

**Entrance Antiphon****Ps 94: 6-7****O come, let us worship God and bow low before the God who made us, for he is the Lord our God.****First reading**

‘Here I am! Send me.’

**Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8**

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the Temple.

Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings. And one called to another and said: ‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!’

And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: ‘Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!’

Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth and said: ‘Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for.’

And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?’ Then I said, ‘Here I am! Send me.’

**Responsorial Psalm****Ps 138(137):1-2a, 2bc, 3, 4-5, 7c-8, R1c***In the presence of the angels I praise you, O Lord.***Second reading**

‘So we preach and so you believed.’

**1 Corinthians 15:3-8, 11**

Brothers and Sisters: I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the Twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. Whether then it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

**Gospel Acclamation****Matthew 4:19****Alleluia, Alleluia.** Follow me, says the Lord and I will make you fishers of men. **Alleluia.****Gospel**

‘They left everything and followed him.’

**Luke 5:1-11**

At that time: The crowd was pressing in on Jesus to hear the word of God. He was standing by the lake of Gennesaret, and he saw two boats by the lake, but the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. Getting into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, he asked him to put out a little from the land. And he sat down and taught the people from the boat. And when he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep and let down your nets for a catch.’ And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’ And when they had done this, they enclosed a large number of fish, and their nets were breaking. They signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Depart from me, for I am a sinful man, O Lord.’ For he and all who were with him were astonished at the catch of fish that they had taken, and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.’ And when they had brought their boats to land, they left everything and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Reply: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.****Communion Antiphon****Mt 5: 5-6**

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be consoled.

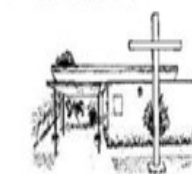
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall have their fill.

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

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**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 9TH February 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/channel/UC...) (for both St. Vincent’s and St. Ambrose’s)



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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 9th February	FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Andrew and Kathleen Duffy RIP
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady’s	Deceased members of the Heyes family.
		9.30am	St Vincent’s	Our Parish Family
		11 am	Our Lady’s	Holy Souls
Monday 10th February	St Scholastica, V Memorial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Jane and Joan Scott Special Intention
Tuesday 11th February	Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional Memorial) World Day of Prayer for the Sick	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Joyce D’Souza RIP
Wednesday 12th February	Ferial	9.30am 1.45pm	St Vincent’s Aquinas College	Erith O’Connor, Spec Int Mass preceded by Adoration
Thursday 13th February	Ferial	9.30am 7pm	St. Ambrose Our Lady’s	Holy Souls Deceased members of the Heyes family
Friday 14th February	Ss CYRIL, MK AND METHODIUS, B, PA- TRONS OF EUROPE Day of Prayer for Europe	9.30am	St Vincent’s	Owen McKeever, RIP
Saturday 15th February	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady’s	Santo D’Souza RIP
		11am	Our Lady’s	First Forgiveness Service
		5pm Vigil	St Ambrose	Jane and Joan Scott Spec Int
		6.30pm Vigil	Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family
Sunday 16th February	SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day of Prayer for Racial Justice	9.30am 11 am	St Vincent’s Our Lady’s	Lobo Family RIP Andrew Duffy, Spec Int.

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.

*Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments*

**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.

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### 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 Agnes Costello, Florence Donahoe, Brian Quinn, Jean Marie Peake, Brenda Bowden, Eileen Mary Brennan, Christopher O'Gara, Leslie Plover, David Kyle Sloan, Patricia Wynne, and all the souls of our recently departed rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Nellie Milne, Mary Wood, Bill Wood, Florence Ansell, Patrick Moore, Arthur Gerard Hines, James Worthington Bowden, Jane Costello, Frank Milne, Oliver O'Hagan, Peter Mellor, Clifford Mason, Edith Hopkins, Frank Walsh, Joseph Arthur Bennett, Alfred Aidan Finchett

**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. Next course will be in April.

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

**INCREASING MASS ATTENDANCE IN ENGLAND AND WALES** - The Tablet magazine has published an interesting article regarding Mass attendance in England and Wales. There was a significant rise in 2023, with numbers increasing by approximately 50,000 people. Attendance grew from 503,308 in 2022 to 554,913 in 2023, though the figure remains below pre-Covid levels (701,902 in 2019). Attendance numbers have also increased in Scotland. Additionally, a new poll on religious beliefs found that Generation Z (ages 18-24) are less likely to describe themselves as atheist compared to older generations. While 25% of Generation X (ages 45-60) identified as atheist, only half as many Gen Z respondents did. Instead, 62% of Gen Z described themselves as "very" or "fairly" spiritual. Theologian Stephen Bullivant suggested that, as younger generations have been raised without religion, some may now see faith as a "new and exciting" concept. The full article can be read here: <https://www.thetablet.co.uk/news/big-increase-in-mass-attendance-recorded-in-britain/>. This is a huge encouragement to double our efforts in the evangelisation of our young people.

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS:** The PSA have organised a Valentine's Disco on Thursday 13th February. The Infant Disco is 6:00pm-7:00pm and the Junior Disco is 7:15pm-8:15pm. We look forward to seeing everyone there!

**ST AMBROSE SCHOOL VACANCY** - for a lunchtime organiser. The role involves supporting and supervising children at dinnertime in school. Please contact the school on 0161 480 8466 or visit the school website for more details.

**LOURDES ROADSHOW** - In this Jubilee Year of 2025, Bishop Mark has asked that our diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes will be our Jubilee Pilgrimage. To help raise the profile of the pilgrimage and to answer any questions, the Diocese has organised two roadshows for those who are interested in joining the annual diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes. The second roadshow will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2pm-4pm St Anthony's, Wythenshawe. Information and register of interest cards will be available, and members of the Lourdes Management Team will be present to answer any questions.

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK FOR 2025** runs between the 7th-14th of February. Please pray for all marriages during this week. You will find some resources on the diocesan website, in particular a novena for marriage week and prayer. The Novena has also been arranged in Booklet form and can be downloaded and printed off as needed. There is also a link to the Bishops Conference of England and Wales, to the message from Bishop Bosco MacDonald, who is the lead Bishop for Marriage and Family Life.

**ST JOSEPH'S WALSLINGHAM 2025 PILGRIMAGE** will be for 4 nights from 5th May 2025 to 9 May 2025. Please email Shelagh Humphries :- [shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com](mailto:shelaghclarinet@virginmedia.com) or telephone 07853176698 for more details. The approximate cost £508 En-suite room / £432 Standard for half board and includes coach travel. A £100 per person non-refundable deposit is required by the 30 November 2024.

**RADIO MARIA**— For a full day of Catholic radio, tune into Radio Maria. Prayers, Mass, Bible readings, songs, Bible in a Year, Rosary, Vatican News and more. Tune in on Wednesday, 12th February at 10am for an inspiring broadcast with Fr Ed Tomlinson, a Catholic priest of the Ordinariate of Our Lady of Walsingham. Fr Ed, a married father, rugby player, Norwich City fan, and lover of beer, will share his unique journey and experiences. Listen online at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk), on the Radio Maria Play App, or ask your smart speaker to "Play Radio Maria England". Be encouraged by his story and join us for this uplifting conversation!

**KSC ANNUAL FUNDRAISER** - Tickets are now on sale for the Knights of St. Columba annual fundraiser. Tickets are £1 each, and there are prizes of £1000, £750, £500, £250, and 36 prizes of £30 each. See Daniel Chamberlain, or phone him at 07749141004.

**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](mailto:stockport3parishes@gmail.com).

**GOOD NEWS!** - We have a date for the repair of the heaters in church for this Monday 10.2.25. As a result, hopefully, all the heaters in the church should be working to full capacity from early next week.

**THE CHOSEN**—Thursday 13th February after 7pm mass at Our Lady's, in the Social club. We are resuming the Chosen for the first time after Christmas. Season 4 Episode 4 & 5. King David prostrates himself before The Lord. Bathsheba grieves the loss of her son. Ramah and Thomas prepare for marriage. Quintus and Gaius have some unexpected changes to their job descriptions. The disciples are confused and realise they just must trust in God during every situation no matter how hard. Come and see the emotional healing of the centurion's son, while James and John pluck the courage to ask to sit at Jesus's right and left hand, leading to some straight talking – which baffles the disciples. These two episodes are not to be missed. Come and see. Showing to start as soon as possible to 7:30pm. The bar is open at the club.

**THANK YOU** for your donations to Fr Martin's MEDICAL OUTREACH MISSION in Nigeria - The GoFundMe page is still available, click on this link <https://gofund.me/181ecc20> 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.



**VOLUNTEER GROUPS REQUIRED** - Please put your groups name forward for leading the Stations of Cross during Lent. Commencing 7th March each Friday until 11 April 2025. The following Friday evenings need to be covered please: 21.03.25 at St Vincents, 28.03.25 at Our Lady's, 04.04.25 at St Ambrose and 11.04.25 at St Vincents.

**FR GEOFF'S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION**—Fr Geoff's birthday celebration will be on 16 February 2025—commencing with 0930 mass at St Vincent's—all are welcome. There will be a retiring collection after Masses on 8th & 9th February 2025, for Fr Geoff.

### 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.  
**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 you and please expand the library by donating suitable books.

**FR GEOFF'S 80TH BIRTHDAY** - There is a box at the back of church for donations towards Fr. Geoff's 80th Birthday. All parishioners are invited to the celebration at St Vincent's on Sunday 16th February.



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

### ST VINCENT'S NEWS

**MISSIO AND MILL HILL MISSIONARIES:** Volunteer required for St Vincent's - Each parish benefits from having a dedicated volunteer to administer the mission Red Boxes to raise funds for the Pope's charity for overseas mission. More information at [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk). If you think you could carry out this ministry for St Vincent's then please make yourself known to the parish office or to Fr. Martin who will put you in touch with Missio. Missio provide training and support.



**COLLECTION FOR FR GEOFF'S BIRTHDAY**—There will be a retiring collection today for Fr Geoff's Birthday after mass. Please stay after mass next week for coffee and cakes. **DONATIONS** of cakes and biscuits would also be appreciated for Fr Geoff's Birthday Celebration on 16th please bring on the day. **PLEASE SIGN** Fr Geoff's 80th birthday card if you have not done so.

**MONDAY 10TH** - 10am Service of Word and Communion followed by Knit and Natter

**WED 12TH LAMBS SOCIAL** evening 7-9pm. Donations for food and expenses will be collected after Sunday Mass. Help with arranging the chairs on the morning and at 9pm afterwards is always appreciated

**News from Churches Together Bramhall and Woodford - WEDNESDAY 12TH** - Hope 2025 Churches Together in Bramhall Prayer time 12 to 1pm - this month at Ford's Lane Church SK7 1DQ. This is an ecumenical event to pray for an increase in people attending churches in our area. **Tuesday 4th March 6.30pm Watoto Children's Choir.** Free concert at St Michael's Church, Bramhall. All welcome, bring your friends. Songs and dancing from this Ugandan Choir. Volunteers needed to host a child and adult in their home that night.

**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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