

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 Kenefik.

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 John Campbell, 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 Bockenheimer, , and all the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Norah Cook, Benjamin (Ben) Arthur Smits, Thomas Summers, Allan Stanway, Kay Marshall, Mary Pye, George Garside, James Finlay, Frances Bowen, Margaret Fleming, Rev. Fr. Henry Casartelli, Jack & Dorothy Valentine, Harold Alfred Jackson, Mary Veronica Walker, Terence Barnwell, Paul Dennis Cartwright, Kath Selby, Mona Daniels, Joan Nadin, Alice May Webb, Litlemore, Mary Dawson, Louise Phillips, Gerard Smith, Mary Ellen Kelly, Pauline Morris, Eva Heath, Laurence Dyer, Winifred Dooley, Mary Eileen Colette Murphy, Lily Glendinning, Mary Oldham, Peter Leigh, Eva Sweeney, Carl Waldron, Deirdre O'Kane, Pat Ashmore, Sheelagh Hampson, Kathleen Muldoon, James Bowen, Alex Walker, Walter Brett, Margaret Bedelia Carson, Austin Kelly, John Bradley, Christine Simms Smith.

JOHN CAMPBELL RIP - The family of John Campbell have requested that we announce that he has recently passed away. Please pray for him and for his family. Funeral Mass will be on 26th April, at St Vincent's Church at 11am.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

BAPTISM CLASSES -The April Baptism Course is now full. The next courses are:-7th & 13th July (attendance on both dates is required) and 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. The Confirmation programme resumes in the Guild Room on Thursday 18th April after 7pm Mass.

NEW RCIA CANDIDATES:- Any new candidates considering joining or knowing more about the Catholic Church are welcome to enrol for 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

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

HARRYTOWN HIGH SCHOOL - We are currently recruiting for two Assistant Headteachers. Please visit the school website for further information – www.harrytownschool.org

CANDLELIGHT CABARET—It's a sell out!— If you would like to purchase a bottles of wine or beer for your table let Lucy or Neal know and we will reserve you a bottle. We have red McGuigan Black Label, Beefstake Shiraz, dry white Pinot Grigio Italian and Rosé Montgravet, France. Once they are gone they are gone. £8 per bottle. Please note our Licence does not allow you to bring your own alcohol, sorry. Note one glass of wine is included in the price of the ticket. Please let Lucy or Neal know if you want to go on a list in case any tickets become available nearer the time or you want to pre order drinks. Soft drinks £1.50 and Teas and Coffee's £1 will also be available.

CATHOLIC HERALD AND THE UNIVERSE - Please let us know if you would like to purchase a regular copy of the Catholic Herald Magazine or Universe Newspaper, so we know how many to order on a regular basis. Please let, Mark Kerberg—OLATA, Marge, Praveen—St Ambrose, Jane, Lucy - St Vincent's, or contact the parish office. There are some copies at the back of church if you would like to have a look.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS -It was heartwarming to see candidates received into the church this Easter and many returning to church. We thank everyone for your commendable acts of witness that have made these possible. Please may we continue to reach out to our neighbours, friends, brothers and sisters. One word or act of kindness may be all that is needed for the Holy Spirit to complete His work. A big thank you again to all who helped to make this year's Easter celebrations memorable and spiritually enriching.

OFFICE CLOSURE: THE OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY 11TH, FRIDAY 12TH, MONDAY 15TH AND TUESDAY 16TH APRIL. Enquiries will be dealt with from Wednesday 17th April onwards. Please note that this week's newsletter is for two weeks.

GARDEN MASSES FOR 2024 - The garden Mass is a lovely way to invite Jesus into your home. Everyone who has had a garden Mass has thoroughly enjoyed it. There is no need to provide anything other than your garden and a table for the altar. Please feel free to invite your neighbours to the Mass. Available weeks are in June, July & August, during the week, by 7.00pm, on one of the days that your church has a Mass. Contact the parish office to book There is enough for one for each parish.

DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY -This special celebration will be held THIS SUNDAY, 7th 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 Chaplet will be prayed 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.

FILM NIGHT—We had another fantastic evening last Thursday watching two episodes of CHOSEN, the amazing dramatisation of the Life of Christ. It was a truly joyful evening and a great opportunity to socialise and bond as God's big family. THE NEXT FILM NIGHT is scheduled for Thursday, 2nd May. Mark your diaries and join us for Mass at 7pm or at the hall by 7.30pm.

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. To join the scheme, please pick a box with no name.

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

INVITATION TO CONFESSION -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 - ONLY 7 PLACES LEFT - 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 will 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. For more details on the outreach, please click here <https://gofund.me/738d8040>.

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

THE WOODEN "SMILE" & WELCOME 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.

OUR LADY'S NEWS

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

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER 11AM MASS

THE PIETY STALL - at the back of church has cards for every occasion including Mass cards, also rosary beads and medals. 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.

SMILE & WELCOME locally handcrafted signs available at the back of church are £5 each. Proceeds to the Medical Outreach Mission.

ST VINCENT'S NEWS

THANK YOU TO THE FLOWER GROUP who excelled again with their beautiful displays for Easter. Also thanks to all who helped with music, reading, and cleaning etc to make the services special over the Easter period.

MONDAY 8TH - 10AM Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group. All welcome.

LAMBS SOCIAL EVENT - WEDNESDAY 10TH, 7 - 9pm. Donations for the running of the event will be collected after Mass this Sunday. Help with the chair arranging will be most appreciated after Mass and at 9pm.

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, Adswold Road, Stockport, SK3 3QA; St. Vincent de Paul, 29 Handley Road, Bramhall, Stockport, SK7 3EX. The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity 234025 **Data Protection Privacy Notice** The parish of Our Lady and the Apostles sometimes collects personal information about parishioners. All personal information is collected, processed and stored in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulations. This is retained only as necessary and used by the Parish/Diocese for the benefit of the Parish and for legitimate reasons such as administrative and religious purposes. You can read our full privacy notice at www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/privacy-notice.

