

Spiritual Director – Fr Martin Onuoha Group Lead – Lucy McJannett

What's included?

St Mary's Basilica visit and mass.

Krakow - the biggest medieval square in Europe.

The Bishops palace - the residence of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla until he became Pope

Krakow Cathedral – within the vast Wawel Castle.

Jasna Gora Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa & the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and its modern Basilica

Auschwitz Concentration Camp & the cell of St Maximillian Kolbe

Mass daily.

There will be time for shopping or optional sightseeing should you wish.

Pilgrimage to Poland

With Northern Star Travel

23 – 27 Sept 2024

4 nights Dinner, Bed & Breakfast

£630 per person sharing

£730 single room

Depart & Return to Mcr Airport.



Useful information :- Airport duty & Passenger taxes included.
1 suitcase per person for the aircraft hold, of 20kgs.
Deposit of £275.
Optional travel insurance of £55 no age limit and no medical screening.
Expressions of interest please email:- unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

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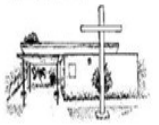
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Assistant Priest: **Fr. Moses Ibeh**

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord, 24th March 2024

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 (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')



| Date | Feast | Time | Church | Mass Intention |
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| Sunday 24th March | PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD | 9.30am | St Vincent's | Our Parish Family |
| | | 10am | St Ambrose | Agnes McKeown RIP |
| | | 11am | Our Lady's | Victoria, RIP |
| | | 3pm | St Ambrose | Ecumenical Palm Sunday Service Churches Together, Adswood Community Centre |
| Monday 25th March | MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK | 9.30am | St. Ambrose | Veronica Morrell, Wedding Ann, |
| Tuesday 26th March | TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Holy Souls |
| Wednesday 27th March | WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK | 9.30am | St Vincent's | World Peace and End to All Wars |
| Thursday 28th March | HOLY THURSDAY EVENING OF THE LORD'S SUPPER | 10am | Our Lady's | Morning Prayer of the Church |
| | | 7pm | Our Lady's | Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper and Washing of Feet (for all three parishes) |
| Friday 29th March | GOOD FRIDAY THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION Day of Fasting and Abstinence | 10am | Our Lady's | Morning Prayer of the Church |
| | | 3pm | Our Lady's | Celebration of the Lord's Passion and Veneration of the Cross |
| | | 3.30pm 4pm | St Vincent's St Ambrose | Stations of the Cross, Passion and Veneration of Cross Stations of the Cross and Veneration of Cross |
| Saturday 30th March | HOLY SATURDAY | 9.30am | Our Lady's | Morning Prayer of the Church |
| | | 11am | Our Lady's | Blessing of Easter Food |
| | | 8pm | Our Lady's Easter Vigil | Easter Vigil (for all three parishes) |
| Sunday 31st March | EASTER SUNDAY | 9am | Our Lady's | Ceris Jones, Thanksgiving |
| | | 9.30am | St Vincent's | Our Priests |
| | | 10am | St Ambrose | Kirsty Bain, RIP |
| | | 11am | Our Lady's | Barbara Wharmby, RIP, Ann |

There is Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour before every weekday morning Mass from 8:30am—0930hrs and before every Sunday Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning, during lent see times above.

Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments

Baptisms: New Baptism classes will start in JULY

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 the 11am Mass every Sunday at Our Lady's.

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: Monica McManus, Denise Corlett, Chloe Logan, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Angela Mullin, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, Julie Scanlan, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Marie Kennefik.
IN ST. AMBROSE’S: Vera Gallagher, Michael Gallagher, Molly Lane, Matthew Donegani, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Veronica Norbury, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Laurence John Gallagher, Tommy Mackinlay, Dorothy Chamberlain, Mary Joyce Henderson, Veronica Morrissey, Sister Thomas More McGrath, , Kirsty Bain, Lucile Ebbs, Stanley William Berry, John Adams, Kam Fu Miu, Ann Boswell, Charles Edwards, Susan Margaret Mills, Mary Ryan, Veronica Rendell, Margaret Pendlebury, George Bockenheim, , and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: John Salt, Mary Brannon, James O’Donovan, Florence Wild, Ellen Wood, Margaret O’Callaghan, Leo Corcoran, John Tumblety, Nellie Horan, Kathleen Brett, Jessie Crooks, Eileen Mary Seery, Martin Anthony Connor, Joan Finnerty, Kathleen Hadfield.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM CLASSES -The April Baptism Course is now full. The next courses are:-7th & 13th July - attendance on both dates is required), 6th & 12th October - attendance on both dates is required). Book early via the parish email or phone.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2024 -12th May 2024 for children of none Catholic Schools. St Ambrose school children on 16.6.24. Our Lady’s Catholic Primary School on 23 June 2024.

CONFIRMATIONS 2024 -will take place on **16th May 2024 at 7pm at Our Lady’s** for the four parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St Ambrose, St Vincent’s and St Joseph’s.

NEW RCIA CANDIDATES:- Any new candidates considering joining or knowing more about the Catholic Church are welcome to join the sessions. Please speak to Fr. Martin or contact the parish office.

OLATA CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - THURSDAYS AFTER 7PM MASS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH are held before every morning Mass in our three parishes. Please join us.

CALL FOR ALTAR SERVERS - We plan to train new Altar Servers in our three Parishes, who will hopefully be enrolled in the Guild of St Stephen to receive their medals. If any boys and girls who have made (or are preparing for) their First Holy Communion would be interested in this, then please see Fr. Martin or William, the Seminarian, after Mass.

DIOCESAN NEWS

SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY: You are invited to join in prayer with members and friends of the Shrewsbury Lourdes Hospitality to celebrate the feast of the Annunciation on Monday 25th March 2024 at 7pm <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82815763187?pwd=XvQp7xzY7FJ8wJagoDG3aHyWa2nR5q.1> Meeting ID: 828 1576 3187 You can also call in if you don’t have access to zoom: +44 208 080 6591 United Kingdom. Please make any requests for the password to secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk or text/call 07451 249267

A VACANCY HAS ARISEN FOR A COOK AT THE PARISH OF ST JOSEPH’S STOCKPORT. Hours: 12 per week @ £12.50 per hour. (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday mornings). Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org Closing date 26 March. More details can be found on the Diocesan website <https://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/latest-vacancies/>

ST PHILIP’S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL is looking to appoint a highly motivated and inspirational Deputy Headteacher from September 2024. More information can be found at: <https://www.stphilipsstockport.co.uk/page/vacancies/144123>

ST AMBROSE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ADSWOOD are looking for new governors to join the Board for this small and friendly school. You need to be a practising Catholic to be a Foundation Governor, but we also have 2 vacancies for other people who would like to volunteer their time and skills. Experience in education is not a necessity but other transferable skills such as knowledge of HR or accountancy would be welcome. If you are interested or know someone who may be suitable, please contact the school office initially on 0161 480 8466

SOLEMN BENEDICTION AT OUR LADY’S FOR STAFF STUDENTS AND ALUMNI OF MARYVALE INSITUTE 6PM TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK. Maryvale will be joining via livestream. All welcome to attend.

AQUINAS COLLEGE -Masses during Holy Week will be on the following days : **Tuesday 26th March** at 15.30pm, Easter Mass for Staff and Governors; **Wednesday 27th March** at 9.45am, Easter Mass for Students

Film Nights - Palm Sunday - 24 March 2024 - Venue - St Vincent’s at 5pm, all welcome. The film, ***‘The Passion of the Christ.’*** Director Mel Gibson. This film follows the final Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, commencing with the Agony in the Garden of Gethsemane and leading up to the death of Jesus. The film is not in English, Subtitles will be on. It is free to attend. Donations are however welcome but not obligatory. Cert 18 - Adults only.

HOLY WEEK/ EASTER FLYERS—are available at our three churches. They contain all our Masses and activities, with an invite and Easter wishes. Please help us by giving one to your friends, family, neighbours, and anyone in the area.

MASS INTENTIONS -there are spaces in the diary for Mass Intentions for your loved ones. Collect Mass intention envelopes at the back of the church or contact the office.

NEW OFFERTORY ENVELOPES -are now available at the back of the church. Please collect your box as soon as possible. Thank you for keeping the parish running through your generous financial support.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED—volunteers from all 3 parishes required for the foot washing ceremony. Those willing to have a foot washed at the Maundy Thursday Mass at 7pm, please let the parish office know. The foot washing ceremony is an important call on all people to serve one another.

DAY OF DIVINE MERCY This special celebration will be held on Sunday 7 April 2024 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 Chapel will be read at 3pm and the Holy Sacrifice of Mass will be celebrated at 3:30pm. You are invited to recite the 9 day Novena Prayers and Chaplet commencing on Good Friday.

HEATING AT OUR LADY AND THE APOSILES - Plans to repair/upgrade the heating system at Our Lady’s are ongoing. We will keep you updated.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION IN PREPARATION FOR EASTER -If you have not been to confession for a while, tell the priest and he will guide you; some people find it is easier this way.

PILGRIMAGE 2024 - Our Pilgrimage this year is to Poland—a **5 day pilgrimage: 23.9.24—27.9.24.** Flying from Manchester to Krakow : morning flight out and evening flight back. There will be visits to: St. Mary's Basilica in the largest mediaeval square in Europe, the Bishop's Palace: the residence of Cardinal Karol Wojtyla until he became Pope John Paul II in 1978, and Krakow Cathedral within the vast Wawel Castle. Trips to Jasna Gora Sanctuary of Our Lady of Czestochowa, also the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy and its modern basilica. We'll visit Auschwitz Concentration Camp where we'll see the cell of St Maximilian Kolbe. There will be leisure time for shopping and additional optional sightseeing. You could visit the whole of Wawel Castle, Wieliczka Salt Mine, Wadowice the home town of Pope St John Paul, Kazimierz the old Jewish district with synagogues and Oskar Schindler's factory. Cost is £630 sharing or £730 in a single room. Deposit £275. Please register your interest with unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com or call for details as soon as possible.

FR MARTIN'S MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION. You can support it for FREE whenever you shop online with over 8,100 retailers via easyfundraising. Sign up here: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/cause/fr-martins-medical-outreach-mission/> or speak to Lucy if you need further details/guidance.

FOREIGN CURRENCY— Please put spare notes or coins to the big jars in all 3 churches for SVP charitable projects.

LENTEN ALMS - Please bring your Lenten Alms jars back to church by Easter Sunday.

GARDEN MASSES FOR 2024 - WE ALREADY HAVE ONE DATE BOOKED IN FOR 8TH MAY 2024 (ST VINCENT’S). Would you like to host a garden Mass? The available weeks are in June, July & August. The Mass would be during the week, by 7.00pm, on one of the days that your church has a Mass. Please express your interest in hosting one of these Masses by contacting the church office.

THE WOODEN "SMILE" SIGNS, as displayed on the flower troughs at St Ambrose, are now available for purchase at the price of £5.00. They make a welcome, uplifting, addition to any garden and are available for sale at each of our three churches.

REMEMBER THE CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON EASTER SUNDAY! This year the clocks go forward one hour at 2am on Sunday 31 March (Easter Sunday).

OUR LADY’S NEWS

CHILDREN’S LITURGY -every Sunday in the Guild Room.

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS - Note there will be no Tea and Coffee after Mass on Easter Sunday.

THE PIETY STALL - at the back of church has cards for every occasion including Mass cards, also rosary beads and medals. Eastercards and gifts are now available. Open after Mass on Tuesday morning, and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

DONA ONLINE DONATION STAND - Feel free to give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes & standing order.

St AMBROSE NEWS

WEEKDAY MASS will be held in the church, not the sacristy, after Easter.

LENTEN ALMS JARS—Please remember to return your Lenten Alms jam jars by Easter weekend.

EASTER FLOWERS—Please give generously to for the Easter flower display this year.—collection after mass this week.

PALM SUNDAY CHURCHES TOGETHER ECUMENICAL SERVICE starting with Palm Sunday hymns at the Adswood Community centre.

St VINCENT’S NEWS

MONDAY 25TH - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

THE CHURCH CAR PARK will have its annual one day closure from Monday 25th March at midday to Tuesday 25th March. Please vacate the car park quickly after Prayer Group.

WEDNESDAY 27TH - 7.30PM Taize evening. Volunteers required to read the reflections during the service

OTHER EVENTS - Good Friday Churches Together Walk of Witness. 10.40am walk from URC church Robins Lane followed by outdoor service at 11am at Bramhall Methodists in the village.

GOOD FRIDAY 29TH — 3.30pm Stations of the Cross, Passion and Veneration of Cross— 7pm Bramhall Baptist Church- Handel's Messiah sung by Harmony '96 £5 donation on the door for Rowley Projects

SATURDAY 30TH - 10AM. Please come for an hour to help clean the porch windows and floor, ready for Easter Sunday

TO DONATE TO ST VINCENT’S PARISH—please scan the QR code or by card at the Dona stand at the porch.

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, Adswood Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3EX.

