

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



Newsletter

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| This Sunday | FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT | |
| 22 nd February 2026 | Sunday Cycle: Year A | Weekday Cycle: Year 2 |

| THIS WEEK | | | | |
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| Saturday 21st February | 5:00 pm | M | St A&B | Gerard Bailey, William O’Sullivan |
| Sunday 22nd February | 9:30am | M | St V | People of the Parish (Johnny McLoughlin) |
| | 11:00am | M | St A&B | Marian McBride, David Cooney |
| Wednesday 25th February | 12noon | M | St A&B | Royce Goodier, Angela Capper |
| Friday 27th February | 12noon | M | St A&B | Jeanette Frederick (Healing) |
| Saturday 28th February | 5:00 pm | M | St A&B | Edna & John Regan, Evelyn Smith |
| Sunday 1st March | 9:30am | M | St V | People of the Parish |
| | 11:00am | M | St A&B | Gerard Bailey, George Sheen |

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: David Appleton, Gerard Bailey, William O’Sullivan, Royce Goodier, Angela Capper, Deacon Leo McNicholas.

Anniversaries: Marian McBride, David Cooney, Johnny McLoughlin.

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is sick:

Barbara Wright, Mandy Bennett, Annie Lee, Kathleen Valentine, Helen Smith, Cerys McKenna, Christine Terry, Moyra Lyon, Brian Fortune, Geraldine Roberts, Laura Mahon, Isobelle McDonald, Anne Whitehouse, Alex McMillian, Sam Glover, Alex Downey, Joan Mary Cyril, Raymond Litherland, Angela Brooks, Ged Barry.

Stations of the Cross at St Anne's every Friday during Lent (apart from Good Friday) at 2.30 p.m. Everyone warmly welcome, not only from both our own Church Communities, but from other Communities too.

Scripture readings are about the word of God that questions us.

Traditionally Lent is a time when give up some things or take up some things. Whatever we do, it would be a good idea to allow the word of God to get close. The word comes to question who we are; it comes to support the kind of people we could be.

Like God in the garden of Eden, Jesus comes to look for those who have hidden themselves from God: "I have come to seek out and to save the lost."

Jesus is the one who comes seeking us out, calling our names, knocking on our doors, asking to be let in. He is the quest of God in search of a lost people.

But his mission to save is not free from trial. He is tempted to abandon trust in his Father and go the way of power and prestige and public display.

In the Gospel, Jesus is seen to face temptation with the power of the word of God. He lives by the word of God. Obedience to that word will take him through trial and temptation to the cross itself, the great sign of our salvation. In Jesus' obedience to the word of God, we are saved.

As we begin Lent, we are invited to let God find us where we are; to let him get close to who we are and how we are. He has the same question to ask each of us: "Where are you?" Let us make time – five or ten minutes each day - to look where we are in our lives and discover God's presence anew.

Centring Prayer Day - Saturday 21st March

Led by Fr Richard Sloan from Huyton, this day focuses of teaching and practice of this beautiful way of silent, simple, meditation prayer in the presence of God, lovingly active within you.

Saturday 21st March, 10am – 4pm in St Teresa's Church, Norris Green, L11 3BW including simple lunch.

No charge: places must be booked by contacting: st.teresasng@rcaol.org.uk

Safety matters

If you are concerned about the safety of a child or vulnerable adult and feel they are in immediate danger, please call the police. If you wish to report any non-urgent concerns, please contact your local social services or the archdiocese safeguarding officers, Mark Robson 0151 522 1013 / 07585761965 Claire Newton 0151 522 1043 / 07384643237 or safeguarding@rcaol.org.uk

Come and See: Lord teach us to pray: Saturday 7 March, 10:00-16:00

The Irenaeus Centre welcomes Rónán and Joanne Johnston as keynote speakers to lead the next come and see day. Rónán is a lifelong musician and composer, worship leader and international speaker whose music ministry has inspired many. He co-founded the Emmaus Christian music band and community, producing 15 albums of worship and contemporary Christian music. Rónán will be joined by his wife, Joanne, a talented session vocalist and primary school teacher. Please bring a packed lunch. Suggested donation: £10. For further details, contact: jenny@irenaeus.co.uk or call 0151 949 1199.

Foodbank. Items needed: Milk, Sugar, coffee (small), Juice, Jam, Instant Mash, Tinned (potatoes, tomatoes, fruit, fish), Rice pudding, Custard, Cereals, Savoury Rice/Noodles. Many thanks for your continued support.