

**Catholic Church Communities of  
St. Anne & Blessed Dominic and St. Vincent de Paul**



# Newsletter

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<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD</b>	
12 <sup>th</sup> January 2025	Sunday Cycle: Year C	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEK				
<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>Geraldine Dyer (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.), Jean Taylor</b>
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>M</b>	St V	<b>Agnes &amp; Joe Luton</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>Thomas Rose, Bernadette Laycock, Ted Bailey (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance)</b>
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>Ennis Griffiths, Alan Whitehead</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>James &amp; Mary Dorning</b>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>In Thanksgiving for a new home</b>
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>M</b>	St V	<b>John &amp; Catherine Bates</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>People of the Parish</b>

***Please remember in your Prayers:***

***Latently died:*** Thomas Rose, Bernadette Laycock, Ennis Griffiths, David Scriven, Alan Whitehead.

***Anniversaries:***

Geraldine Dyer, Jean Taylor, Geoff Molyneux, Ted Bailey (90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Remembrance).

***Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick:***

Emily Felber, Mandy Bennett, Helen Smith, Louise Kowolik, Barbara Burns, Irene Johnson, Annie Lee, Kathleen Valentine, Joe Delaney, Alex Downey, Sam Glover, Alex McMillan, Alan McMillan, Anne Whitehouse, Moyra Lyon, Christine Terry, Isobelle McDonald, Sister Mado Kabut, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Anna Potter, Kevin Burns. Geraldine Roberts, Marian Howard, Cerys McKenna.

**The Baptism of the Lord's** significance could not fully emerge until it was seen in light of the Cross and Resurrection. In this way the Christian people realized what happened: Jesus loaded the burden of all mankind's guilt upon his shoulders; he bore it down into the depths of the Jordan. He inaugurated his public activity by stepping into the place of sinners. His inaugural gesture is an anticipation of the Cross: The Baptism is an acceptance of death for the sins of humanity. And the voice that calls out "This is my beloved Son" over the baptismal waters is an anticipatory reference to the Resurrection.

These anticipations have now become reality. John's baptism with water has received its full meaning through the Baptism of Jesus' own life and death. To accept the invitation to be baptized now means to go to the place of Jesus' Baptism. It is to go where he identifies himself with us and to receive there our identification with him. The point where he anticipated death has now become the point where we anticipate rising again with him. This is wonderful.

As we celebrate Jesus' great public beginning, we look at our own beginnings. And if some of them look half-hearted, we take consolation from the Gospel challenge to begin again. There probably won't be any doves or voices from heaven, but as Gospel people we make our beginnings like Jesus. We are not alone. We make them in the power of the Spirit and in the love of the Father. So, let us take courage to face our own road.

**Family Mass next Sunday.** Children preparing for the First holy communion and their families are expected to attend Mass respectively at St. Vincent de Paul and St. Anne & Blessed Dominic.

### **The Jubilee Logo**



**Jubilee begins on parish level on this Feast of the Baptism of the Lord.**

**Jubilee Themes: Food Poverty, Modern Slavery, Care for Creation, Managing Debt, Forgiveness, Rest.**

**As Pilgrims of Hope, we pray, we journey, we act.**

The figure at the front is holding onto the cross. It is not only the sign of the faith which this lead figure embraces, but also of hope, which can never be abandoned, because we are always in need of hope, especially in our moments of greatest need. There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolising the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always go smoothly in calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor which is let down into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope.

It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey not as an individual undertaking, but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

**Meeting for Eucharistic Ministers** next weekend after 5 pm Mass on Saturday and 11am Mass on Sunday. This meeting is **only** for St Anne & Blessed Dominic church, and it will be a quick meeting, less than 10 mins.