29th Dec	ST THOMAS BECKET, B, M	9.30am	St. Vincent's	John McDonald RIP
Thurs 30th Dec	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE	9.30am 11am 1.00pm 7.00pm	St Ambrose OLATA (Funeral) OLATA (Funeral) Our Lady's	Holy Souls RIP Michael Walsh RIP Edward Donnelly RIP Caroline Higgins RIP
Fri 31st Jan 2022	CHRISTMAS OCTAVE	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Francis J Ridings RIP
Sat 1st Jan 2022	MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD	9.30am	Our Lady's	Fr Martin's intentions
Sun 2nd Jan 2022	SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's St Vincent's Our Lady's OLATA—Baptism	Our Parish Family Baby Julia Callaghan (Ann) Lynn Evans— special int Marie O'Neil RIP Evie Jane Doran

In St. Vincent's: We remember in our prayers all the intentions on the St. Vincent's Prayer Board. Please add your intentions to the Prayer Board in church and you can see who is in need of our prayers on our website under "Thoughts for the week".

In Our Lady's: Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Eileen Melia, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Tommy Higgins, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Mary Brett, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, 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, Marie Hughes.

Recently Departed: May the soul of Michael Walsh, Edward Donnelly and the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Pauline June Dexter, Christine Mary White, Mary Maguire, Catherine Kelly, Mary Purslow, Betty Jackson, Shaun James McLoughlin, Catherine Bradley, Margaret Donnellan, John , Rachel, Geraldine & Hannah Stevenson, Liam Donnellan, Margaret Collier, Peter William Kane, Joe Sweeney, Sheila M. Hillard, Jim Ryan, John Hales, Margaret McDonald, Teresa Guerin, Martha McKee, James Loftus, Lucy Goulden.

Winifred Shields, Christopher Hampson, Irene May Fox, Alice Finlay, Margaret Sidebotham, Rose Ann Gough, Agnes Kiely, Terry Kelly, David Pinnington, Fr Paul Glendinning, Donald Hardicre, Evelyn McCoy, Thomas O'Connor, John Patrick McLoughlin, Ada Peers, Edward Wild, Alan Carlson, Mary Carney, Maureen Dabble, Fr Joseph Glendinning, Geoerge King, Cissie Barratt, Stephen William Barrow, Frank w. Finnerty, Veronica Chatterton, Trevor Roy Francis, Anne Garner, Eileen Allen, Francis Henahan, Arthur Curley, K.C Chacko, David Murphy, Kathleen Donaldson.

General Notices:

St Joseph Quote: "The Church encourages us to prepare ourselves for the hour of our death. In the litany of saints, for instance, she has us pray: "From a sudden and unforeseen death, deliver us, O Lord," to ask the Mother of God to intercede for us "at the hour of our death" in the Hail Mary; and to entrust ourselves to St. Joseph, the patron of a happy death". The Catechism of the Catholic Church, no. 1014.

Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments:

Baptisms: New Baptism classes will commence in **January 2022**

First Holy Communion: You may begin now to enroll for next year's classes for those not in Catholic schools. Please send names to the parish office. Would you consider volunteering as a Catechist?

Confirmation: Congratulations to our **47 young people** who were confirmed here by Bishop Mark on 9th December. Please collect your certificates when next you are in church.

RCIA: Are you or anyone you know **interested in joining the Catholic Church**, or just wish to learn more about the faith? Please send us an email or call the Parish Office to give your details. God Bless!

Book Club—Bob Bartindale will be speaking on the book of Jeremiah on Sunday 9th January at 2pm at Bramhall Methodist. If you unable to be present you can watch on live streaming or catch up later via the Bramhall Methodist Church web site.

FR MARTIN'S NEWLY PUBLISHED BOOKS, *Mary, Daughter Zion & Actio Divina* will be available this Christmas, published by Peter Lang, Oxford. This can be ordered on Amazon and other outlets.

A Friends of the Holy Land As your thoughts travel to Bethlehem this Christmas time, we'd also love you to remember the Christians there in your prayers. Please visit friendsoftheholylnd.org.uk/prayer for inspiration.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders) : **OLATA— £7610.81. Flowers- £176.11 St Ambrose— £152.70. Candles- £87.00 St Vincent's- £159.01** THANK YOU!

Offertory envelopes can be obtained from the Parish Office or see links for online giving to the Parishes: Please check our websites

THANK YOU & MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A BLESSED NEW YEAR! Fr Martin and Deacon Moses will like to thank all those who have sent them Christmas cards and presents and to wish everyone a joyful and blessed Christmas, despite the global health crisis and its challenges. God bless you All!

Fr Martin's Annual Holiday: As usual, Fr Martin plans to be away on holiday, on Boxing Day, for one month. All our Masses will be covered. He thanks all those who have supported his charity work back home. God bless and reward you!

Free Medical Outreach Umunomo 2022—established by Fr Martin, on his mother's 1st anniversary, is in it's 3rd year. Umunomo Village is in the Eastern region of Nigeria and is Fr Martin's home village. Every year, during his annual holiday, Fr Martin provides a series of free clinics and outreach services for the region, including GP's, Prescriptions, Health checks, remedies for minor illnesses and eye operations. This is a fantastic opportunity to help people who otherwise would not get medical care as the main medical services are too far away from this village and unaffordable. About 20 doctors and 30 nurses are sourced to provide care for 1000 patients during this yearly outreach programme. January 2022 is the next planned Outreach. If you would like to support Fr Martin this year, please donate through the link below or instead of cards/presents this Christmas, please consider giving him a donation which will make a difference to real persons with health challenges and needs in his region. Here **Onuoha.org** is a link to the video trailer of the first outreach and **<http://tinyurl.com/supportfathermartin>** is the link to support.

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Visit of the House Bound: 'It was lovely to visit our amazing parishioners at home bringing them our love and prayers this Christmas.' Fr Martin

Our Lady's News

Christmas Flower Collection: There will be a retiring collection to contribute towards the cost of the **decorating our beautiful church with flowers.**

The Piety Stall—is now open and has confirmation and communion cards and gifts, Christmas cards - single and boxes - advent calendars and a selection of rosary beads.

Children's Liturgy: Hand sanitisers will be available and surfaces will be wiped down. The leaders will be wearing face masks as per the diocese guidance and we respectfully ask any parents/ guardians to wear a face mask if attending with children. Please can we ask that children do not attend if they have been in contact with anyone who is covid positive, have a temperature, cough or cold symptoms to avoid spreading viruses to others.

Recently departed - Peter Donnelly would like to inform all the parishioners of Our Lady's of the sad passing of Edward Donnelly on 6 December 2021 - RIP— a parishioner of Our Lady's for 46 years.

St Ambrose News

Flowers for the Altar at Christmas—Please consider giving donations for the Christmas altar flowers.

Wedding Invitation—Mr & Mrs Carlin would like to extend an invitation to their many friends from St. Ambrose to their daughter's wedding at 11.00am, Tuesday, 21 December at Our Lady and the Apostles. Moreover, any parishioners from St. Vincent's or Our Lady and The Apostles who would also like to attend the ceremony are more than welcome.

SVP welcome any used postage stamps. These can be handed in at St Ambrose.

St Vincent's News

Many thanks to all who brought gifts to church last Sunday. There was a whole car load taken to St Aiden's Wythenshawe this week. They were most appreciative.

Flowers for Christmas - there will be a collection after Mass this Sunday for donations towards the cost of flowers to decorate the church.

Piety Stall - cards still available to buy for Christmas

Outdoor Crib event - this Tuesday 21st December between 3 and 4 pm. Light a candle and leave a prayer message. Everyone welcome

Please stay for Coffee after Mass on Sunday this today.

Patricia Kenny RIP - The Requiem Mass for Patricia Kenny will be celebrated on Wednesday December 22nd at 10 00 a.m. at St Peter's Hazel Grove. All are welcome.

Please send any items for inclusion in the newsletter to the Parish Office by 12 midday on Thursday. Kindly indicate parish of choice for you mass intentions. Bear in mind that dates might not be available.

Our Lady and the Apostles, Shaw Heath, Stockport SK3 8BQ St. Ambrose, Adswood Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA, St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3E

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