

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
12 th July 2026	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK

Saturday 11th July	5:00 pm		St A&B	Sheila Whalley
Sunday 12th July	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Fr Mark White (Get Well)
Wednesday 15th July	10:00am	S	St V	Funeral Service for Robert Jones
Friday 17th July	9:15am	M	St A&B	St Anne's School Leavers
Saturday 18th July	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Jimmy Bridge, Clyde Melia
Sunday 19th July	9:30 am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Ted Bailey

Please remember in your Prayers:

Latently died: Robert Jones, Clyde Melia, Mary Banks, Anne Marie Berry.

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, Colin McMillian, Sam Glover, Alex Downey, Joan Mary Cyril, Raymond Litherland, Angela Brooks, Ged Barry, Ray Stewart, Dawn Collett.

Special Collection for Priests in Retirement: Next weekend.

Scripture readings are about allowing the word of God to grow in us. The Gospel reading this Sunday illustrates in the parable of the Sower what happens when we hear the word of God.

The word is like a seed that is sown, a seed that depends on the condition of the ground if it is to grow and bear fruit. In the interpretation, a variety of responses to the word of God is explored through four types of hearers.

Firstly, there are those who hear the word without understanding it, and the word is easily taken from them by those who oppose its power.

Secondly, there are those whose first enthusiasm for the word cannot withstand trial because the word has never taken root in them.

Thirdly, there are those who hear the word but are overcome by a litany of distractions and lose it. Finally, there are those who hear the word and understand it, who take it to heart and make it their own and yield a harvest through their persistence.

The last group of hearers are the models for true Christian discipleship: in giving the word of God a secure place in their heart, in making efforts to understand it, their co-operation ensures that this word becomes an event in the Christian life. Discipleship enables the preached word to become a fruitful thing, not just a word.

The word of God is still preached, scattered generously with throwaway style. God still risks his word, hoping that people will take it, welcome it and make it their own. So, let us pray for the grace to allow the word of God to transform us so that we can face the future with new hope.

Annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Mass

The annual archdiocesan Lourdes Mass will take place **on Sunday 19 July at 3pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. All are welcome - whether you are travelling on this year's pilgrimage, have joined in previous years, or are simply a supporter of the pilgrimage.

Archbishop John Sherrington will be the celebrant.

Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes. Ciaran is happy as he has done in the past to take petitions to Lourdes during archdiocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes. Any parishioners who would like to send petitions, please give them to Fr Jean Paul, Anita or to Alisson, Ciaran's mum next weekend.

How to request a Mass to be celebrated for your intention?

1. Pick up an envelope for Mass request at the piety shelf.
2. Fill in the name of the person or the intention you would like the Mass to be celebrated for, and the date in the case of anniversary. But please be aware that no guarantee of Mass on a requested date can be made.
3. Put in the envelope your offering. I would like to make it clear that the Mass is priceless. Your offering is your appreciation of the value of the Mass. The Cure d'Ars said: "If we knew the value of the Mass, we would die of joy". The Code of Canon Law says: "The faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, and by that offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities." (can. 946)
4. Give your envelope to Fr Jean Paul, deacon John or to Joanne in the Parish Office.

A lift please. There are some senior parishioners who do not drive and would appreciate a lift to come to church for Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Would you please, if you drive to come to church, to be aware of these parishioners in your street or nearby and reach out to them. I am aware of some parishioners who are already helping in this way. I wanted the whole parish community to be aware of this need. Many thanks.