

Readings Sunday 11th October 2026

Entrance Antiphon • Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First reading • Isaiah 25:6-10a

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, ‘Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.’ For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm •

Ps 23(22):1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6.

In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.

Second reading • Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Brothers and Sisters: I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. I can do all things through him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia. May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten the eyes of our hearts, so that we may know the hope to which he has called us. Alleluia.

Gospel • Matthew 22:1-14

At that time: Jesus again spoke to the chief priests and the elders of the people, in parables, saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the wedding feast, but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying, “Tell those who are invited, ‘See, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves

have been slaughtered, and everything is ready. Come to the wedding feast.’ ” But they paid no attention and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and he sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, “The wedding feast is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the main roads and invite to the wedding feast as many as you find.” And those servants went out into the roads and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good. So the wedding hall was filled with guests.

‘But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment. And he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding garment?” And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and cast him into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

Communion Antiphon •

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.



NEWSLETTER
FOR THE THREE PARISHES OF
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St Ambrose and St Vincent de Paul
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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 11TH OCTOBER 2026 – YEAR A

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 11th October PSALTER WEEK IV	TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Special Day of Prayer for Prisoners and their Dependents Fourth Annual Mass Count	5pm 9.30am 11am 7pm	St Ambrose St Vincents Our Lady’s Our Lady’s	Holy Souls Our Parish Family Philip Flanagan RIP Rosary
Monday 12th October	FERIAL	9.30am 7pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Service of Word and Communion Rosary
Tuesday 13th October	FERIAL	9.30am 11.15am 7pm	Our Lady’s Aquinas Our Lady’s	James McShane RIP College Mass Rosary
Wednesday 14th October	FERIAL	9.30am 6pm 7pm	St Vincent’s Our Lady’s Our Lady’s	Lucy and Neal McJannett, Thanksgiving for Pilgrimage Reception into Church, Mary Walsh Rosary
Thursday 15th October	ST THERESA OF AVILA V, D	9.30am 11am 7pm 7.30pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s Our Lady’s Our Lady’s	Morrell Family, Private Int. Requiem Mass, Mary Walsh Damien Archibald, RIP Rosary
Friday 16th October	FERIAL	9.30am 7pm	St Vincent’s Our Lady’s	Zouhir Saad-Saoud RIP Rosary
Saturday 17th October	ST IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH B, M	9.30am 5pm 7pm	Our Lady’s St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Philip Kembell RIP World Peace and End to All Wars Rosary
Sunday 18th October	TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Day of Special Prayer for World Missions Collection: World Missions	9.30am 11am 1.30pm 7pm	St Vincent’s Our Lady’s St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Our Parish Family Julia Callaghan RIP, B’day Ann Baptisms of Adam Kurylo and James David Cawley Rosary

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament/Holy Hour before every weekday morning Mass from 8.30am -9.30am

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

Safeguarding leads for the three parishes

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Livestream Notice -Please note that some parts of our churches are on livestream camera and our Masses are recorded and available to view online. Contact the priest for guidance if you would like to avoid being filmed by livestream cameras.

Fragrance Prayer by Saint John Newman	Anima Christi
<i>Jesus, help me to spread your fragrance wherever I am. Fill my heart with your Spirit and your life. Penetrate my being and take such hold of me that my life becomes a radiation of your own life.</i>	<i>Soul of Christ, sanctify me. Body of Christ, save me.</i>
<i>Give your light through me and remain in me in such a way that every soul I come in contact with can feel your presence in me.</i>	<i>Blood of Christ, inebriate me. Water from the side of Christ, wash me.</i>
<i>May people not see me but see you in me. Remain in me, so that I shine with your light, and may others be illuminated by my light.</i>	<i>Passion of Christ, strengthen me. O Good Jesus, hear me.</i>
<i>All light will come from you, Oh Jesus. Not even the smallest ray of light will be mine. You will illuminate others through me. Place on my lips your greatest praise, illuminating others around me.</i>	<i>Within your wounds hide me. Permit me not to be separated from you.</i>
<i>May I preach you with actions more than with words, with the example of my actions, with the visible light of the love that comes from you to my heart. Amen.</i>	<i>From the wicked foe, defend me. At the hour of my death, call me and bid me come to you</i>
	<i>That with your saints I may praise you. For ever and ever. Amen.</i>

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Sick List

OUR LADY'S

Angela Mullin, Maria Hien, Joseph Tien, Annie Donelon, Joe Caffy, Paul Morrell, Sophie Mansfield, Erith O'Connor, Eugene Sweetman, 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, Lee Abernathy, Janice Cook, Annie Topping.

ST VINCENT'S

Mary Mahoney, Paul Wingate, John Lowe, Mary O, Grace & Norman, Derek, Ramos Family, Lynette, Maureen, Natalie & Jasmine, Michael Morris, Andrew, Betty.

Those in Nursing Homes

Those who are housebound



ST AMBROSE

Baby Jet, Maureen Sheard, Joan Rowles, Fiona Hinton, Vicki & Nancy Pearce, Anne Marie Booth, 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, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins, Helen Leasor, Terry Glynn, Leaf Matthieson, Susan Claffey

RECENTLY DEPARTED

May the souls of Mary Walsh, Veronica Gallagher, John 'Jack' Kirwan, Martin 'Barry' Johnson, Patrick Collins, Joan Hales, Rosemary Danam, Colin Seery, John Ludlow, Monica Dockney, Freda Anning, Bartholomew Zammit, Geraldine O'Neill,, rest in peace.



News and Events

Prayers for Priests - Prayer group at Our Lady's praying for priests & for vocations. The group meet on 1st Thursday, every month 12 MD. Please come along & join us in prayer!

Young Adults Group 18-40yrs. Monthly meeting on Last Sunday of the month, after the 11.00am Mass. If you are interested in joining this group and would like to know more, speak with Fr Martin or the parish office.

Our Lady's School News -. Open Morning for Reception 2027: Missed the open day? Don't worry-visits to school are warmly welcomed by contacting the school office on 0161 480 5345.

St Ambrose School News. Is your child due to start school September 2027? Then join us for a tour of our Reception Tuesday 13th October. No need to make an appointment just come along anytime between 4-6pm

Interested in helping us improve parish communications? Help shape how we share news, events and information across the Three Parishes of Stockport. Whether you have experience in writing, design, social media, websites, photography, marketing or simply an interest in helping people stay informed and connected, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Fr Martin or contact the parish office.

Stockport Community Choir at Our Lady's - Each Monday between 7pm and 9pm, all welcome to join and help grow our music ministry and community choir. Speak to Charlie for more information on 07763 715 497 / charlie@stockportcommunitychoir.co.uk

Register now for the reception of the sacraments - It is now time to register with the office for First Sacraments, and Confirmation. We require applications to be in early this year so that we can plan for the programmes which will run in 2027. Please contact the office for a booking form. Please collect Mass attendance cards, where applicable, to be ticked from October onwards.

October Devotions - In the Catholic tradition, October is designated as the Month of the Holy Rosary, a time for increased devotion to the Virgin Mary through the prayer of the Rosary. This devotion was historically linked to a miraculous victory in the Battle of Lepanto in 1571, leading to the Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th. Daily rosary is scheduled for our three parishes at 7pm every evening at Our Lady's and at 7.30pm on Thursdays. Please make every effort to join us.



ANNIVERSARIES

Margaret Dove, George Jackson Fox, Katherine Conlon, Hannah Ready, Terry Lahan; Gertrude Florence Bennett, Rita Morris McAlear, Helen Borrell, Margaret Cherrington, Bernard Joseph Smallwood, Harry Wilson, Rita Mary Ryan, Eliza J. Kelly, Steven Beveridge, Gary White, Thomas Ansell, Marion Traynor, Philip John Flanagan, James Diffley, Edward Maguire Jnr., Bernadette Eastwood

To mark his Silver Jubilee, Fr. Martin is delighted to announce the publication of his new book, **Strung with Grace: 25 Pearls on the Rosary**. Written as a jubilee reflection, the book offers twenty-five meditations and real-life stories inspired by the Rosary — one pearl for each year of priesthood - exploring its history, its place in Christian prayer, and the grace it continues to bring to those who pray it. Available to purchase on Amazon. Strung with Grace: 25 Pearls on the Rosary <https://amzn.eu/d/Oj0SMDsC>

The Free Medical Outreach Programme 2027 provides an invaluable service in Umunomo and surrounding villages in the Eastern region of Nigeria by providing medical care for those who are unable to afford this essential requirement and basic need. Please use the link or the QR code for more information or to donate

<https://gofund.me/db9a797c1>

November list Please take a Month of the Holy Souls envelope and place inside the names of your deceased parents, relative, friends and all for whom you wish to pray. Holy Mass will be offered for them throughout the month of November, and any donations will be used for Masses for Holy Souls for the following 12 months. **November Memorial Masses** - You are warmly invited to a Memorial Mass for your loved ones who have died recently - 7th November at St Ambrose, 5pm, 8th November at Our Lady's 11am & St Vincent's, 9.30am. There will be an opportunity to light candles before and after Mass.

Our Lady's News

▪ **Tea and Coffee Morning** After 11am Sunday Mass in the Guild Room.

▪ **Children's Liturgy** - During 11am Mass on Sundays at Our Lady's. Please speak to the liturgy team if your child would like to take part.

▪ **Dona Online Card Donation Stand** at the back of church - give it a try or continue to use the QR code, or the weekly envelopes— Please let us know if you would like to start using envelopes and register for Gift Aid.



St Ambrose News

▪ **Piety Stall** - please browse our new look piety stall with gifts, cards, and religious pieces to remind us of our faith.

▪ **Flowers** Please put any donations for flowers in the box at the back of church.

▪ **QR Code:** Please use the QR for online donations to St Ambrose



RCIA for those who wish to join the Catholic Church - If you would like to find out more about becoming a member of the Catholic Church then please sign up to join us on this journey in faith. RCIA meetings involve the study of Catholic Tradition, Church teaching and sacred scriptures and an introduction into developing a life of prayer supported by Catholic values and community; all of this takes place in an informal and welcoming setting. Please contact the office to receive more information on the programme beginning on 1st November.

Offertory—Please use the QR codes below If you don't have cash during the offertory collection and would like to financially support the parish, then please use the relevant QR code below to donate directly to the parish account. Thank you!

Next Sunday is World Mission Sunday - Pope Leo invites us to support Missio – his charity for world mission – through a special collection. To help share the Good News of God's love which has the power to transform lives and heal our world. Many of our parishioners also have a Missio Red Box in their home and we thank you for your ongoing generosity. If you don't yet have a Red Box to collect your loose change, please accept one next weekend.

St Vincent's News

•**Monday 12th 10.30am Prayer Group 7.30pm Bible Course** - a session on Exile and the story of Loss. Anyone is welcome to these sessions

•**Wednesday 14th LAMBS social event 7 to 9pm.** Donations and offers for sandwiches will be taken after Mass this Sunday. Any help with clearing away at 9pm is appreciated.

•**Sat 17th Oct 7.30pm** Tear fund concert for Nepal. Supertonic sing songs from the shows. Ford's Lane church £12 tickets

•**Remembrance Sunday**

8th November STARTING AT 9.15am If you have someone who died in wars or someone who has died in the last 12 months, please email **Veronica** veronicamartin@hotmail.com with their name so we can take up a candle for them.

