

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
19 th July 2026	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK

Saturday 18th July	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Jimmy Bridge, Clyde Melia
Sunday 19th July	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish (Kathleen Spencer B'day remembrance)
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Ted Bailey
Wednesday 22nd July	12noon	M	St V	Mary Banks
Friday 24th July	12noon	M	St V	Keith Hewitt
Saturday 25th July	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Joe Cain, Mary & Albert Bullough, Mary & Tom King, Kevin Lynch
Sunday 26th July	9:30 am	M	St V	Special intention
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Latently died: Anne Marie Berry, Michael Paul Fahey, Keith Hewitt, Kevin Lynch, John Komar.

Anniversary: Ted Bailey.

Birthday remembrance: Kathleen Spencer.

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.

Special Collection for Priests in Retirement this weekend.

Scripture readings are about challenging our attitudes to others in the Church community.

The author of Wisdom tries to answer the pressing question: why does God allow the bad to flourish? Why is God so patient and moderate with Israel's enemies? He argues that God's moderation is not a result of weakness, his justice, after all, has its source in strength. So, God's mercy is heaped on everyone in sight, even on traditional enemies. And in this there is a purpose: "By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how virtuous man/woman must be kindly to his/her fellow men/women, and you have given your sons/daughters the good hope that after sin you grant repentance." We are asked to share in the same spirit of God and act with kindness to our fellow human beings.

God's patience with wrong doers appears again in the Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to a farmer who is confronted with a serious problem: his field is alive with wheat and poisonous weed, the darnel, which can only be distinguished from the wheat when the growth is advanced. The farmer's servants want to weed out the darnel, but the farmer tells them to leave it alone; he is worried that uprooting the weeds will endanger the wheat. He orders that no premature attempt be made to separate them. Thus, both the wheat and the darnel are allowed to grow, and only at the final harvest are they separated.

The message of the parable is something that Jesus lived throughout his ministry. He reached out to all sorts of people, making his ministry to seek out and save the lost. The message of the parable still challenges us today. As Christians we must not make premature judgment on others. Let us pray for the grace to be tolerant and compassionate.

Annual Archdiocesan Lourdes Mass

The annual archdiocesan Lourdes Mass will take place **this Sunday 19 July at 3pm** at the Metropolitan Cathedral. All are welcome - whether you are travelling on this year's pilgrimage, have joined in previous years, or are simply a supporter of the pilgrimage. Archbishop John Sherrington will be the celebrant.

Petitions to Our Lady of Lourdes. Ciaran is happy as he has done in the past to take petitions to Lourdes during archdiocesan pilgrimage to Our Lady of Lourdes. Any parishioners who would like to send petitions, please put them into the box provided by the Lectern.

How to request a Mass to be celebrated for your intention?

1. Pick up an envelope for Mass request at the piety shelf.
2. Fill in the name of the person or the intention you would like the Mass to be celebrated for, and the date in the case of anniversary. But please be aware that no guarantee of Mass on a requested date can be made.
3. Put in the envelope your offering. I would like to make it clear that the Mass is priceless. Your offering is your appreciation of the value of the Mass. The Cure d'Ars (St John Vianney) said: "If we knew the value of the Mass, we would die of joy". The Code of Canon Law says: "The faithful who make an offering so that Mass can be celebrated for their intention, contribute to the good of the Church, and by that offering they share in the Church's concern for the support of its ministers and its activities." (can. 946)
4. Give your envelope to Fr Jean Paul, deacon John or to Joanne in the Parish Office.

Giving a lift please. There are some senior parishioners who do not drive and would appreciate a lift to come to church for Mass on Saturday or Sunday. Would you please, if you drive to come to church, to be aware of these parishioners in your street or nearby and reach out to them. I am aware of some parishioners who are already helping in this way. I wanted the whole parish community to be aware of this need. Many thanks.