

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH			
28 th December 2025	Sunday Cycle: Year A			Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK

Saturday 27th December	10:00am	M	St A&B	Mary Winny O'Donnelly, Nora & Edmund Roughley
Sunday 28th December THE HOLY FAMILY	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish
Thursday 1st January NEW YEAR'S DAY	9:30am	M	St V	In Thanksgiving (KL)
Friday 2nd January	12noon	M	St A&B	Albert Cowley (Birthday anniversary)
Saturday 3rd January	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Geraldine Dyer, Sheila Bowden
Sunday 4th January	9:30am	M	St V	The Sola Family
	11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Anne Cunliffe, Agnes Jolliffe (Tilly).

Anniversaries: Nora & Edmund Roughley, Geraldine Dyer, Albert Cowley (B'day anniv.).

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, Alan McMillan, Alex MacMillan, Sam Glover, Alex Downey, Joan Mary Cyril, Raymond Litherland, Angela Brooks.

Thank you. I would like to thank you for the cards and gifts that I have received, and to inform you that thanks to what you gave me, I was able to share with the Sisters of Notre Dame for the malnourished children they look after in Congo. God bless you.

A New Year

The beginning of a new year has been always for me an opportunity for a spiritual quest, or the beginning of another quest. In a world where the light seems to be growing dim, is there something or someone that would give me a better vision?

Our vision of life and the world affects our being as much as our well-being. It is important to us that we have a clear vision of the world and ourselves.

I found this one-time life story from David Adam in his small book, "The Eye of The Eagle".

Meditations on the hymn 'Be thou my vision', very inspiring. This is what he wrote:

"I once worked in a coal mine deep in the Northumbrian earth. It had a strange atmosphere all of its own. But the most awe-inspiring thing was the darkness. It was so dark when you turned your lamp off that you could not see your hand in front of your face. For a while in the area I worked, there was no light at all except from the lamp fastened to my helmet. One day, while working on my own, I knocked the lamp hard against a stone and it went out. I was in total darkness with moving machine nearby. I hardly dared to move, only slightly backwards to the rough-hewn wall. It would have been easy to panic – or just to scream out – but I knew that very soon some fellow-workers would arrive. They would have lights and they would ensure that I was not left in the dark. I waited for what seemed an age – it was probably hardly five minutes. Then a light appeared. At first it was small and far away, like a pinprick in the dark. But I knew it was coming in my direction. In fact, I could see three lights coming towards me. Soon my companions were attending to me, and in fact got the second bulb on my lamp working again.

It was not long after this, at New Year, that I heard for the first time:

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year: 'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.' And he replied: 'Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'"

As we begin the New Year, let each one of us pray: '**Be thou my vision, O Lord.**'

Sincere thanks to The Friends of the Shrine of Blessed Dominic for the incredible hospitality they gave to our pilgrims during the Jubilee Year. It was a success. I thank God for their dedication and commitment. May God bless them.

During the Jubilee Year, over 1100 pilgrims visited the Church of St Anne and the Shrine of Blessed Dominic, and this is the list of pilgrimages:

Liverpool Cathedral Walking Group.

St Oswald's in Ashton-in-Makerfield.

Liverpool Hong Kong community.

St Mary's Warrington. Northwich Church.

Liverpool archdiocese.

St Helens Secondary Schools (De La Salle, St Augustine, St Cuthberts).

Cross and Passion Sisters from Peru, and Sr Carmel & Argentinian nuns.

Stockbridge Churches.

Birmingham archdiocese.

Viterbo- Italy.

Spanish families and toddlers of Lancashire.

Secondary Schools – Argentina.

Liberation Group.

Students from Liverpool and Manchester universities with the Catholic Chaplains.

St Anne's & St Bernard's Liverpool.

Individuals from Switzerland, Peterborough, Coventry, Scotland, North-East, St Chad's (Manchester).