

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	
5 th May 2024	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK					
Saturday 4th May	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Esther Burrill	
Sunday 5th May	9:30 am	M	St V	Teresa Edwards' 1st Anniversary	
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish	
Thursday 9th May Ascension of the Lord	12noon	S	St A&B	Service of Word with Communion	

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday 11th May	10:30am	M	St A&B	First Holy communion St Anne School	
	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Ken Taylor	
Sunday 12th May	9:30 am	M	St V	In Thanksgiving	
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish	
Wednesday 15th May	12noon	M	St A&B	David Trigg	
Friday 17th May	12noon	M	St A&B	Vincent Whitter	
Saturday 18th May	9:30 am	M	St V	First Holy communion Holy Spirit School	
	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Freda Rowe	

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Maria Daly, David Trigg, Freda Rowe, Vincent Whitter.

Anniversary: Esther Burrill.

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick:

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

Scripture readings are about the self-giving of divine love.

God's love is based on choice: he loves because he chooses to love. The supreme example of that is in his Word, Jesus. If the supreme act of love is to lay down your life for the sake of others, Jesus shows that he could have no greater love. His love takes him to the cross, just as the Father's love raises him up. Jesus spends himself; he gives of himself until there is nothing left to give. He empties himself.

In everything that he did, Jesus kept on choosing to love. He did not choose once upon a time; he chose to love at all times. It drained him.

Jesus hopes that we will choose to keep on giving ourselves in love, even when the giving hurts, even when we feel we have nothing left but our exhausted presence. But it's that kind of love that mirrors God's kind of love. As Jesus said himself, the love that costs nothing can be managed by anyone, for everything is on credit. The bill for authentic love is the giving of the self, the communication of the self, the handing over of the self.

We have to admit that few of us have the freedom or the power to accomplish this. We can only choose to try, confident that our struggle is backed by God's energetic love. Somewhere in the struggle we can hear the voice of God cheering us on.

Let us pray this week for that self-giving quality of divine love to be seen in our lives.
"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it."
"I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name."

Priests Retreat. I will be away on retreat with priests from our archdiocese from Monday 6th to Friday 10th May. Archbishop Malcolm has granted us a dispensation to be away on Thursday 9th, the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord which is a Holyday of Obligation in England and Wales. Deacon John will preside over the service of the Word with Communion.

First Holy communion.

St Anne: Saturday 11th May, St Anne & Blessed Dominic church at 10:30 am.

Holy Spirit: Saturday 18th May, St Vincent de Paul at 9:30 am.

I would like to thank the headteachers, the Deputy heads, the Religious Education Coordinators of both schools for preparing the children from our schools. I would like also to thank Angela Roberts, the parish catechist, for preparing the children from other schools. God bless you.

For your diary:

7 September 7:30 pm: Concert to raise money for the parish by the award-winning Warrington Male Voice Choir, with guests: the Pilkington Choir. Tickets will be £10.

More information will be available nearer the time.

14 September 12noon: Mass in honour to Elizabeth Prout and in thanksgiving for Sr Eileen, followed by parish dinner in the Parish Centre and presentation of gifts to Sr Eileen.

Foodbank. I would like to thank you all for your continued support to the Foodbank.

This week is the usual plea for anything anyone can afford to donate.