

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



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**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD, 2nd February 2025**

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Entrance Antiphon Cf. Ps 47: 10-11  
**Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.**

**First reading** Malachi 3:1-4  
Thus says the LORD God: Behold, I send my messenger, and he will prepare the way before me. And the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his Temple; and the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap. He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, and they will bring offerings in righteousness to the LORD. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

**Responsorial Psalm** Psalm Ps 24(23):7. 8. 9. 10.  
*The LORD of hosts, he is the king of glory!*

**Second reading** Hebrews 2:14-18  
'He had to be made like his brothers, so that he might become merciful.' Since the children share in flesh and blood, Jesus himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

**Gospel Acclamation** Luke 2:32  
**Alleluia, alleluia.** A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel. **Alleluia.**

**Gospel** Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, 'Every male who first opens the womb shall be called holy to the Lord') and to offer a sacrifice according to what is said in the Law of the Lord, 'a pair of turtle-doves, or two young pigeons'. Now there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon, and this man was righteous and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. And it had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came in the Spirit into the Temple, and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him according to the custom of the Law, he took him up in his arms and blessed God and said, 'Lord, now you are letting your servant depart in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation that you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to your people Israel.' And his father and his mother marvelled at what was said about him. And Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'Behold, this child is appointed for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign that is opposed — and a sword will pierce through your own soul also — so that thoughts from many hearts may be revealed.' And there was a prophetess, Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was advanced in years, having lived with her husband seven years from when she was a virgin, and then as a widow until she was eighty-four. She did not depart from the Temple, worshipping with fasting and prayer night and day. And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem. And when they had performed everything according to the Law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. And the child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom. And the favour of God was upon him.

**Communion Antiphon** Lk 2: 30-31  
My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday 2nd February</b>	<b>THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD</b>	5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Our Parish Family
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Pat Molloy RIP/Thanksgiving.
		9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Fr Jean Patrice Coulon, Spec Int
		11am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Fr Blaise 25th Ann
			<b>Enrolment Mass</b>	For all 1st Communion Children
		2pm	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Igbo Holy Mass (Child dedication)
<b>Monday 3rd February</b>	<b>St Werburgh, V Memorial</b>	9.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b>	Holy Souls.
<b>Tuesday 4th February</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Pat Molloy RIP/Thanksgiving
<b>Wednesday 5th February</b>	<b>St Agatha, V, M Memorial</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Owen McKiver RIP
		10.45am	<b>Aquinas College</b>	Mass preceded by Adoration
		11am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Requiem Mass of Jean Marie Peake.
			<b>Funeral</b>	
<b>Thursday 6th February</b>	<b>St Paul Miki &amp; Companions, Mn Memorial</b>	9.30am 7pm	<b>St. Ambrose</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Desmond Duffy RIP Pat Molloy RIP/Thanksgiving - followed by PPT Meeting
<b>Friday 7th February</b>	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Margaret and Tom Conway, Spec Int
<b>Saturday 8th February</b>	<b>BVM</b> Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Trafficking	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Brian Clune RIP
		5pm Vigil	<b>St Ambrose</b>	Andrew and Kathleen Duffy RIP
		6.30pm Vigil	<b>Our Lady's</b>	Deceased members of the Heyes family.
<b>Sunday 9th February</b>	<b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.30am 11 am	<b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Our Parish Family Holy Souls

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.

**SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :-** St Vincent's-Judy Carey [carey.judith@yahoo.com](mailto:carey.judith@yahoo.com) OLATA Ged Murtagh [geraldmurtagh@outlook.com](mailto:geraldmurtagh@outlook.com) St Ambrose — Marie Byrne [ma.byrne1@ntlworld.com](mailto: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 Brian Quinn, Jean Marie Peake, Brenda Bowden, Eileen Mary Brennan, Christopher O'Gara, Leslie Plover, David Kyle Sloan, Patricia Wynne, Christopher Hung Kan-Hai, Warren Walton, Michael Gallagher, Michael David Smith, Jack Birch, Veronica Norbury, Elizabeth West, Veronica Knowles, Margaret Forester, Anne Sheridan, Raymond John Burke, Stuart Thornycroft, Bernadette Marsh, Maureen Brosnahan, and all the souls of our recently departed rest in peace.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Fr Dermot Murphy, Peter Shields Jnr, Samuel Flaherty, Betty Selby, Renée Frances Curtis, Sydney Thomas, Philip Allott, Brian Donohoe, Vincent Oldham, Mary Davies, David Horton, Olwyn Chetwynd, William (Billy) McGill, John McCoy, Margaret Murphy, Ian Hurst, Joe Montague

**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.

**THE SVP CAMP FOR UNDER-PRIVILEGED CHILDREN** was started in 1932 by members of the Society of St Vincent de Paul at Our Lady and the Apostles parish in Stockport. It has continued with very few interruptions ever since. Thousands of needy children have enjoyed a holiday with the SVP over the years. Following recent retirements, additional **Volunteers are needed** to assist at the Plas Gwynant Outdoor Centre, Caernarfon, North Wales between Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August. If you are available to help us on any of these days please contact Camp Organiser, John Hogan on 07512400211 or email: [john.hogan3@ntlworld.com](mailto:john.hogan3@ntlworld.com)

**JOIN RADIO MARIA ON THURSDAY**, 6 February, at 10am for a special radio broadcast. Guest speaker Simon John will share insights into the inspiring life of St. Josephine Bakhita and the realities of slavery during her time. Don't miss this opportunity to learn about her journey of faith and perseverance. You can listen live via DAB+, online at [www.RadioMariaEngland.uk](http://www.RadioMariaEngland.uk), or through the Radio Maria England app.

**OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS:** Last week we celebrated the start of the Jubilee Year by watching Cafod's Launch Day film and holding a Jubilee Celebration of the Word. We have lots of exciting plans to mark this Holy Year as a significant and memorable moment - watch this space!

**ST AMBROSE CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL ADSWOOD:-** are looking for a practising Catholic to join them as a foundation governor. 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.

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

**ST JOSEPH'S WALSHINGHAM 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.

**FROM SHREWSBURY LOURDES HOSPITALITY:** Father Pat Munroe will celebrate Holy Mass on Tuesday 11th February for the Feast Day of Our Lady of Lourdes. Hospitality members are invited to join him at 7.00pm at St Hugh and St John, West Timperley WA14 5NB. If you have any questions, or need further information, please contact [secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk](mailto:secretary@teamshrewsbury.co.uk)

**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 first roadshow will be on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2pm-4pm at Our Lady & St John's, Heswall, Wirral, and the second roadshow will be on 15<sup>th</sup> February 2pm-4pm at 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.

**CARITAS ACADEMY: INTRODUCTION TO CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING**—Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN) invites you to join Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction, a dynamic online course designed specifically for parishioners, staff, and volunteers. Whether you're new to Catholic Social Teaching or looking for a refresher, this inspire and empower you to bring your faith to life.

**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).

**'IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK'**, says Fr Martin, as he thanks all parishioners for their prayers and support towards his very successful holiday/charity trip to Nigeria. Pictures and videos of the Medical outreach will be published soon.

**THE CHOSEN**—We have 2 dates for your diary. As usual after 7pm Mass at the Social club for **13th Feb & 27th February 2025**. We will add an announcement to the newsletter closer to the time.

**PPT MEETING**—Thursday 6th February 2025 after 7 pm mass at Our Lady and the Apostles church. Please send any agenda items to the parish office by 5th February 2025.

**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.



**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY** - WORLD DAY OF PRAYER – Friday 7 March 2025.

**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.

**THANKS** - Fr Blaise thanks everyone for their generous gifts and attendance at the celebration of his 25th Ordination. We wish him more fruitful years in the Lord's service.

**THE ALMA MATER FUND** is an initiative of SPUC, providing financial grants to pregnant students facing difficulties at universities across the UK who wish to pursue their academic and personal goals. Please see the notice at the back of church or visit the website at: [www.spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/](http://www.spuc.org.uk/support-hub/alma-mater/)

**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 provides training and support.

### 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.

**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

**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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