

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	TWENTY-THIRD IN ORDINARY TIME	
6 th September 2026	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

Saturday 5th September	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Clotilda DaSilva RIP
Sunday 6th September	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Fr Joe Kendall, Harry Breeze, David Price
Wednesday 9th Sept.	12:30pm	S	St A&B	Funeral Service for Thomas Harbourne
Saturday 12th September	12noon	M	St A&B	Mass in honour of Elizabeth Prout CP
	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Harry Taylor
Sunday 13th September	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Jack & Maria (sick)

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Fr Joe Kendall, Thomas Harbourne, Alan Barry Darlington, Harry Breeze.

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, Colin McMillian, Sam Glover, Alex Downey, Joan Mary Cyril, Raymond Litherland, Angela Brooks, Ged Barry, Ray Stewart, Dawn Collett.

Apostolic Nuncio's visit to the Shrine of Blessed Dominic.

Archbishop John Sherrington will accompany Apostolic Nuncio to Great Britain, Archbishop Miguel Maury Buendia, to visit the Shrine of Blessed Dominic **on Thursday 10 September**. They will arrive **at 4:45 pm** and to mark this special occasion everyone is warmly invited to join us for Evening Prayer with adoration and benediction which will start **at 5:00 pm**.

Scripture readings are about Christians' responsibility towards each other. This responsibility in real raises some questions on how to proceed when something is going wrong with our brothers or sisters in Church. What do you do when someone hurts you or offends you? Do you keep the hurt to yourself, or do you confront the person and give voice to your annoyance or anger?

In today's Gospel, Mathew gives a setting for addressing issues and problems which arise in the life of the organised community of the local Church. He is writing at a time when Jesus is present, not in the flesh, but in the spirit, where two or three are gathered in his name. The theme is the relationship of members of the Church.

The Gospel says that the offended party, not the offending one, should first seek reconciliation. It counsels personal intervention and honest confrontation. It encourages members of the Christian community to straighten things out with each other privately, if that is at all possible. Christians are to deal with each other candidly and personally – no anonymous complaints to the authorities, no whisper campaigns. The purpose of confronting a brother who has done wrong is not to humiliate him, but to be reconciled with him.

All the practical advice in the Gospel centres on Christians taking responsibility for each other. It is a procedure for a caring community to follow. Belonging to a community implies being involved in the life of its members.

St Paul tells us in today's second reading: "Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your brother". If love faces the real, it cannot avoid facing conflict. Where silence would permit greater division in the community, love must do something. As Edmund Burke noted: "All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." And doing nothing in the face of wrongdoing and hurt is precisely what the Gospel opposes, and it is not easy to follow. But we need to try to approach each other in a careful or cautious manner, hoping that our halting efforts at giving voice to our hurt will be accepted in the best spirit.

Pray for the Protection of Life. On 11 September, MPs will debate the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill at its Second Reading in the House of Commons.

Archbishop John Sherrington who is the Lead Bishop for Life Issues, has spoken about the importance of this issue, saying: "Assisted suicide is a matter of life and death... I urge people to contact their Member of Parliament and ask them to vote against this deeply flawed bill at Second Reading."

In response, parish communities from across the archdiocese are invited to unite in prayer on Tuesday 8 September at 7.00pm via Zoom, ahead of the parliamentary debate. Please complete the form through the link below. By completing the form, participants can register their interest in joining the prayer gathering and will receive the Zoom link, together with resources, before the debate.

Register your interest here: [Pray for the Protection of Life: Terminally Ill Adults \(End of Life\) Bill – Fill in form](#)

Windleshaw Chantry Heritage Open Day - at St. Thomas of Canterbury Church on Saturday 12 September 11am to 2pm

An opportunity to learn about the Town Cross and view photographs, maps and documents connected with the Chantry, the oldest building in St. Helens. If you are interested in a particular grave, visit Windleshaw Chantry, WA10 6JU on Sunday 20th September between 11am and 2pm. There will be people to help you locate a grave and answer your questions as you take a look around this cherished landmark.