

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
11 th May 2025	Sunday Cycle: Year C	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEK				
Saturday 10th May	10:30am	M	St A&B	First Holy Communion Children
	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Ian Hughes, Angela Owens
Sunday 11th May	9:30 am	M	St V	Barbara Burns, Sr Phil
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish
Wednesday 14th May	12noon	M	St A&B	Marie Wharton
Friday 16th May	12noon	M	St A&B	Sr Phil RIP

NEXT WEEKEND				
Saturday 17th May	10:30am	M	St V	First Holy communion Children
	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Special intention
Sunday 18th May	9:30 am	M	St V	Anne Kelly, Beatrice Sullivan, Maureen.
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please Remember in your Prayers

Lately died: Sr Phil Doherty ND, Anne Kelly, Beatrice Sullivan, Ian Hughes, Marie Wharton.

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is sick:

Emily Felber, Mandy Bennett, Helen Smith, Irene Johnson, Annie Lee, Kathleen Valentine, Alex Downey, Sam Glover, Alex McMillan, Alan McMillan, Anne Whitehouse, Moyra Lyon, Christine Terry, Isobelle McDonald, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Geraldine Roberts, Cerys McKenna, Christopher Moore.

Scripture readings are about the kinds of people the Church is made up.

On the Good Shepherd Sunday, it is important to keep in mind that at the time of Jesus, Shepherds, donkey-drivers, and pedlars were all at the bottom of the social scale. Because of the moving nature of their job, they could not honour the demands of the ceremonial law and so were regarded as religious outcasts; and because they were seen as untrustworthy, they were disqualified from appearing as legal witnesses.

So when Jesus speaks of himself as the shepherd, he is clearly allying himself with the vagabonds of society. As the shepherd, he is always going ahead of his flock seeking out new pastures. He takes on the risks and dangers of the calling, with an acute sense of smell. He is a pioneer rather than a settler. This is a challenge to us all as a Church. What our church communities are made up? Are we pioneers or settlers? Or both? And when you think about yourself, do you see yourself as a pioneer or a settler? Is the Church made up of both kinds of people?

Like St Paul, who was a tent-maker and who was good at moving on, with Barnabas, as we hear in today's first reading, do we need more pioneers in the Church? Every community needs both kinds: people who call the community away from stagnation, and people who build up the community. Every person here has a vocation to do one or the other. Let us pray for each other's vocation.

The fourth Sunday of Easter is **the Good Shepherd Sunday, a World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. Please pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Election of Pope Leo XIV: Significance of the name's choice.

Pope Leo XIII is well known in the Modern Times for his attempts to define the position of the Catholic Church with regard to modern thinking. In his famous encyclical ***Rerum Novarum*** (Of New Things, Of New Matters) 1891, Pope Leo XIII outlined the rights of workers to a fair wage, safe working conditions, and the formation of trade unions, while affirming the rights to property and free enterprise, opposing both socialism and laissez-faire capitalism. With this encyclical, he became popularly titled as the "Social Pope" and "Pope of the Workers", also having created the foundations for modern thinking in the social doctrines of the Catholic Church.

Leo XIII is particularly remembered for his belief that pastoral activity in political sociology was also a vital mission of the Church as a vehicle of social justice and maintaining the rights and dignities of the human person. By choosing to be Leo XIV, the new Pope signals that these realities still matter.

First Holy Communion. We welcome the families of the 22 children from St Anne's Primary School who will receive Jesus in the Sacrament of the Eucharist this Saturday 10th May 10:30 am in St Anne and Blessed Dominic church.

Please pray for these children and their families that Jesus will shelter them with his presence.

Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage Walks. The first of our three Jubilee Pilgrimage Walks will take place this Saturday 17 May. This will be a circular walk of 5 miles based around the Jubilee Church of St Anne and Blessed Dominic. The walk will begin **10:00** from the church car park and will end with a short procession through the grounds at **11:50**. Those who do not feel able to complete the 5-mile walk may join for the procession. Holy Mass will be celebrated at **12:00** and there will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and visit to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic Barberi. Refreshments will also be available after Mass in the Parish Centre.

Please note: the Mass at 12noon does not replace the parish Mass at 5pm.

New Projectors at St Anne and Blessed Dominic will cost £5,700. Can I request please to have a **second collection** in both our church communities **the weekends of 17/18 and 24/25 May**.

Individual donations are welcome.