

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT	
25 th February 2024	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	24th Feb.	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Maureen Knight, Geoffrey Molyneux, Peter Foster
Sunday	25th Feb.	9:30 am	M	St V	Margaret Gregson
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	Marian McBride
Wednesday	28th Feb.	12noon	M	St A&B	Evelyn Smith
Thursday	29th Feb.	11:30 am	M	St A&B	Funeral Mass for Jean Frances Pearce
Friday	1st March.	12noon	M	St A&B	George Stephen Sheen

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	2nd March.	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	John & Edna Regan, Margaret Murray
Sunday	3rd March.	9:30 am	M	St V	Kevin Roberts 50th Anniversary
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Peter Foster, Margaret Gregson, Jean Frances Pearce.

Anniversaries: Marian McBride, Evelyn Smith, George Stephen Sheen.

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick:

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Emily Felber, Keith Shuttleworth, Allan Jones, 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, Margaret Edward, Isobelle McDonald, Sister Mado Kabut, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Anna Potter.

Scripture readings are about facing the mountain of death.

Abraham is hailed as the father of the Jews and the Arabs, and as our forefather in faith. He stands as a large presence at the beginning of so many journeys in faith. The story of Abraham and Isaac is an instruction which shows that God is not pleased with human sacrifice. Ritual murder and human sacrifice were common practice among the people of the region. In the story of Abraham human sacrifice appears to be what God wants but turns out to be what God actually abolishes.

As Abraham with Isaac, we too are invited like Peter, James and John to climb Mount Tabor with Jesus and to let ourselves be awed by the splendour of his glory and to respond to the Father's appeal: Listen to him, an invitation to let the light of Christ illuminate our life and give us the strength to proclaim and bear witness to the Gospel to our brothers and sisters.

Abortion

From the end of February, it is likely that the Criminal Justice bill will return to parliament and that amendments will be tabled to decriminalise abortion up to the point of birth.

As well as a direct attack on the dignity of the unborn, it is highly likely that these amendments, if passed, will have unforeseen consequences which could be very serious for both unborn babies and their mothers, especially given the increase in home abortions following the legalisation of the provision of abortion pills by post.

It is possible that there will be other amendments more favourable to the rights of unborn babies. Work is taking place on the provision of a website tool to allow people to contact their Member of Parliament directly about this bill.

Please ask your MP to support a law change to lower the abortion time limit. For a postcard to send to your MP asking them to support a law change to lower the abortion time limit visit www.righttolife.org.uk

Supporting references are available at: www.Littlefighters.org.uk/sources

St Helens Deanery Synodal Council Meeting – Families of Parishes.

On Thursday 15th February the St Helens Deanery Council met to continue their discussions of the Families of Parishes in St Helens. After much debate, a vote was taken, and the majority voted for the following option:

Family 1 - St Patrick's, St Mary's and St John's Newton-le-Willows, Blessed English Martyrs Haydock and St Mary's Blackbrook.

Family 2 - Corpus Christi, Rainford, St Mary's Birchley, St Mary's Lowe House, St Julie's Eccleston and St Thomas of Canterbury.

Family 3 - St Austin's, St Teresa of Avila and Holy Cross.

Family 4 - St Bartholomew's, St Theresa of the Child Jesus, St Ann and Blessed Dominic and St Vincent de Paul's.

This list will be submitted to the Archdiocese at the end of this month.

Family Mass: Next Sunday 3rd March

Children preparing for their First Holy Communion and their families to attend.

Stations of the Cross during Lent: Friday 2:00 pm in St Anne & Blessed Dominic church.