

Entrance Antiphon

Cf. Ps 17: 19-20

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

First reading

Sirach 27:4-7

‘Do not praise a man before you hear him reason.’

When a sieve is shaken, the refuse appears; so a person’s filth in his thoughts. The kiln tests the potter’s vessels; likewise the test of a person is in his reasoning. The fruit discloses the cultivation of a tree; so the expression of a thought discloses the cultivation of a person’s mind. Do not praise a man before you hear him reason, for this is the test of people.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92(91):2-3. 13-14. 15-16. R cf. 2a

It is good to give thanks to you, O Lord.

Second reading

1 Corinthians 15:54-58

‘He gives us the victory through Jesus Christ.’

Brothers and Sisters: When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory.’ ‘O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?’ The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.

Gospel Acclamation

Philippians 2:15d, 16a

Alleluia, alleluia. Shine as lights in the world, holding fast to the word of life.

Alleluia.

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

‘Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks.’

At that time: Jesus told his disciples a parable: ‘Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher. Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye”, when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite! First take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye. ‘For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit, for each tree is known by its own fruit. For figs are not gathered from thorn bushes, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush. The good person out of the good treasure of his heart produces good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure produces evil, for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Communion Antiphon

Mt 28: 20

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF POPE FRANCIS

Loving and Merciful God, We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigour to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always. We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen

(Caritas Jerusalem)

Newsletter for the Parishes of

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

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THE EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 2nd March 2025

You can join us via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (for Our Lady’s church) or [Stockport Parishes YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent’s and St. Ambrose’s)

The Diocese of Shrewsbury is a Registered Charity 234025 There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/ Holy Hour** before every weekday morning Mass from 8:30am—0930hrs and before every Sunday Mass .



Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 2nd March	EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME DAY OF SPECIAL PRAY- ER FOR THE UNEM- PLOYED	5pm Vigil 6.30pm Vigil 9.30am 11 am 2pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s St Vincent’s Our Lady’s Our Lady’s	Paul and Johanna Winter Spec Int Samson Elijah Oluwaju RIP Our Parish Family Fr Blaise, Birthday Intention Igbo Mass Baptism , Mmesomachi Emmanuel Chukwuma
Monday 3rd March	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Paul Byrne RIP, Ann
Tuesday 4th March	Ferial	9.30am 1pm	Our Lady’s Funeral at Stockport Crematorium	Mr L Tarcisius RIP Funeral Service, Peter Barton
Wednesday 5th March	Ash Wednesday DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE	9.30am 9.30am 11am 1:45 pm	St Vincent’s St. Ambrose Our Lady’s Aquinas College	Dennis Wharmby, Spec Int Mass with St Ambrose Primary School Mass with Our Lady’s Primary School Mass Preceded by Adoration at 1:15hrs
Thursday 6th March	Thursday after Ash Wednesday	9.30am 7pm	St. Ambrose Our Lady’s	End to all Wars and World Peace Patrick Mullin RIP
Friday 7th March	Ss Perpetua & Felicity (optional memorial) World Day of Prayer	9.30am 12.45pm 7pm	St Vincent’s Funeral, Our Lady’s Stations of the Cross	Souls in Purgatory Funeral Service, Agnes Costello Led by the PPT at Our Lady’s
Saturday 8th March	Ferial	9.30am 5pm Vigil 6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady’s St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Gertrude Ashton RIP, 5th Ann Our Parish Family Brian Collins RIP, B’day Ann
Sunday 9th March Planned Giving Appeal	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	9.30am 11 am	St Vincent’s Our Lady’s	Holy Souls Mary Sheridan and James Patrick Moore RIP, Ann

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** is available after 9.30am Mass on Saturday morning.

Baptisms: Contact the parish office.

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.

CONFIRMATION: Please register with the parish office as soon as possible.

WEDDINGS: Please speak to Fr Martin after Mass or contact the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :- **St Vincent’s-Judy Carey** carey.judith@yahoo.com **OLATA Ged Murtagh** -geraldmurtagh@outlook.com **St Ambrose — Marie Byrne** ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com

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: Joanna Mary Winter, Catherine Gibbons, Teresa Greenhalgh, Jane Coupes, Michael Philbin, Mary Metcalfe, Taya, Hayden Longworth, Peter Stanway, McKenzie Kiely, Pauline Hinson, Eileen McGahan, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Marie Kennefik, Nora Reade.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: John McCormack, Emma Prior, Walt Tomlin, Roy Porter, Adeel, Vera Gallagher, Molly Lane, Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Mary Young, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Johanne Mary Winter, Peter Barton, Agnes Costello, Patrick Mullin, Joanne Kiely, William Barton, Florence Donahoe, Brian Quinn, Jean Marie Peake, Brenda Bowden, Eileen Mary Brennan, Christopher O'Gara, Leslie Plover, and all the souls of our recently departed rest in peace.

ANNIVERSARIES: Edith Cameron, Shahbaz Bhatti, Louisa Hodson, Bruce F.M. Brian, William Gough, Bernard Lohback, Joseph Carley, Florence Welch, Clarence Percival Bradley, Mary Sheridan, Madge Langan, Derek Caine, William Foley, Joan Burniston, John Curley Jnr., Melanie (Mel) Hadfield, Gertrude (Gertie) Ashton

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES Please let the office know immediately if you would like to register your child for this Sacrament in 2025. Please register with the parish office. Mass attendance cards are at the back of church and need to be signed by the priest after each Mass.

BAPTISM CLASSES Book early via the parish email or phone.

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

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL AT OUR LADY'S - at the grotto every Saturday morning at 7:30am. All are welcome

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS: Some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children participated in Bikeability this week. Bikeability is designed to give the next generation the skills and confidence to ride their bikes on today's roads. Children learnt how to ride a bike to National Standards and were introduced to cycling as an everyday, fun, healthy activity and an alternative mode of transport. To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 6th March, children are invited to design a potato as their favourite book character. There will be prizes for the winning entries!

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND LORETO 2025 - 1st September to 6th September 2025. Bed, Breakfast & Evening Meal. Visits to the Basilica of St Clare and the Basilica of St Francis, the Basilica of St Mary of the Angel, where the Franciscan movement started, the San Damiano monastery - the 1st St Clare monastery, the church of St Mary Major - see Carlo Acutis. Full day excursion to Loreto to visit the Holy House. Trips and guided tours all included in the price. Insurance available to those up to 90 years of age at £60. Cost - £850 per person sharing and £965 for a single room. Poster at the back of church with all the details. For a booking form or more information please email unitedheartspilgrims@gmail.com

DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE - Bookings for the Diocesan 2025 Jubilee Pilgrimage to Lourdes are now open. The brochure and booking forms are available to download from the Pilgrimage - www.shrewsburypilgrimage.co.uk

FOREIGN AND OLD CURRENCY - please donate any foreign notes and coins also old British coins to the big jars at the back of all 3 churches. Proceeds to SVP charitable projects.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER, 7TH MARCH 2025 - This is a global ecumenical movement of informed prayer and prayerful action. This year's programme has been written and produced by the women of the Cook Islands. The day begins in Samoa and goes around the whole world, towards the West, ending with the final service in Samoa. The service for Central Stockport will be held at St Alban's, Salcombe Road, Offerton, SK2 5AG at 2pm.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE WALKS - The Holy Father has called us to be Pilgrims of Hope in the jubilee year of 2025. As a joint parish, we will be embarking on a series of short walks of pilgrimage focusing on the theme of hope. The first leg is from **St Vincent's to St Ambrose on Saturday 15th March starting at 4pm** and concluding with 5:30pm Mass at St Ambrose and followed by refreshments. The other 2 sections will be announced in the coming weeks. Please join the parish community and Catholics across the globe in this special year of renewal and reflection.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY - By supporting the Cafod Lent Fast Day Appeal you can share hope with communities in some of the most vulnerable places on earth. CAFOD (The Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) have partners making a difference and committed to working wherever the need is greatest. Lent Family Fast Day is on **Friday 14th March**. Envelopes for your donation are now available in our churches. There will be a collection for CAFOD on Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th March.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL NEWCOMERS TO OUR PARISHES. Please introduce yourselves to Fr. Martin and let the parish office have your email address so that we can send you the weekly newsletter and Sunday reflections every Friday afternoon. Contact us at stockport3parishes@gmail.com.

BECOMING A CATHOLIC THIS EASTER (RCIA SESSIONS): We now have 10 candidates attending the programme, preparing to be received into the church this Easter. Are you or anyone you know interested in becoming Catholic or returning to the Church or learning more about the faith? Please contact the parish office, speak to Fr Martin after Mass or just join the sessions after the 11.00am Mass, in the presbytery.

LENTEN ALMS JAR—will be available for you to collect at the back of church after Ash Wednesday Mass. The donations will go to the Medical Outreach Mission. Please return the jars on Easter Sunday.

ADULT CONFIRMATION—Any adults who are yet to be Confirmed are invited to enrol now for the next Confirmations in June. A special preparation programme, tailored to your situation, will be explored. Please contact the office or Fr Martin.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH—We have recently had enquiries about returning to the Church after years or even decades of absence. If you know anyone in this situation, please, inform them they are most welcome back to the Church and to speak to the priest before or after Mass, if they can. Otherwise, they can just come to Confession on Saturday morning (or on appointment with the priest) and resume receiving Holy Communion. Once a Catholic, always a Catholic!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—VOLUNTEER GROUPS REQUIRED - Please put your group's name forward for leading the Stations of Cross during Lent. Commencing 7th March each Friday until 11 April 2025. Dates taken so far : 7.3.25 - PPT at Our Lady's, 14.3.25 - SVP at St Ambrose, 21.3.25 - the Children's Liturgy groups at St Vincent's, 28.03.25 Brenda Ackroyd at Our Lady's. The following Friday evenings need to be covered please, , **04.04.25 at St Ambrose** and **11.04.25 at St Vincents**.

CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS at St Vincent's at 7pm on March 21st. This year there will be a focus on the Year of Hope for Jubilee year 2025. Please can you round up our young parishioners to come along and help to lead the stations of the cross; as we did last year. Thanks for your support.

FR MARTIN'S MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION VIDEO is now available on the parish website or via this link - <https://vimeo.com/1058739212/1fda8b4453>

THE GOFUNDME PAGE IS STILL AVAILABLE, click on this link <https://gofund.me/181ecc20> or scan the QR code, Let your shopping raise free donations. Sign up to #easyfundraising to raise free donations while you shop online with over 8,000 retailers like eBay, Argos and Sainsbury's - at no extra cost to you! Join today: <https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/fr-martins-medical-outreach-mission> So far, 20 of us have raised over £250.



OUR LADY'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - Every Sunday in the Guild Room during 11am Mass.

THE PIETY STALL - Open after Mass on Tuesday morning, and before and after Mass on Saturday evening and Sunday morning. Lots of St Patrick's day gifts and cards, are now available.

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

TEA AND COFFEE AND REFRESHMENTS - After 11am Mass on Sunday.

ST AMBROSE NEWS

PARISH LIBRARY AT ST AMBROSE - There are books on subjects such as the Church, the Saints and the Rosary to borrow at St Ambrose. Please borrow any books that interest your and please expand the library by donating suitable books.

QR CODE Please use this QR for online donations for St Ambrose.

ST VINCENT'S NEWS

MONDAY 3RD - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Prayer Group

TUESDAY 4TH - Watoto concert 6.30pm at St Michael's church, Bramhall. A great chance for our young people to listen to uplifting songs and dance from the Ugandan Children's Choir. Sign up now to ensure your places <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/watoto-childrens-choir-in-better-days-2025-bramhall-tickets-1107246878219>

FRIDAY 7TH - 10.30am World Day of Prayer. This year's ecumenical service will be held at Ford's Lane Church. The service has been prepared by people from the Cook Islands this year.

PIETY STALL—Should you wish to see a copy of the Sunday Missal please see Lucy after Mass. The Missal contains all three years , A, B & C and costs £20 plus postage and packaging and is available now. The Daily missal is also available at £69.99 and contains the weekday and the weekend services. This is not available until April.



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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