

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



# Newsletter

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<b>This Sunday:</b>	<b>TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME</b>	
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2024	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK				
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September</b>	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	<b>John Watkin (Birthday Anniversary), James Murray RIP</b>
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9:30 am	M	St V	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11:00am	M	St A&B	<b>Elsie Comerford, Ernie Bowden, Gloria Rigby, Caroline Maughan</b>
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept.</b>	9:15 am	M	St A&B	<b>Harry Taylor, Albert Cowley Snr</b>
	12:15pm	S	St V	<b>Funeral Service for Agnes Crehan</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12noon	M	St A&B	<b>Funeral Mass for Brigid Carter</b>
<b>Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	12noon	M	St A&B	<b>Mass in Honour of Ven. Elizabeth Prout and in Thanksgiving and gratitude for the work of Sr Eileen in our parish</b>
<b>Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September</b> <b>Our Lady of Sorrows</b>	9:30am	M	St V	<b>People of the Parish</b>
	11:00am	M	St A&B	<b>Maureen Keppel, John Smart</b>

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

***Lately died:*** Elsie Comerford, Mary Ryan, Agnes Crehan, Brigid Carter, Gloria Rigby, Agnes Lynch, Caroline Maughan, Ernie Bowden, John Smart.

***Anniversaries:*** Harry Taylor, Albert Cowley Snr.

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

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Emily Felber, Keith Shuttleworth, 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.

**Retiring collection next week is for Home Mission**

**Scripture readings** are about a classless faith.

Each of us has inherited a mixed bag of beliefs and suspicions, some of which we have grown to disregard, others we have adopted and made our own. The prejudices that serve to prop up our sense of superiority, while keeping others in diminishment, are particularly difficult to tear down. We can all decorate our insecurity by regarding as inferior those who are different from ourselves, for reasons of class or race or religion or whatever. But if our own sense of worth is maintained at the expense of other people's dignity, what value is it?

In today's second reading, we hear this simple advice: "My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people." In today's Gospel, Jesus comes face to face with a deaf man who has a speech impediment. The man is doubly afflicted: he is a Gentile, hence regarded by orthodox Jews as unclean, and is also physically handicapped. Jesus cures him. Thus the messianic prophecy of Isaiah heard in the first reading is seen to be fulfilled: "the ears of the deaf are unsealed and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy."

Jesus knows that people shrink back under indifference, are wounded by prejudice, are hurt when they are rejected. Out of his infinite passion, Jesus' love is available to everyone, without any presuppositions or any conditions. He is not disconcerted by the handicapped; neither is he prejudiced against those not of his own race or religion. In his presence no one has to conceal his handicap, no one has to remain isolated in a wordless world, no one has to be rejected because of his difference. Jesus' acceptance and love open up new possibilities; for him, nothing is settled. Prejudice, on the other hand, tries to settle everything; handicaps everyone it touches; it allows fear to dress up as social and religious propriety; it sneaks its way into our laws. It is a killer disease.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

1. Mass on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. at St A&B will be at 9:15 am.
2. Mass on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. at St A&B will be at 12noon.

This means there will be **NO Mass at 5pm.**

**There will be two Masses on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> as usual:**

**9:30 am at St Vincent's.**

**11:00 am at St Anne & Blessed Dominic.**

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept.:** Mass in honour of Venerable Elizabeth Prout and in thanksgiving and gratitude for the work of Sr Eileen in St Anne & Blessed Dominic parish. There will be refreshment afterwards in the parish centre. All welcome.

**Gift Aid.** Thank you for Gift Aiding your donations to the parish. This allows the parish to reclaim the tax on all your donations that have been recorded at the parish. Any parishioner who wants to consider paying their offerings through Gift Aid, please get in touch with Gordon via parish office for more information.

**Pause for Hope, 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Ecumenical Service: Sunday 22 September, 3:00 pm**

The Metropolitan Cathedral will host a special Pause for Hope service on Sunday 22 September, dedicated to supporting those affected by cancer. The event is open to all, with no tickets required. Catherine Jones, Chair of North West Cancer Research, will be the main speaker, and music will be provided by Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. The service will be led by Rev Canon Bill Addy, Rev David Goodwin, and Bishop Tom Williams. This ecumenical and reflective gathering includes hymns, prayers, and the lighting of candles to remember loved ones lost to cancer and to pray for a future free from the disease.