



Newsletter for the Parishes of:

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Sunday 10th January, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

Cardinal Nichols assures us that the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is removed during these emergency circumstances. You can participate in these Masses via this Live Stream link: <https://www.churchservices.tv/ourladystockport> (For Our Lady's church) OR [Stockport Parishes - YouTube](#) (for St. Vincent's and St. Ambrose')

IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT GUIDELINES, WE ASK THAT YOU WEAR A FACE COVERING AT MASS

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sun 10 th Jan	The Baptism of the Lord	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St. Ambrose's	Our Parish Family
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Patrick Melson
		9.30am	St. Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady's	Julia Higgins (ann)
		5.00pm	St. Vincent's	Our Parish Family
Mon 11 th Jan	Ferial	7.00pm	Our Lady's	William, Margaret, Pat, Felix & Billy Norton
Tues 12 th Jan	Ferial	9.30am	Our Lady's	Julia Callaghan RIP
Wed 13 th Jan	Ferial	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Patrick Melson
Thurs 14 th Jan	Ferial	9.00am	St. Ambrose's	Julia Callaghan RIP
Fri 15 th Jan	Ferial	9.30am	St. Vincent's	Julia Callaghan RIP
Sat 16 th Jan	Ferial / opt. m. BVM	9.30am	Our Lady's	Julia Callaghan RIP
Sun 17 th Jan	2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Day of Special Prayer for World Peace	5.30pm	Vigil Mass Sat. St. Ambrose's	Our Parish Family
		7.00pm	Vigil Mass Sat. Our Lady's	Our Parish Family
		9.30am	St. Vincent's	Our Parish Family
		11.00am	Our Lady's	William, Margaret, Pat, Felix & Billy Norton
		5.00pm	St. Vincent's	Madelaine Vacher RIP & Claude Vacher

There is **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament** for an hour before every morning Mass.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available after the 9.30am Mass on Saturday and by request.

Please pray for:

The Sick

In St. Vincent's: We remember in our prayers all the intentions on the **St. Vincent's** Prayer Board. If you would like a copy of the list and have not received one by email or post, please contact Jane Roberts on 0161 439 4326.

In Our Lady's: Louis Donegani, Denise Corlett, Elaine Hallworth, Nora Reade, Tommy Higgins, Marie Kenefick, Eileen Mains, Beryl Collins, Josie Vaughan, Diana Aldred, Michael Heath, Honora Hague, Victoria Russell, Sophie Mansfield, Mary Brett, George E. Smith, Vivienne Goostry, John Wynne, Vincent Tracey, Ronald Fury, Veronica Gallagher, Aine O'Callaghan, Mary Murphy, Catherine Tracey, Kathleen Bond, Jordan Harris, Matthew Donegani, Alana Walsh, Jean Egginton, Mary Glindon and Sean O'Callaghan.

In St. Ambrose's: Eleanor Loftus, Jackie Doggett, Mary Andrusiak, Carl Stanley, C. Wootton, Mary Sein, Paul Thuoc, Barry Lloyd, Andrew Way, Mary Young, Paul Righini, Irene Walker, Veronica Norbury, John Holt, Imelda Judge, Veronica Lane, Joanna Winter, Pat Judge, Paul McClure, Helen Jenkins and Marie Hughes.

Lately Dead

Mary Hall

Anniversaries

Mary McLoughlin, Richard Burgess, Sandra Mary Capey, Sheila Whelan Fred Selby, George McKee, David Welch, Alice Wynne, Janina Piechowska, Julia Higgins, Ruby Adamson, Wilfred Pecket, Edith Moore, Roy Glindon, Mary Kenny, Mary Shorrocks, Thomas Sheehy, Elizabeth Hayes, Mary Graham, John Selby. May they rest in peace.

Fr Martin Writes: Happy New Year, Everyone!

As we enter yet another lockdown, with Bishop Mark we welcome the Government's recognition of Worship as essential, which our dedicated and diligent Christian witness in these days of health crisis has occasioned. Please see the bishop's pastoral letter attached. This comes with enormous responsibility, as the bishop admonishes, aware that we are not out of the woods yet, as far as COVID-19 is concerned. Hence, we will be publishing on our website and face book page the agreed Government guidelines for places of worship as well as the bishop's Adclerum on this subject. We hope to hold at some point, if possible, a brief, virtual, refresher (or induction for new volunteers) session for all stewards and cleaners. Please do still get in touch with us if you wish to volunteer to enable our churches to stay open and to continue our acts of worship and administration of the sacraments.

SOME GUIDELINES ON THE SAFE USE OF OUR CHURCHES: The bishop reminds us of the Government's Statement published last week: "Communal worship and life events: You can leave home to attend or visit a place of worship for communal worship, a funeral or event related to a death, a burial ground or a remembrance garden, or to attend a wedding ceremony. **You should follow the guidance on the safe use of places of worship and must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble when attending a place of worship.** Weddings, funerals and religious, belief-based or commemorative events linked to someone's death are all subject to limits on the numbers that can attend, and weddings and civil ceremonies may only take place in exceptional circumstances. **You must not mingle with anyone outside of your household or support bubble if you do attend a service.**" **I think this is a moment for us to stress that there should be no mingling and social interaction between households either within or outside of our churches. We need to be conscious not only of safety, as we have done since the summer, but also of public perception.'**

FACE COVERINGS: Face coverings must be worn in all places of worship except by those who are exempt, this is now the law. For ease of reference the exceptions are detailed here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/facecoverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own/face-coverings-when-to-wear-one-and-how-to-make-your-own#exemptions>. Public Health England does not recommend face coverings for children under the age of 3 for health and safety reasons. The latest guidance indicates that children under 11 years of age do not have to wear face coverings. In the Diocesan guidance provided last year we proposed that children 3 years of age and over should wear face coverings unless they find it difficult to manage them correctly. It may be prudent to recommend the diocesan practice while mindful that the legal requirement does not begin until the age of 11. Here is the link to the guidance for the safe use of places of worship during the pandemic as updated on 22nd December: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-from-2-december>

FIVE IMPORTANT REMINDERS AS WE GO INTO LOCKDOWN: 1) All our churches must provide hand sanitiser at all points of access and egress. 2) Stewarding and managed social distancing is required at all times. 3) Full cleaning of the space must be done immediately after the church has been in use. 4) The time people are in church must be always minimised (the use of liturgical choices will assist this including preaching a short homily and the omission of the prayers of the faithful). Here in our three parishes, there will be little or no homilies throughout the lockdown. 5) No congregational singing is permitted and if choir or cantors sing, the choices of music must ensure that the "exposure time" in church is not unduly prolonged for the faithful.

Baptisms: Sadly, we cannot resume the celebration of baptisms as planned. However, we are happy to inform all parents that we are resuming preparations for baptism. The next course will take place on Saturdays: 30 January, 6 February, and 13 February at 10.30 am. This will be open to families who wish their baptism to take place at any of our 3 churches. Please contact us to register. We invite all our Baptism catechists to please assist us in this.

Children's Liturgy via Zoom is at 10am every Sunday. For more details please follow us on our Facebook page - Our Lady's children's liturgy - or email with any queries to liturgyourladys@gmail.com Look forward to seeing you there!

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<https://investmycommunity.com/not-logged-donator/page/stambroseadswooddioceseofshrewsbury2185>

For **St. Vincent's** parishioners, the link is:

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