

Entrance Antiphon
I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First reading **Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm **Ps 145(144):2-3. 8-9. 17-18. R18a**

The LORD is close to all who call him.

Second reading **Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a**

Brothers and Sisters: Christ will be honoured in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account. Let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation **Cf. Acts 16:14b**

Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, that we may pay attention to the words of your Son. Alleluia

Gospel **Matthew 20:1-16**

At that time: Jesus told his disciples this parable, ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market-place, and to them he said, “You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.” So they went. Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing. And he said to them, “Why do you stand here idle all day?” They said to him, “Because no one has hired us.” He said to them, “You go into the vineyard too.”

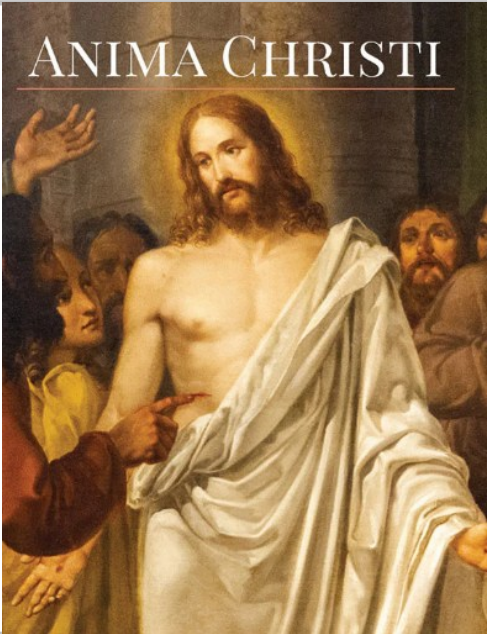
‘And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, “Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.” And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when those hired first came, they thought they would receive more, but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the master of the house, saying, “These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.” But he replied to one of them, “Friend, I am doing you no wrong. Did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go. I choose to give to this last worker as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?” So the last will be first, and the first last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Anima Christi

Soul of Christ, sanctify me.
Body of Christ, save me.
Blood of Christ, inebriate me.
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O Good Jesus, hear me.
Within your wounds hide me.
Permit me not to be separated from you.
From the wicked foe, defend me.
At the hour of my death, call me
and bid me come to you
That with your saints I may praise you
For ever and ever. Amen.



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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 20TH SEPTEMBER 2026 - YEAR A

Date	Feast	Time	Church	Mass Intention
Sunday 20th September Psalter week I	TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SECOND COLLECTION: HOME MISSION SUNDAY	5pm Vigil 9.30am 11am	St. Ambrose St Vincent’s Our Lady’s	Rosemary Danam RIP Deceased of Hayes Family Our Parish Family
Monday 21st September	ST MATTHEW, Ap, Ev	9.30am	St. Ambrose	Service of the Word and Communion
Tuesday 22nd September	FERIAL	9.30am 1pm	Our Lady’s Aquinas College	Doris Banda—Thanksgiving. College Mass
Wednesday 23rd September	ST PIUS PIETRELCINA (PADRE PIO), P,	9.30am	St Vincent’s	Deceased members of the Cooper Family
Thursday 24th September	OUR LADY OF WALSHINGHAM	9.30am 7pm	St Ambrose Our Lady’s	Griffon Ficklin RIP Ashton Peter D’Souza - Thanksgiving.
Friday 25th September	FERIAL Friday Abstinence	9.30am	St Vincent	Amelia Lobob RIP
Saturday 26th September	FERIAL	9.30am 5pm, Vigil	Our Lady’s St Ambrose	Fr Vincent Wheelan, Thanksgiving Colin Burns (SVP)
Sunday 27th September	TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SPECIAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE HARVEST ST VINCENT’S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION	9.30am 11am 1:30 pm 2:30pm	St Vincent’s Our Lady’s Our Lady’s St Vincent’s	Paul Wingate (SVP) FOLLOWED BY ST VINCENT’S FEAST DAY CELEBRATION Peter Callaghan RIP Lilah Lauren Ailisha Seggie (Baptism) Michael Alton (Baptism)

There is 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
RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults): Are you or anyone you know **interested in joining the Catholic Church/want to know more about the Catholic faith?** The next course will be in the autumn 2026, please email to add your name to the list.

Sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation - Please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible to register your child for these Sacramental Programmes.

SAFEGUARDING LEADS FOR THE THREE PARISHES :- St Vincent’s-Judy Carey carey.judith@yahoo.com OLATA Ged Murtagh -geraldmurtagh@outlook.com St Ambrose — Marie Byrne ma.byrnel@ntlworld.com
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.

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Sick List

In 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.

In 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

In St. Ambrose's: Baby Jet, Marge Newbrook, 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 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, Irene Cox, Marion Tolley, Denise Hewitt, Lorraine Armstrong, Teresa Mason, rest in peace.

Anniversaries: Rita Agnes Runcieman, Philip Clayton / Margaret Barrow, Marilyn McCarrol, James Richard Foy, Kevin Dexter, Patrick Coneelly, Blanche Mulhall

BAPTISM CLASSES -Book early via the parish email or call the office.

REGISTER NOW FOR THE RECEPTION OF THE SACRAMENTS - It is now time to register with the office for First Sacraments , and Confirmation. Please contact the office for a booking form. Please collect Mass attendance cards, where applicable, to be ticked from October.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH are held before every morning Mass in our three parishes (including the 11am Sunday Mass at Our Lady's), except on Mondays. Please join us.

PRO-LIFE PRAYER VIGIL AT OUR LADY'S - at the grotto every Saturday morning at 7:30am. Approx 75 mins, followed by Eucharistic Adoration and Mass in church. All are welcome.

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.

ANNUAL BENEDICTION IN HONOUR OF ST THERESE OF LISEUX - with the **Veneration of Her First Class Relic**, at the Carmelite Monastery in Birkenhead. This beautiful afternoon of prayer and devotion offers an opportunity to honour the "Little Flower", seek her intercession, and spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer. **Date:** Sunday 27 September 2026 **Time:** 3.00pm **Venue:** The Carmelite Monastery, 12 Grosvenor Place, Birkenhead CH43 1UA . All are warmly welcome to attend this special annual celebration. Whether you have a longstanding devotion to Saint Thérèse or are visiting for the first time, come and experience an afternoon of prayer, peace, and grace in the Carmelite tradition. For more information, please visit: carmelitesbirkenhead.org.uk

THE DIOCESE OF SHREWSBURY HAS A NEW WEBSITE—Please have a look, www.dioceseofshrewsbury.org It has information about the Catholic faith, from finding your nearest church, getting to grips with the basics of Catholicism and what we believe, to online study for those that want to go a bit deeper. There is a section on News and Events occurring in the diocese, a resources section. It's all on there for you to explore.

SHREWSBURY DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGES REUNION - There will be a reunion for participants in recent Shrewsbury Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimages on Saturday 10th October at St Columba's Church , Plas Newton Lane , Chester CH2 1SA. The reunion will start with Mass at 2.00pm followed by refreshments in the church hall . All former pilgrims are welcome.

ST BEDE'S CATHOLIC COLLEGE, MANCHESTER, is inviting families to visit the school at its upcoming Open Events. St Bede's is Manchester's only independent Catholic school, providing a co-educational education for children aged 3–18 within a community rooted in faith and the values of being Inspired, Committed and Grateful. Families are warmly invited to visit St Bede's, meet pupils and teachers, explore the school and discover more about its Catholic community and the full Bedian journey from Nursery through to Sixth Form. **Open Events** - Saturday 3rd October - 9.00am–12.00pm, Thursday 8th October - 4.30pm–7.30pm.

OUR LADY'S SCHOOL NEWS: It has been lovely to welcome everyone back after the summer holidays. We wish a warm welcome to the Our Lady's Family to all our new children – we hope you will be very happy with us! Many congratulations to Fr Martin on the occasion of his Silver Jubilee - what an uplifting experience your Anniversary Mass was! **OUR LADY'S SCHOOL OPEN MORNING FOR RECEPTION 2027:** We had our Open Day for Reception 2027 on Wednesday 16th September. It was lovely to see new faces looking around our wonderful school. Missed the open day? Don't worry- visits to school are warmly welcomed by contacting the school office on 0161 480 5345.

RETURNING TO THE CHURCH—We have many enquiries about returning to the Church after years or even decades of absence. If you know anyone in this situation, please, inform them they are most welcome back to the Church and to speak to the priest before or after Mass, if they can. Otherwise, they can just come to Confession on Saturday morning (or by appointment) and return to receiving Holy Communion.

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 in October.**

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!

FREE MEDICAL OUTREACH PROGRAMME 2027 - <https://gofund.me/db9a797c1>

The Free Medical Outreach Programme 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 to donate.

FR MARTIN HAS PUBLISHED A NEW BOOK!

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 at the back of church this week. Also, available to purchase on Amazon. [Strung with Grace: 25 Pearls on the Rosary: Amazon.co.uk: Onuoha, Fr. Martin Ifeanyi: 9781066915903: Books](https://www.amazon.co.uk/dp/B0C9N8Q8Q8)

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 7.30pm every evening at Our Lady's. Please make every effort to join us.

PLEASE DONATE ANY FOREIGN OR OLD BRITISH NOTES AND COINS to the big jars at our 3 churches. We can convert them into new money to help the charitable work of the SVP

THE SECOND COLLECTION ON SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER, IS FOR HOME MISSION SUNDAY

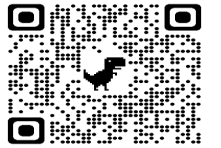


OUR LADY'S NEWS

TEA AND COFFEE MORNING After 11am Mass on Sunday.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - During 11am Mass on Sunday's 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—gifts, cards, 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 this QR for online donations for St Ambrose



ST VINCENT'S NEWS

MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER 7.30 TO 9PM - BIBLE Course Session Two. It's not too late to join us for the upcoming session which will discuss Genesis. Video and small group discussion. Tea and coffee available before the session. Anyone is welcome.

Next Sunday Coffee and croissants after Mass to celebrate St Vincent's Feast day.

