

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
6 th October 2024	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK				
Saturday 5th October	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Thomas Collins
Sunday 6th October	9:30 am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Joseph Alemcherry, Catherine Joseph
Friday 11th October	12noon	M	St A&B	Tony & Madeline Carney (Dimond Wedding Anniversary)
Saturday 12th October	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Peace in the Middle East
Sunday 13th October	9:30am	M	St V	Special intention
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Bertram Carter, Joseph Alemcherry, Catherine Joseph.

Anniversaries: Thomas Collins.

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, Kevin Burns. Geraldine Roberts, Marian Howard, Cerys McKenna.

Please note that there will be No Mass on Wednesday 9th October

Scripture readings are about Jesus' teaching on divorce. The original vision of unity and completion of the total human in one body is what Jesus calls on in today's Gospel. Some Pharisees ask Jesus if it is against the Law for a man to divorce his wife. When Jesus asks his interrogators what Moses commanded, they reply that Moses permitted it. The Law allowed divorce to the male partner if he safeguarded the woman's interest by giving her a writ of dismissal, which freed her to marry again (Deut. 24:1-4). In this context, divorce was man's prerogative. A woman could sue, asking the court to compel her husband to divorce her; but it was he who divorced her. What the Law did not settle was in what circumstances divorce was legal. There was little agreement about the grounds for divorce.

In his answer to the Pharisees, Jesus does not question the validity of the Law of Moses but claims that it was a concession to human sinfulness. He recalls God's original plan for marriage, revealed in Genesis: that man and woman be united in an indissoluble bond. For Jesus, what God intended from the beginning is the norm for every marriage. And in attempting to restore marriage to a serious life-long commitment, Jesus' argument also protects the woman from being treated as a disposal possession of her husband. In recalling Genesis, Jesus invites all of us to catch up with our beginning. In marriage the two separate human beings become one body. Only marriage captures the original completion of the total human in one body.

First Holy Communion preparation.

If your child / grandchild is in year 4 and is not attending a Catholic School but wants to sign up for First Holy Communion preparation, please see our Parish Catechist Angela Roberts at St Vincent's on this Sunday 6th or next Sunday 13th of October after the 9:30 Mass. Alternatively, you may telephone Joanne in the Parish Office.

Your child / grandchild will need to attend 6 preparation sessions for their First Communion. These will be in schools. Also, the children will be required to attend family Masses for the next 6 months, and these family Masses are part of their preparation. That is why we will keep a register of attendance and share this with Schools.

Pope Francis: the world is being destroyed, stop the wars while there is still time

In his message to the participants at the International Meeting for Peace organised by the Community of Sant'Egidio in Paris from 22 to 24 September following the Spirit of Assisi event called for by John Paul II in 1986, Pope Francis invites political leaders to silence weapons and exhorts believers to make fraternity grow in the world.

Saturday 5th / Sunday 6th October is Venerable Ignatus Spencer weekend. We welcome Fr Tom CP who will celebrate Masses at St Anne & Blessed Dominic. Please make him welcome.

"Voices of Migrants", a project of the Global Solidarity Forum and the Dicastery for Communication of the Holy See seeks to portray both the drama of migration and the resilience of those who manage to carve out a space for themselves amidst adversity.

Every day, thousands of men and women decide to leave their own country to seek a better future for themselves and their families in other lands. Many migrate under the pressure of an intolerable social and economic situation, while others flee from violent conflicts that put their lives at risk. Many of them perish during the journey to a new land, and those who manage to reach their destination must face enormous obstacles to build a new life. Behind each person, there are experiences of pain, uprooting, and injustice, but also dreams and hopes. I find sharing the stories not only inspiring but very encouraging as they reveal what the human spirit is: searching for the better and survival.