

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	PALM SUNDAY – HOLY WEEK	
29 th March 2026	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK				
Saturday 28th March	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	People of the Parish (also Alan Jones)
Sunday 29th March	9:30am	M	St V	Barbara Burns
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Ken Byrom
THE SACRED TRIDUUM				
Maundy Thursday 2nd Apr.	6:30 pm	M	St A&B	First Communicants
Good Friday 3rd April	2:30 pm	S	St V	Way of the Cross
	3:00 pm	S	St V	The Passion of the Lord
Holy Saturday 4th April	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Edna & John Regan, Frank Sorby
EASTER SUNDAY 5th Apr.	9:30 am	M	St V	Holy Souls
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Denise Keating, Deacon Peter Barr.

Anniversaries: Barbara Burns, Ken Byrom, Edna & John Regan, Frank Sorby, Alan Jones.

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.

Thank you for **Gift Aiding** your donations (Sunday offerings) to the parish. This allows the parish to reclaim the tax on all your donations that have been recorded at the parish.

By using Gift Aid, you make your donations to the parish tax effective. Thank you once again.

Holy Week is special. It is so sacred. The Church immerses herself in the core mysteries of the Christian faith. We must let its power enter us. Let us stay with Jesus this week, building up to the Lord's Supper, staying with Jesus during the time of his agony, his condemnation, his passion, to the Crucifixion, living quietly and reflectively through Friday and Saturday until we come to the celebration of the resurrection, the foundation of our hope for salvation and eternal life.

This week is the time of spiritual awakening. If we integrate the tasks of every day with the Holy Week programme, Easter will be so much a time of life and celebration.

Holy Thursday, the altar is stripped of its cloths to symbolise the stripping of Jesus, and we are invited to spend time in prayer in union with his suffering that night.

Good Friday is unique. The whole day is a day of fasting and self-denial. The 3:00 pm service is held at the traditional time of the death of Jesus and is preceded by the way of the cross.

The Easter Vigil, "the mother of all vigils". We will begin with the Easter Fire, sing to the Resurrection of Jesus (Exultet), hear the story of salvation proclaimed and then renew our baptismal promises.

The Easter Day offers the gift of light that scatters the darkness of fear and sadness, the gift of peace of the Risen Christ who breaks the chains of violence and hatred.

We are all invited to draw strength from the empty tomb to defeat the powers of evil as we journey through life. All is new in Jesus who has risen, Alleluia! Alleluia!

The future of our parish

Our parish has two Church communities: St Anne & Blessed Dominic and St Vincent De Paul. The reality I face is that the Shrine is an additional responsibility to the two Church communities, with its demands which I feel that they are too much for me.

The area that the Church communities serve today was once served by 4 parishes (St Anne's, St Joseph's, Our Lady Mother of God and St Vincent's) with more than 6 priests 40/50 years ago. Today there is one priest for this vast area with also 5 care homes.

The Shrine demands to promote knowledge of the 3 holy people which includes:

- Daily Masses/prayer times in the Shrine which should be streamed.
- Regular open days and devotions events; three Novenas each year, one for each of the 3 holy people in the Shrine.
- Daily exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and availability for the Sacrament of Confession.
- A pilgrimage guide.
- Dissemination of devotional materials – biographies/writings, prayer cards for canonisation/beatification or ask for the intentions of Blessed Dominic, Elizabeth Prout, or Ignatius Spencer.
- Create a dedicated website to share stories and testimonies on how people have been inspired by the 3 holy people in the Shrine, and how their prayers have been answered; and miracles obtained through their intercessions.
- Show what the people from Viterbo are doing.

To respond to these demands with dedication requires a priest to live close by the Shrine.

We have had cases of people who turned up to visit the Shrine without prior arrangements. When Sr Eileen was around, she always opened the Shrine. Now it is no longer possible because there is nobody living close by the Shrine. And this is the same with weekday Masses. We have been struggling since Sr Eileen left. That is why after Easter, weekday Masses will now take place at St Vincent's.