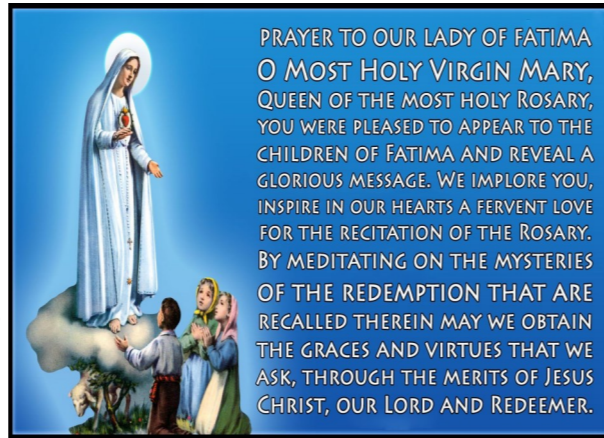


OUR LADY OF FATIMA—Feast day 13th May

'The story begins in the village of Fatima, Portugal, on May 13, 1917. On that fateful day near that tiny village, The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God, appeared to three young peasant children: Francisco, Jacinta, and Lucia; ages 10, 9 and 7. As was the custom, these youngsters were tending their family's sheep when "a Lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful," standing above a bush, appeared to the youngsters. From May through October 1917, the Lady appeared and spoke to the children on the 13th day of each month.



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF FATIMA
O MOST HOLY VIRGIN MARY,
QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY,
YOU WERE PLEASED TO APPEAR TO THE
CHILDREN OF FATIMA AND REVEAL A
GLORIOUS MESSAGE. WE IMPLORE YOU,
INSPIRE IN OUR HEARTS A FERVENT LOVE
FOR THE RECITATION OF THE ROSARY.
BY MEDITATING ON THE MYSTERIES
OF THE REDEMPTION THAT ARE
RECALLED THEREIN MAY WE OBTAIN
THE GRACES AND VIRTUES THAT WE
ASK, THROUGH THE MERITS OF JESUS
CHRIST, OUR LORD AND REDEEMER.

News of these apparitions began to spread throughout the region. The children recounted that the Virgin told them that God had sent her with a message for every man, woman, and child living in the century. She promised that God would grant peace to the entire world if Her requests for prayer, reparation and consecration were heard and obeyed. While many people believed the children had actually seen the Virgin, many others discounted the children's story, subjecting them to much derision and ridicule. When it became known the Lady would visit the children for the last time on October 13, 1917, and had promised a sign that would convince the world she had appeared, many pilgrims made plans to attend.

Though the region had been subjected to three days of torrential downpour, nearly 70,000 people journeyed through the heavy rain and mud to the place of the previous apparitions to witness the predicted miracle. Many were scornful, unbelievers whose sole intent was to discredit the children's stories. Suddenly the "clouds separated... and the sun appeared between them in the clear blue, like a disk of white fire." The people could look at the sun without blinking and while they gazed upward, the huge ball began to "dance". The huge fireball whirled rapidly with dizzy and sickening speed, flinging out all sorts of brilliant colors that reflected on the faces of the crowds. The fiery ball continued to gyrate in this manner three times, then seemed to tremble and shudder, and plunge in a mighty zigzag course toward the earth. The crowd was terrified, fearing this was the end of the world. However, the sun reversed course and, retracing its zigzagging course, returned to its normal place in the heavens. All of this transpired in approximately ten minutes. After realizing they were not doomed, the crowd began ecstatically laughing, crying, shouting and weeping. Many discovered their previously drenched clothing to be perfectly dry.

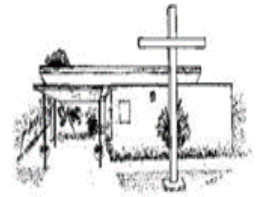
After what has become to be known as "The Miracle of the Sun," the children were grilled many, many times, about what they had seen and been told. Their story never changed. The heart of Our Lady's message to the world is contained in what has become known as the "Secret," which she confided to the children in July 1917. The "Secret" actually consists of three parts. The first part of the "Secret" was a frightening vision of hell, "where the souls of poor sinners go," and contained an urgent plea from Our Lady for acts of prayer and sacrifice to save souls, with particular emphasis on praying of the rosary and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

The second part of the "Secret" specifically prophesied the outbreak of World War II and contained the prediction of the immense damage that Russia would do to humanity by abandoning the Christian faith and embracing Communists' totalitarianism.

The third part was not revealed until 2000. Its revelation coincided with the beatification of Francisco and Jacinta. It did not contain any striking or cataclysmic prediction, but, instead, the vision supported and affirmed the immense suffering endured by witnesses of the faith in the last century of the second millennium. Sister Lucia, the surviving member of the Fatima trio, confirmed that in the vision "the Bishop clothed in white," who prays for all the faithful, is the Pope. As he makes his way with great difficulty towards the Cross amid the corpses of those who were martyred (bishops, priests, men and women religious and many lay people), he too falls to the ground, apparently dead, under a hail of gunfire. It is possible that the vision predicted the 1981 attack on Pope John Paul II's life. The Pope has always credited the Virgin for his survival. Or it may be a portrayal of the Church's continued struggle against secularism and anti-Christian movements and a continuing call to prayer, sacrifice and devotion to Our Lady of Fatima.' (<https://fatimachurchabq.org/our-lady-of-fatima-miracle>)

Newsletter for the Parishes of
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15th May 2022. FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose's)
(MASKS ARE NO LONGER MANDATORY BUT RECOMMENDED. PLEASE USE THE HAND SANITISER).

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 15th May	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose	Special Intention Family Thanksgiving Marian Procession
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	
		7.45pm	Our Lady's	
		9.30am	St Vincent's	
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Our Parish Family Little Helen Broughton RIP
		1.00pm	Our Lady's—Baptism	Marcie Lilian Stephenson
Mon 16th May	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Mike Howe RIP
Tues 17th May	Ferial (<i>Day of special prayer for the survivors of sexual abuse</i>)	9.30am	Our Lady's	Tommy Higgins RIP
Wed 18th May	Ferial (<i>Memorial of St John I, P, M</i>)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Don McLeish Speedy Recovery.
Thurs 19th May	St Milburga, Ab, V	9.30am	St Ambrose	Tony & Bella Onuoha (Thanksgiving)
		7.00pm	Our Lady's	Fr Martin & Deacon Moses
Fri 20th May	Ferial (<i>St Bernadine of Siena, P</i>)	9.30am	St Vincent's	Special Intention
Sat 21st May	THE DEDICATION OF THE CATHEDRAL	9.30 am	Our Lady's	Nora Heneghan (ann)
		5.30pm	St Ambrose (FHC Mass)	1st Holy Com. Our Parish Family Sheila Burnell (RIP) Marian Procession
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	
		7.45pm	Our Lady's	
Sun 22nd May	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	9.30am	St Vincent's	Sarah & David Martin 10th Wedding Ann Mary Celia Abraham
		11.00am	Our Lady's	

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning from 8:30am to 9:30am.
The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning and by appointment.

Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments:

Baptisms: New Baptism classes **will be in July.**

First Holy Communion: Preparations continue in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass.

RCIA: 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 the 11am Mass every Sunday at Our Lady's. Big Congratulations to the 8 candidates who were baptised last weekend.

Sick List

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: Michelle Philips, Lucile Ebbs, 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, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Vivienne Goosty, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon, Sean O'Callaghan and Shelagh Lees.

In St. Ambrose's: June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, 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.

Recently Departed: Barry Cropper, Father Robin Sutton, Allan Stanway, Kevin McKiernan, Peter Louise Smith. May the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

Ursula McGowan, Jennifer Padden, James Cameron, Ellen Mellor, Bill Walker, Kevin Hitchen, Breda Murray, Frank McGovern, Ellen McLoughlin, Margaret Merriman, John Joseph Timon, Wallace Buckley, The O'Farrell Family, James King, Thomas Davies, Veronica Ann Turner

Our Sincere Condolences to Jo our parish secretary whose husband died suddenly last Sunday, please keep Jo and her family in your prayers.

PRAYER FOR SYNOD 2021-23: We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA—28TH SEPTEMBER TO 5TH OCTOBER: In the light of Pope Francis' reconsecration of Russia, Ukraine and the World to Our Lady of Fatima last month, we are planning a pilgrimage to Fatima with Joe Walsh Tours. Full details are on the attached poster and on the parish websites. Deposits of £250 will be required by Sunday 31st May to secure your place, with the balance due in July. The cost will be £679 per person, to include a full pilgrimage programme, direct flights from Manchester to Lisbon, transfer to Fatima, full Religious programme including tours and visits to key sites associated with the apparitions, and full board in a central hotel in Fatima for 7 nights. Please ensure you book early for this wonderful spiritual visit, as spaces can fill up quickly. Brochures and forms are available on request. Please call Sheena on 0794 237 3728 or email unitedheartpilgrims@gmail.com. You may also contact Lucy in Our Lady's parish office to collect forms or for any queries.

GOD IN YOUR GARDEN:- Bring the word of God to your street with a celebration of mass in your garden. During the months of June, July & August, Fr Martin is offering to say mass in your garden. There are to be three dates available, one per month. **The first one in the 2nd week of June, followed by 3rd week of July and 2nd week of August.** The mass will be in the evening at 7 pm. And the day is determined by your local parish. Our lady's on the Tuesday evening, St Ambrose on the Thursday evening, St Vincent's on the Wednesday or Friday evening, of the corresponding week. If you would like to host the celebration of the mass, please let the office know and we can arrange a date. It is first come first served. Fr Martin will bring the mass—you gather the people, family members and neighbours!

Stockport Prayer Breakfast Friday 27.5.22 at St Mary's Parish Church SK1 1YG. Refreshments from 0730hrs. Join Christians from across the Borough to pray for our own town, its people and churches. RSVP 24.5.22 to kevinmckenna70@ntlworld.com

Cheadle Catholic Infants School has a few places in the Reception class for September 2022. For more information or to visit the school, please phone the school on 0161 485 8733.

St Ambrose College— New Job Vacancy. Administration—Cover Organiser. NJC grade 4, Salary £9,896 to £10,712. 20 hours per week. Contact Mr Andrew Chapman 0161 980-2711 for more information about the role. Application form on www.st-ambrosecollege.org.uk or contact recruitment@st-ambrosecollege.org.uk for more information.

Ultimate Book Club Phil Maltby will address us on the book of Luke on Sunday 5 June at 2pm.

Last weekend's collections (excludes standing orders): **OLATA— £490.68 St Vincent- £200.00 St Ambrose £116.50**
THANK YOU.

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEW MEMBERS—to the 8 candidates who were baptised/received into the church last weekend. We look forward to celebrating with them at our International Mass on Pentecost Sunday!

MAY - THE MONTH OF OUR LADY: As May is traditionally the time of devotion to Our Blessed Lady, the Catenian Association has provided a box of FREE Rosary beads at the rear of the church for anyone who does not own a set of Rosary Beads. There are also multi-coloured children's Rosaries for you to take if you would like to pray with your children or grandchildren. 'How to Pray the Rosary' cards are also included in the box. **Notable Feasts in May** - 24th Our Lady Help of Christians— 31st The Visitation.

Bird Boxes—St Ambrose have some good news nature wise! We have on sale some Eco-Free Bee and Bird boxes. The proceeds from all these hand made boxes will go to Fr Martin's Free Medical Outreach in Nigeria. I'm sure you will all agree that this is a most worthy cause and won't want to miss an opportunity to help the birds, the bees and the Charity. Anyone from OLATA or St Vincent's wanting to order either or both, can contact Marge Newbrook on 0161 4832662 or margeandjim@hotmail.co.uk to arrange delivery at a church of your choice. Cost £10 per box. P&P FREE!

FILM NIGHT IS BACK— The first will be at St Vincent's church, Bramhall on Friday, 27th May, after 7pm Mass. We will be watching a film on Our Lady of Fatima, whose feast day falls this month, in preparation for the Fatima pilgrimage and also for those unable to make the pilgrimage. Refreshments will be provided.

Our Lady's News

THANK YOU to all who helped clean Our Lady's Church premises on Saturday 7th. Your help was greatly appreciated.

The Piety Stall—is now open for cards and gifts, and a selection of rosary beads. **Children's Liturgy & 1st Communion Preparation Classes** - will take place during the 11am Mass. Please bring the children to learn and pray with us.

TEA & COFFEE – Join us for tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

INTERNATIONAL MASS:- 5 June 2011, 11am mass. Attend in your national dress. If you are willing to sing or read in your native language during mass, please text Magda on 07553552205 or speak to her after mass. Also please bring your national dish to share at the coffee morning after mass. Finger food if possible. Lets celebrate our diversity.

St Ambrose News

The Piety stall - Fr Martin was delighted to receive a donation of £100 for his charity from the Piety stall this week. Many thanks to Karen Tatton and all who support the stall.

Books- There is a Library at the back of church with a good selection of books available to borrow. Feel free to have a look and write your name in the register supplied to record any book borrowed. Thank you.

Churches Together—will hold several gatherings throughout the year and one of them is the Pentecost Breakfast scheduled for Saturday 4th June 2022. We meet at St Gabriel's church on the corner of Garner's Lane and Clover Avenue from 9am for a continental breakfast of croissants, bread rolls, cheese, ham and jam along with juice and a hot drink. This will be served until 10.15 when we begin our act of worship with a guest speaker. The whole thing will be finished by 11am.

INTERNATIONAL MASS:- 4th June, 5.30pm—watch the space. Please talk to Praveen to help with planning.

St Vincent News

Please stay for tea and coffee after Mass this Sunday

Monday 16th 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Knit and Natter. Exploring Faith Group - Monday 16th at 7.30pm in church

International Mass Sunday 12th June - we will be collecting names from anyone who could read a bidding Prayer in their own language, or make a national dish we could share at a finger buffet after Mass. Contact Jane Roberts if you can help 07969386939. Please make an effort to take part in this celebration of our diversity.

Please note - work on the church roof will start on Monday 16th and the contractors will be storing equipment on the car park. You may prefer not to use the car park on weekdays for the 6 weeks of work to ensure no accidents happen. Access to the church should not be affected

Anne Evans who belonged to the Parish for many years before moving to live near her daughter just over 2 years ago is now receiving palliative care. She would be very grateful for your prayers.

A big thank you from Chelwood Food bank for the full carload of supplies you all donated last weekend

Travelling Piety Stall for the Housebound, if you would like to see a selection of cards from the piety stall, Lucy or Neal will drop off a folder with a selection for you to look through. Phone 0161 439 1419.

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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