

# SUNDAY PLUS

Feed my hunger

## Amen!

By Fr Richard Reid C.Ss.R.

Every time we say "Amen" as we receive Holy Communion we are publicly affirming the very feast we celebrate today, the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. When the priest or the minister of Holy Communion holds before you the consecrated host and says, "The Body of Christ" our "Amen" is our agreement, our way of saying "yes, Lord, I believe". Therefore our "Amen" should be loud, clear and authentic.

There are many studies on the Internet which claim many things about the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Many people proclaim their profound sadness about those who cannot accept the Church's

teaching while still receiving Holy Communion.

Today's Feast is certainly an occasion when the Church worldwide reminds itself of the precious and intimate gift that Jesus is to us in Holy Communion. Coming to us in a basic way in the form of food allows us to have those moments of closeness that are quite unique. No-one knows what is going on between the two of us in that time of receiving Holy Communion and in the moments thereafter. This is divine time, albeit briefly, but let us never lose the chance of this closeness with the Lord.

If time is on your side, read, *The Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Eucharist: Basic Questions and Answers*, which can be found here <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/the-mass/order-of-mass/liturgy-of-the-eucharist/the-real-presence-faqs>

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## Hungering for God

"Too late have I loved you, O Beauty so ancient, O Beauty so new. Too late have I loved you! You were within me, but I was outside myself, and there I sought you! In my weakness I ran after the beauty of the things you have made. You were with me, and I was not with you. The things you have made kept me from you - the things which would have no being unless they existed in you! You have called, you have cried, and you have pierced my deafness. You have radiated forth, you have shined out brightly, and you have dispelled my blindness. You have sent forth your fragrance, and I have breathed it in, and I long for you. I have tasted you, and I hunger and thirst for you. You have touched me, and I ardently desire your peace."

St Augustine

"Our thirst for God brings us to the altar. Where that thirst is lacking, our celebrations become dry and lifeless. As Church, it is not enough that the usual little group meets to celebrate the Eucharist; we need to go out into the city, to encounter people and to learn how to recognise and revive their thirst for God and their desire for the Gospel."

Pope Francis

Loving Lord, I hunger and thirst for you. I yearn to be filled with you to overflowing. Lord, I can never have enough of your presence. Amen.

Feast of the week  
Friday 24 June  
The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Heart of our Saviour, heart of our friend; Heart that has loved thine own to the end. Heart of our king, Heart of our Lord, Be thou forever loved and adored.

Heart of Jesus, human heart, Thanks to thee for all thou art! Where should we have been or be, Fount of goodness, but for thee? Heart so full of love for us, Would that we could love thee thus.

Author unknown

Today: Genesis 14:18-20; 2 Kings 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11-17  
Monday: 2 Kings 17:5-8; 13-15, 18; Matthew 7:1-5  
Tuesday: 2 Kings 19:9-11; 14-21, 31-36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14  
Wednesday: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20  
Thursday: (E) St John Fisher & Thomas More (Feast); 2 Maccabees 6:18, 21, 24-31; Matthew 24:4-13  
Friday: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80  
Saturday: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5-11; Luke 2:41-51  
Next Sunday: 1 Kings 19:16, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62

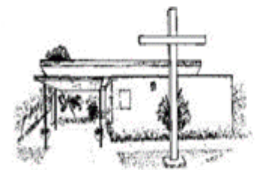
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## Newsletter for the Parishes of Our Lady and the Apostles, St. Ambrose and St. Vincent de Paul

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### 19th JUNE 2022 THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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](http://tinyurl.com/stockportparishes) or [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=...) (for both St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 19th June	<b>THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST</b> <i>(SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR LIFE)</i> <b>FATHER'S DAY</b>	5.30pm 7.00pm 9.30am 11.00am	<b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's (1st Holy Communion)</b> <b>St Vincent's</b> Baptism of Aoife Morrin <b>Our Lady's (1st Holy Communion)</b>	Our Parish Family John & Madelaine Sexton (Ann) Thanksgiving Albert Werber RIP
Mon 20th June	<b>Ferial</b>	9.30am 10.30am	<b>St. Ambrose</b> <b>St Vincent's—Funeral</b>	Liz Mullin RIP Ann Highfield RIP
Tues 21st June	<b>St Aloysius Gonzaga, R</b>	9.30am	<b>Our Lady's</b>	George Kurtz RIP
Wed 22nd June	<b>John Fisher, B &amp; Thomas More, Mm</b> (Day of special prayer for those who suffer persecution, oppression & denial of human rights.)	7:00 pm	<b>St Vincent's Garden</b> <b>Mass at 5 Wyndham</b> <b>Close Bramhall SK7 2HP</b>	Chief Ambrose Chukwumah RIP
Thurs 23rd June	<b>THE NATIVITY OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST</b>	9.30am 11am 7.00pm	<b>St Ambrose</b> <b>Our Lady's—Requiem Mass</b> <b>Our Lady's</b>	Private Intention John O'Callaghan Caroline Higgins 1st Ann
Fri 24th June	<b>THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS</b>	09:30am	<b>St Vincent's</b>	Caroline Higgins 1st Ann
Sat 25th June	<b>THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY</b>	9.30 am 5.30pm 7.00pm	<b>Our Lady's</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. St Ambrose</b> <b>Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's (1st Holy Communion)</b>	Colin Douglas RIP Our Parish Family The people of Ukraine
Sun 26th June	<b>THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</b>	9.30am 11.00am 2.00pm	<b>St Vincent's</b> <b>Our Lady's (First Holy Communion)</b> <b>St Vincent's—Baptism</b>	Judith Colgan (ann) Jonathan Colgan (B/Day Remembrance) Mari Porter

**HAPPY FATHER'S DAY TO ALL THE DAD'S!** May the Lord bless and reward you for all your love and care.

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** every weekday morning from 8:30am—0930hrs.

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

**Please pray for those preparing to receive the sacraments:**

**Baptisms:** New Baptism classes will be 31st of July.

**First Holy Communion:** Congratulations to all receiving 1st Holy Communion today! Preparations continue in school and at Our Lady's church at the 11am Mass.

**RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults):** Congratulations to the seven people recently received/baptised into the Church! 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:** Veronica Morrissey, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Lucile Ebbs, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Eileen Melia, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon, and Shelagh Lees.

**In St. Ambrose's:** June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Barry Lloyd, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Pat Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins.

**Recently Departed:** Elizabeth Mullen, Sean O'Callaghan, Mons. Chris Lightbound and Fr Paul Hughes. May the souls of all our recently departed rest in peace.

### Anniversaries

Jim Kelly, Marie Scanlan, Anne Bell, Terence Joseph Fitzpatrick, Michael O'Kane, Sarah Pinnington, Tom Darkin, Kate McGowan, John Duffy, James O'Farrell, Caroline Higgins, John Kelly, Katie Conlon, Peter Howe, Frances Eileen Newbould, Catherine Sheehy, Eileen Goodwin.

During **June:** we pray that **Christian Families** around the world may embody and experience unconditional love and advance in holiness in their daily lives.

**DIOCESAN VACANCIES:** Two vacancies have arisen within the Diocese of Shrewsbury. PA to the Director of Schools and Team member for the Shrewsbury Youth Mission team. Details for both posts can be found on the Diocesan website [www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies](http://www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org/about-us/curia/vacancies) Closing date Friday 24 June. Applications should be sent to Pauline McCulloch via email [recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org](mailto:recruitment@dioceseofshrewsbury.org).

**Stella Maris School - Heaton Mersey KS 2 Teacher - for September 2022** part-time (5 mornings) position, but could become a full-time position. Please register your interest with the school office, by email, addressing your correspondence for the attention of the Headteacher at [office@stellamarisschool.co.uk](mailto:office@stellamarisschool.co.uk)

**Vacancies** have arisen at St Paul's Catholic Primary School in Poynton for Teacher (part time), Teaching Assistants, School Office Administrative Assistant and a Caretaker. Further details can be found on our website.

**Stockport Ukrainian Club and Stockport Council** invite you to show solidarity with Ukraine and join together at 7pm in St Peters Square, Town Centre, SK1 1NZ, for a quiet and reflective, prayerful vigil, followed by a celebration of Ukrainian culture through dance, music and song.

**Stockport Normandy Veterans Legacy Invitation** on 25th June from 11.00 am to 3.00 pm to Our Lady's Social Club. Stockport Normandy Veterans Legacy are launching a DVD called History remembered: We were There. We are showing film clips of WW2 schoolchildren remembering their childhood during the War. There is the opportunity to meet these people; to hear live WW2 music; and see displays of WW2 artefacts and stands from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission; Imperial War Museum (North); Willow Grove Cemetery War Graves and Stockport Normandy Veterans. This is a children-friendly active event. All welcome.

**Footsteps Event Happening Soon:** Do come on TUESDAY 5 JULY at 8pm to St Peter's parish centre, Green Lane, Hazel Grove SK7 4EA to hear Fr Chris Thomas reflect on the radical nature of God's love for us and then our love as disciples and what that might mean. There's an informal café-style setting with refreshments, nibbles and a pleasant community feel. You'd be most welcome!

**Second Collections - Day for Life** is today.

**Second Collections for Peter's Pence** will be next Sunday.

**Last weekend's collections** (excludes standing orders): **OLATA- £566.72 St Vincent- 178.45 St Ambrose £121.03 THANK YOU.**

**Offertory envelopes** can be obtained from the Parish Office or see links for online giving to the Parishes: Please check our websites.

**GOD IN YOUR GARDEN:-** Bring the word of God to your street with a celebration of mass in your garden. During the months of May, June, July & August, Fr Martin is offering to say mass in your garden. It was a lovely Mass and social time last week at the garden of Peter and Elizabeth's garden. We thank them for graciously going the extra mile of treating us to finger food and drinks. The next will be this Wednesday by 7pm, at the Browns, **at 5 Wyndham Close Bramhall SK7 2HP**. If you would like to host the celebration of the mass, please let the office know and we can arrange a date. It is first come first served. Fr Martin will bring the mass—you gather the people, family members, and neighbours! This summer is now fully booked but you can make a reservation for next year.

**The Society of St Vincent de Paul (SVP)** is an international Christian voluntary organisation dedicated to help people with needs and disadvantages by offering practical assistance to them. There will be a collection box at the door after Mass to raise much needed finance for this vital work. If any parishioners or their families wish to seek help, the members will be pleased to hear from them. The SVP is seeking for new members 07504 130749.

Please pray for our diocesan priests who dies recently **Mons. Chris Lightbound and Fr Paul Hughes**. May the Lord grant them eternal rest and console their families and loved ones.

**Lourdes** - Overland by Jumbulance 14 July to 23rd July Helpers and nurses/Doctor required. £950—half price for nurses and young people—financial help available. Contact Tony Murphy 07881656974

### Our Lady's News

**Sean O'Callaghan** funeral arrangements:- Thu 23 June, 11am mass at Our Lady & Apostles. Burial at Mill Lane Cemetery, Cheadle, at 12.15. Reception at The Ashlea pub facing the cemetery gates at 12.45. All welcome, with thanks.

**Lost and hoping to be Found.** If you find any of our Parish Mass books, Laudate Hymn Books or Order of Mass Cards in your homes, cars or green house, please would you return it to mass next time you come. That would be great. Thank you.

**The Piety Stall**—is now open for cards and gifts, and a selection of rosary beads. **Children's Liturgy & 1st Communion Preparation Classes** - will take place during the 11am Mass. Please bring the children to learn and pray with us.

**TEA & COFFEE** – Join us for tea and coffee after 11am Mass.

### St Ambrose News

**Year Books**—There are still a few Year books available priced £5 each.

**Piety Stall**—has some new gifts and cards for sale.

### St Vincent News

**Thanks** to all who made the International Mass a success last Sunday, especially the flag bearers! Please take a commitment form if you were on holiday last week and didn't fill one in. It keeps our records up to date and we would love more volunteers. We will be contacting new volunteers soon.

**Monday 20th** - Funeral Mass for Anna Highfield at 10.30am.

**Exploring Faith group** in church at 7.30pm

**Parishes in Partnership** - we have had a letter from Riwoto; this and the latest pictures are on the noticeboard near the kitchen hatch - do take a look.

**Holiday at Home** - they are looking for volunteer drivers to ferry the participants too and from the URC for the events on 23 to 25th August. Pick up a form at the back of church if you can help.

**Mary Sunley Canal Boat Trip** 17.7.22 is now fully booked. If you want a reserved place incase anyone is unable to attend please give your name to Lucy or Neal.

**Ultimate Book Club**—John Harrington will present our penultimate book on Sunday 3 July at 2pm in Centrepoint next to Bramhall Methodist Church. Entry is free and includes refreshments.

**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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