

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT	
27 November 2022	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	26 th Nov.	5:00 pm	M	St. A&B	John McCooey, Brian A. Goodison (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	27 th Nov.	9:30 am	M	St V	Lorraine Jones, Perick Byrom, Anne Corley
		11:00 am	M	St. A&B	People of the Parish
Tuesday	29 th Nov.	12noon	S	St V	Funeral Service for Kevin Henry
Wednesday	30 th Nov. St Andrew, Apostle	12noon	M	St A&B	Joan Hazeldine, Mary Jennion and the Jennion Family
Friday	2 nd Dec.	12noon	M	St A&B	Martha Middlehurst and the Middlehurst Family

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	3 rd Dec.	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Ann Southward, Ken Gates
Sunday	4 th Dec.	9:30 am	M	St V	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	Eileen Melia (1st Anniversary)

Please remember in your Prayers:

Recently died: Perick Byrom, Anne Corley, Kevin Henry, Lorraine Jones, Anita Frodsham, Billy Martland, David Barton.

Anniversaries: Joan Hazeldine (B'day anniv.), Ann Southward, Ken Gates, Mary Jennion, Martha Middlehurst, Brian Anthony Goodison, Eileen Melia.

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick: Emily Felber, Keith Shuttleworth, Allan Jones, Bett Harris, Mandy Bennett, Rob, Helen Smith, Louise Kowolik, Barbara Burns, Irene Johnson, Annie Lee, Kathleen Valentine, Joe Delaney, Liam Carr, Alex Downey, Sam Glover, Alex McMillan, Alan McMillan, Anne Whitehouse, Linda McCarthy, Moyra Lyon, Christine Terry, Wioletta Brykalska, Margaret Edward, Isobelle McDonald, Teresa Edward, Julie Smith.

First Sunday of Advent

In the tale of Noah, we are not being advised to run out and build a boat, or buy a parachute, or construct an air-raid shelter. We are being asked to listen to the Lord so that, as Isaiah says, "he may instruct us in his ways, and we may walk in his paths." Probably none of us will be here to see that blessed day that Isaiah describes.

From the Gospel, we see that Jesus himself seemed to think that war would be a permanent feature on the human landscape and we know that history has not contradicted him.

No matter who the authors are, how different their language or accent, the script is predicably the same and the outcome is sadly familiar. And the message always seems to be forgotten.

That is why we have to pay attention to the word of the Lord. As St Paul says in today's second reading, "You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now." He tells the Christians in Rome to avoid drunken orgies and wranglings and jealousies. None of this makes them alert to the kind of time they are living in. For when people are engaged full-time in satisfying their own craving they are not disposed to face reality and take responsibility for their own world.

So it is that Jesus talks about the future coming of the Son of Man to encourage people to take responsibility for the present time. The only way to be ready for an unpredictable event is to make the present a time of fidelity. Then there is nothing to fear. And that is what we heard in the Gospel. Jesus must be ready for the time of pain ahead and he uses the present to prepare himself.

The only way to secure the future is to care about the present. We are all responsible for the world we live in; we are not passive victims of the inevitable. Let us pray for the grace to stay awake to what is happening in our world and how it is affecting our lives.

Food Bank. The cost of living is real, and I am sure that we are all experiencing it. Prices have gone up for everything and this is causing stress to many people, especially to those with low income. Thank you for your continued support of our St Helens Foodbank.

Items needed: long life milk, juice, tinned vegetables, instant mash, tomatoes, snacks, toiletries, toilet rolls, Christmas sweets, selection boxes, biscuits, non-alcoholic Christmas puddings, mince pies.

Golden Jubilee Celebration

Pilkington's Choir concert of Christmas music in church: Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale after Masses this weekend.

Flower arrangement sponsorship for one of the window sills in church in memory of your family: suggested minimum donation of £25 will be required to cover the cost of flowers etc. Envelopes and leaflets are available at the back of church for you to give details of those family members you wish to be remembered and should be returned as soon as possible. Please give your envelopes to either John or Sr Eileen.

Jubilee Steering Committee meeting: Monday 28th November, 7 pm, Parish rooms. Thank you.

Expertise needed please.

For replacement boilers in St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church, I got a quotation to supply and install 2No new Viessmann 200W Gas fired condensing boilers rated at 60Kw each. These will directly replace the existing failed units, **and cost £10,237.00 + VAT**. This includes free 5 year boiler warranties which can be upgraded to 10 year warranties at an **extra cost of £411.00 each**. Please I need your help to advise me if this is the type of boilers that we need before I agree to it.