

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
19 th March 2023	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	18 th March	5:00 pm	M	St. A&B	Esther Burrill, Colin Teeling
Sunday	19 th March	9:30 am	M	St V	Ernie Johnson, John & Mary Southward
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	Frank Hawley (Sick), Stanley Talbot
Monday	20 th March	12noon	S	St A&B	Funeral Service for Teresa Donoghue
Thursday	23 rd March	12noon	M	St A&B	Special intention
Friday	24 th March	12noon	M	St A&B	Margaret Murray (B'day Remembrance)

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	25 th March	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Ellen Cowley, Ann Southward (B'day Remembrance)
Sunday	26 th March	9:30 am	M	St V	People of the Parish
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	Peter & Florence McGovern

Please remember in your Prayers:

Recently died: Brian Pemberton, Eddie Moran.

Anniversaries: Esther Burrill, Ernie Johnson, Margaret Murray (Birthday Remembrance), Stanley Talbot, Peter & Florence McGovern, John & Mary Southward, Anne Southward (Birthday Remembrance), Joseph Middlehurst.

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick: Emily Felber, Keith Shuttleworth, Allan Jones, Bett Harris, 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, Linda McCarthy, Moyra Lyon, Christine Terry, Margaret Edward, Isobelle McDonald, Sister Mado Kabut, Julie Smith, Pat Burns, Katarzyna Wojciechowska, Laura Mahon Kate O'Riordan, Frank Hawley.

Parish bank account: Since 2008 when the two churches merged to become one parish, the account name is: Archdiocese of Liverpool St Anne and Blessed Dominic. Please note any cheque (legacy) for the parish is payable to: **St Anne and Blessed Dominic**. Thank you.

Scripture readings are about God's choice of us.

In the first reading, we hear how God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances, but the Lord looks at the heart.

In the Gospel we have an illustration of this truth: a blind beggar who becomes a theologian! When Jesus' disciples first see the blind man they presume that his affliction is a result of sin. But Jesus sees in the blind man something else: this roadside beggar who has always inhabited a world of darkness will be the one to display the work of God and point to who Jesus really is. He does not claim any special knowledge of the one who cured him but identifies him as "The man called Jesus." He refuses to deny his own experience: "I only know I was blind and now I can see." Rather than being frightened or intimidated by the prejudice of his interrogators, his knowledge of Jesus frees him to develop his evaluation of Jesus as a man of God.

Both the story of David and the story of the blind man speak to us of God's choices. Because God sees the heart, he chooses differently from the way that we do. Both David and the blind man are remembered and celebrated by the Christian community because they point beyond themselves to the reality of the divine. We honour David as the one who points ultimately to the Son of David; we recall the man born blind as the one who points to the Son of Man, the light of the world.

God has elected us to display his works. In our baptism we have been chosen to point to Jesus by the witness of our Christian lives. To many people, including ourselves, we may seem an unlikely choice. But our greatness lies in the fact that we have been chosen, not in ourselves alone.

As the faith of the man whose sight Christ restored went through a difficult test but emerges victorious, so will be our faith. The light which Christ instilled in his soul, not only in his eyes, is shown to be stronger than incredulity and distrust. It is revealed to be even stronger than human fears and the very intention to intimidate.

We think today of all the people in the world, all those to whom Christ has given his light; how much difficulty, oppression, and persecution the faith of many of them is exposed to! Let us pray for a strong faith. Let us pray for the courage of faith.

Lenten Services of Reconciliation

St Anne & Blessed Dominic: Wednesday 29th at 6 pm.

St Vincent de Paul: Thursday 30th at 6 pm.

Weekday Mass changes: there will be no mass this week only on Wednesday. Instead, this will take place on Thursday at 12noon. Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Golden Jubilee Concert will take place in St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church on Wednesday 22nd March at 6.00 pm. The concert will be performed by St Anne's Primary School Choir & St Cuthberts High School Choir. Admission free. There will be an Easter Raffle.

Stations of the Cross during Lent:

St Anne & Blessed Dominic: **Friday at 2:00 pm.**

Everyone is welcome.

Family Masses: We welcome families of children who are preparing for their First Holy communion which will take place on 13th May, 10.30 am at St Anne & Blessed Dominic, and on 20th May, 10.30 am at St Vincent de Paul. Please keep these children in your prayers.