

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT	
8 th March 2026	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK

Saturday 7th March	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	John & Mary Southward
Sunday 8th March	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish (Paul Hilton)
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Harry Diamond, Gerard Bailey, Betty & Cyril Twist
Wednesday 11th March	12noon	M	St A&B	Fr Robert Morrow
Friday 13th March	11:30am	S	St A&B	Funeral Service for Gerard Bailey
Saturday 14th March	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Special intention
Sunday 15th March	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Ray Melia

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Gerard Bailey, Paul Hilton.

Anniversaries: Harry Diamond, Ray Melia, John & Mary Southward, Betty & Cyril Twist.

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 how we come to understand Jesus.

In writing the story of the meeting of Jesus and the Samaritan woman, John is anxious to tell his readers who Jesus is: the Messiah and the saviour of all peoples. But he shows us Jesus as the weary and thirsty traveller who wants to make inroads into people's lives no matter who they are. It is Jesus who makes the first move expressing his need for a drink from the woman. By making this move, Jesus breaks the enmity that existed between the Jews and the Samaritans.

Jesus tells the woman who he is despite that he has been reluctant to admit to his own people who he is. He tells this outsider that he is the Christ. And in telling her who he is, he gives himself away to her.

The woman does not keep her experience a secret. She turns her experience of Jesus into a message for others. Jesus has freed her to carry his message to others. Because of her, the whole town come to meet Jesus. Many believe in Jesus because of her story; many more come to believe in him when they meet him for themselves. That is the true meaning of the Christian faith: personal encounter with Jesus who transforms the life of the one he meets and welcomes him.

The woman is a summary of how people come to understand Jesus: first as a Jew; then as a prophet; then as the Messiah; then as the Saviour of the world. She is one of the first witnesses of John's Gospel who leads others to Jesus. Her past does not hinder her from being a messenger of Good News. She has a story to tell. We are all called to be like her.

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

Do you fast? Give me proof of it by your works. If you see a poor man, take pity on him. If you see a friend being honoured, do not envy him. Do not let only your mouth fast, but also the eye and the ear and the feet and the hands and all the members of our bodies. Let the hands fast by being free of avarice. Let the feet fast by ceasing to run after sin. Let the eyes fast by disciplining them not to glare at that which is sinful. Let the ear fast by not listening to evil talk and gossip. Let the mouth fast from foul words and unjust criticism. For what good is it if we abstain from birds and fishes but bite and devour our brothers and sisters? (St John Chrysostom).

Readers at St Anne & Blessed Dominic and St Vincent De Paul

If you wish to be considered for reading at any of the services in Holy Week, please notify Joanne at the Parish Office this week (Monday or Friday 9:00 am – 4:00 pm on 01744 811 935) or by email to parish58@rcaol.org.uk at any time.

On Maundy Thursday (2 April) at St A&B, 6:30 pm, we need 2 readers.

On Good Friday (3rd April) at St V, 3:00 pm, we need 4 readers.

On Saturday, Easter vigil (4th April) at St A&B, 5:00pm, we need 5 readers. Thank you.

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.