

Parish Mission 2023

Becoming a missionary parish, built on prayer and love.

Prayer for the fruitfulness of the mission – Our parish Mission prayer will be said after Communion until Pentecost and you are encouraged to pray it before or after meals at home.

Fish Supper on Friday 10th March 2023 at St Vincents, Bramhall, Handley Rd SK7 3EX – Come for Stations of the cross, starting at 6:30pm followed by Fish Supper and a social for all 3 parishes.

Saturday 11th March at Our Lady's – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Morning Prayer at 8.30 am. Mass at 09.30am. Morning workshop on 'Called to be an Evangelising Church' from 10.30 am to Midday, a Shared Lunch in the hall. Holy hour in church from 5 to 6 pm – families are invited to come in to pray and light candles, and confessions will be available, too.

Sunday 12th March in all 3 churches – The Sion Community will speak during all the weekend Masses after Holy Communion.

Easter Sunday, 9th April in all Masses – Renewal of Baptismal promises and blessing of families.

Life in the Spirit Seminar commencing 20.4.23 will be held every Thursday, 7.00 pm, for 6 weeks leading up to Pentecost 28.5.23. All parishioners (and non-parishioners) are invited to attend.

Pentecost Sunday – International Mass/ Ministry weekend

OUR PARISH MISSION PRAYER

Lord, our God, we thank You for Your love which calls us to be Your people. As branches cling to the vine, we cling to You, drawing our very life from You. We ask for Your blessings on our parish Mission. May the power and love of Your Spirit inflame our hearts and strengthen our faith, so that, following in the footsteps of the Apostles, we may grow together into a more loving parish, by sharing our diverse gifts.

May we, through prayer and reflection, discern ways of continuing the mission of Our Lord Jesus Christ in this borough of Stockport, developing closer ties with our local community, and bringing your healing love to wounded souls, so that all may know, love, and praise You.

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MISSION PRAYER

Dear Lord,

We entrust the parishes of Our Lady's, St Vincent's and St Ambrose to your care. We thank you for our beautiful world and our life in it.

Help us to lead a good life; may we always trust in you whatever our fears and difficulties. May we learn to love you more deeply each day and may we show our love for you by our love for others.

We ask you to bless all those who are sick or in need, create peace in our world and help us always to spread the word about you, our Lord and Saviour.

We pray that you will guide us all on the trail to heaven.

Amen.

(Composed by members of Year 6 Mini Vinnies at Our Lady's Primary School - Scarlett G, Moiz, Bobby, Nuala, Annabelle, Nicole, Isla, Scarlet M and Reuben)

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

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT-26th February 2023

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

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Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 26th February	FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	6.30pm	Vigil Mass Our Lady's	Kathy Supple (RIP-ann)
		8.30am	St. Ambrose	Ceris Jones (Private Intention)
		9.45am	St Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Wyn Thomas (Get well)
		1.00pm	OL - Baptism	Ruairi MacInness
Mon 27th Jan	Ferial	9.30am	St. Ambrose	James Dean (ann)
Tues 28th Jan	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Mary Quinn (Special Intentions)
Wed 1st March	ST-DAVID, B Patron of Wales	9.30am	St Vincent's	Patricia Colgan (B/d remembrance)
Thurs 2nd March	Ferial	9:30am	Our Lady's	Bridget McGowan RIP
		7.00pm	St Ambrose	Ceris Jones (Special Intentions)
Fri 3rd March	Ferial (Family Fast Day 1) <i>(Day of Prayer for the Needy and Hungry of the World)</i>	9.30am	St Vincent's	Celia Evans RIP
		7.00pm	Stations of the Cross	Stations at St Ambrose
Sat 4th March		9.30 am	Our Lady's	Peace in the Ukraine
		6.30pm	Vigil Mass Our Lady's	Andrew McGowan & Josie RIP
Sunday 5th March		8.30am	St. Ambrose	Brian & Margaret Marshall (RIP)
		9.45am	St. Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Mary Sheridan & James P Moore
		2.00pm	Enrollment Mass Igbo Holy Mass	Brian & Margaret Marshall (RIP)

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 start on the 16th April 2023.

First Holy Communion: Preparation classes have started. Email names to the parish office before 1st March. Please ensure that all 1st Communion candidates attend Mass every weekend and join the children's liturgy. Important dates: **Enrolment Mass** - Sun 5th March (11am); **First Reconciliation Service**- Sat 18th March (11am); **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** - Sun 25th June (11am).

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: Next date to be announced.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES ARE AS FOLLOWS:- St Vincent's—Judy Carey carrey.judith@yahoo.com OLATA Ged Murtagh -geraldmurtagh@outlook.com St Ambrose—Karen Tatton thetattons@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: McKenzie Kiely, Eileen McGahan, Winifred Thomas, Veronica Morrissey, Barbara Murphy, Michelle Philips, Maureen Brosnahan, Kelly Brosnahan, Zach Tierney, Irene Cox, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping, Theresa Burrows, Josephine O'Hagan, Denise Corlet, Nora Reade, Marie Kenefick, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, 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.

IN ST. AMBROSE'S: Michael Nealon, Colin Burns, Cerys Jones, Richard Laurens, June Campbell, Mavis Doggett, Khia Whitehead, Eleanor Loftus, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Veronica Norbury, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn.

RECENTLY DEPARTED: May the souls of Dorothy Cavanagh, Joanne Mangan, Andrew Queenan, Sr Therese Regan, Frances Farrer, Celia Evans, Mary Patterson, Win Hayes, George Carroll, and all the souls of all our departed rest in peace.

Anniversaries

William Tracey, Kenneth Watson, Gerard Burke, James Dean, Rachel Curran, William D. Griffiths, Thomas Little, Brian Rothwell, Cecilia Carruthers, James Fleming, Brian Smith, Philip Hamilton, Edith Cameron, Shahbaz Bhatti, Louisa Hodson, Bruce F. M Brian, William Gough, Bernard Lohback

IN MARCH—FOR VICTIMS OF ABUSE- We pray for those who suffer harm from members of the church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

WORLD YOUTH DAY LISBON 2023- World Youth Day is the largest international gathering of young people. It is held every three years being first established by Pope Saint John Paul II in 1985. As a diocese we have a limited amount of places booked, for those aged 18 – 35, at the cost of £1,200 which is inclusive of meals, travel, accommodation, and World Youth Day passes. Please talk to our young people to consider this amazing opportunity to celebrate the faith the Holy Father and with their mates from around the world. For any questions, or an application for contact clare.williams@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY Friday 3.3.23—This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelope or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world. Please take an envelope this weekend and return it next weekend. CAFOD Family Fast Day – Lent Appeal (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ULTqHsawCZU&t=34s>)

AN ONLINE COURSE ON VATICAN II: In response to Synodal Submissions, the Diocese is offering a series of short podcasts throughout Lent. Accessible on the diocesan website at dioceseofshrewsbury.org they are not time-bound and may be listened to anytime. You will also find handouts there on various topics, whilst a leaflet outlining the content of the recordings is available in the parish. If you have difficulty accessing this material or have any other questions, don't hesitate to call Barbara Davies on 07730 52682

Date	Church	Time	Lead
24.2.23	OLATA	7pm	PPMT
3.3.23	St Ambrose	7pm	
10.3.23	St Vincent's	6:30pm	Sion Community
17.3.23	OLATA	7pm	SVP
24.3.23	St Ambrose	7pm	
31.3.23	St Vincent's	7pm	

STATIONS OF THE CROSS - All are invited to join us in the meditations on the passion of Our Lord this holy season of Lent. Our three parishes will take turns in hosting this year's stations. Please could parish groups offer to lead at the respective parishes and let the Office know. Thanks.

TURKEY & SYRIA SUPPORT: CAFOD and Caritas have launched appeals to provide urgent food, water and shelter to survivors. The following links have more information and online donation forms. There is also an option to pay by bank transfer on the Caritas website. CAFOD: <https://cafod.org.uk/>; Caritas: <https://www.caritas.org/>

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES can be obtained from the Gift Aid Coordinator of each parish or through the Parish Office. We thank the many who give through Standing Orders.

LEGACY RECEIVED: The parish is most grateful to late Brian Frank Marshall and Margaret Marshall for the generous legacy totalling £39,488.03 to the parish of Our Lady and Apostles. May the Lord bless and reward them. A series of Masses and prayers will be offered for them and their family.

STANDING ORDERS AND GIFT AID: Parishioners have been asking for guidance on regular giving to the parish. Please find, at the back of the Church, Standing order forms to be completed and passed on to your bank or used to set up the standing order using your online banking. You will find also the Gift Aid Declaration form to be completed and returned to our Gift Aid Coordinator. More will be said about this in the coming week.

BISHOP MARK'S LENTEN PASTORAL LETTER 2023: *'The first vital sign is Mass every Sunday. By putting the Mass first in our lives and literally first in our week, we recognise in the miracle of love which is the Eucharist that we must live "by every word that comes from the mouth of God"'. For the Mystery of the Eucharist contains the Church's entire spiritual wealth, Christ Himself...'* To be read at all Masses this weekend. Please pick up copies at the back of church.

PARISH MISSION FOR ALL OUR PARISHES—All are invited to a Fish Supper at St Vincent's, 10 March 23. 6:30pm—Stations of the Cross, followed by the fish supper. Entrance is free. Please buy your £5 tickets at the end of mass from each parish for the fish supper. **Should you wish to have the fish supper but are unable to afford a ticket please see Fr Martin for a free ticket.** Please feel free to just turn up on the day! Tickets are only for those who wish to have supper, for catering purposes. The important thing is to meet and socialise as one big family, as kind of icebreaker for our Mission starting in earnest the following day.

JOINT PARISH PASTORAL/MISSION TEAM: Our next meeting will be hosted by St Ambrose parish on Thursday, 2nd March. Please send any agenda items to the parish office.

OUR PARISH MISSION PRAYERS to be said after Holy Communion. We thank all those who helped in the composition, especially the children!

STEPS TO MAKING A GOOD CONFESSION— Parishioners have asked for a refresher on how to go to confession. Please pick documents with steps at the back of church. Sufficient opportunities will be provided this Lent for Confessions.

SPACES FOR MASS INTENTION—There are spaces for Mass Intentions for all 3 Parishes. Please complete the envelopes provided, if you wish to have Masses offered for your intentions or for your loved ones.

STOCKPORT 3 PARISHES MEN'S SOCIAL GROUP—We'd like to start this new group with an Indian meal at the Spice Room Dairy ground Road Bramhall SK7 2QW on Tuesday 28 February at 6.45, which is also Deacon Moses' Birthday—a nice opportunity to celebrate with him. Contact Kevin McKenna on 07504 130749 for more details.

Our Lady's News

THE CHILDREN'S LITURGY GROUP—has now resumed, during the 11am Mass.

REQUEST FOR READERS: New readers are always welcome.

TEA AND COFFEE: In the guild room after 11 am mass. All donations made during Lent 2023 (22.02.23 - 09.04.23) will be passed on to Francis House Children's Hospice in support of their work with young people, and their families, who are living with life-threatening and life shortening conditions.

IAN & CATH'S FAMILY GROUP are meeting in the guild room from 7pm on 6th March for Hot Pot and activity planning for 2023. Members are asked to bring £3 for the hot pot and a small donation for the hamper that can be won from the usual bingo game at the end.

SOME FRAMED HOLY PICTURES have been left by a parishioner at the back of church for anyone wants them.

WASHING OF THE FEET ON MAUNDY THURSDAY—four volunteers needed from Our Lady's.

St Ambrose News

PIETY STALL—gifts and lovely books come and browse the stall.

Please put any USED POSTAGE STAMPS you may have in the box provided at the back of church. These are being recycled by a Parishioner of St Vincent's in aid of help overseas. Thank you.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE WEEKDAY MASSES will be held in the Sacristy due to heating costs and cold weather. Also, the live stream will not be available during these weekday masses.

FRIDAY FISH SUPPER ON 10TH MARCH 2023—tickets for the fish supper are available at the back of church. Please add your name to the list. Can you complete as soon as possible, as we will need these numbers for catering.

We now have enough volunteers for washing of the feet on Maundy Thursday.

St Vincent News

FOOD COLLECTION FOR WELLSRING - donations of tins of sandwich meat can be left in the box in the church porch.

Monday 27th— Service of Word and Communion— 10am followed by Lenten Prayer Group.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - everyone is invited to join in with the service being held at Christ Church Woodford at 10.30am on Friday March 3rd. This year's prayers have been written by the women of Taiwan.

Saturday March 11th, 7.30pm at Ford's Lane Church - a fundraising event for earthquake relief called Songs from the Shows, 4 voices plus piano. Tickets £10 on the door

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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.

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