

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



# Newsletter

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This Sunday	SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER	
27 <sup>th</sup> April 2025	Sunday Cycle: Year C	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEK				
<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>Terry Clarke, Teresa Keaveney</b>
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>M</b>	St V	<b>In Thanksgiving</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>For healing: Jackie Sheridan Joan Harrison, Mary Patton</b>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>10:30am</b>	<b>S</b>	St A&B	<b>Funeral Service for Alan Thompson</b>
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	<b>12noon</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>Sr Philomena Doherty</b>

NEXT WEEKEND				
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>People of the Parish</b>
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>9:30am</b>	<b>M</b>	St V	<b>Marta &amp; Kasia RIP</b>
	<b>11:00am</b>	<b>M</b>	St A&B	<b>Alan Thompson</b>

***Please remember in your Prayers:***

***Latelly died:*** Barbara Burns, Alan Thompson, Terry Clarke, Teresa Keaveney, Sr Philomena Doherty, Pope Francis.

**Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick:**

Emily Felber, Mandy Bennett, Helen Smith, Irene Johnson, Annie Lee, Kathleen Valentine, Joe Delaney, Alex Downey, Sam Glover, Alex McMillan, Alan McMillan, Anne Whitehouse, Moyra Lyon, Christine Terry, Isobelle McDonald, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Kevin Burns, Geraldine Roberts, Cerys McKenna, Christopher Moore.

### Scripture readings

Christianity has its beginning in the fact that some people met Jesus of Nazareth and were never the same because their encounter with him. Something happened to them, and they didn't organise it. Because of him, they were changed; they saw themselves and their future differently. They claimed that their new identity and new direction in life was due to him. They said that without him they would have stayed the same. He was the sole reason for their new experience of life.

Think of the disciples. Before they met Jesus, they all had their own jobs, their own identities, their own way of life. After they met Jesus, all that changed. They didn't stop being themselves, but they saw themselves in a new way, and the direction of their lives was changed to following in his footsteps.

On this Sunday, it is important to highlight the authenticity about Thomas. His doubt is that of a man who is committed to the truth. Unlike Judas, he did not betray Jesus; unlike Peter, he did not deny him. His authenticity is that he refuses to say that he can understand or believe when he can manage neither understanding nor belief; and rather than hoarding his doubts to himself, he shares them with the community. And when later the risen Christ appears again to his disciples with the purpose to pay attention to the doubt of Thomas, Thomas is invited to inspect a wounded Jesus to discover the reality of the resurrection. But seeing Jesus is enough for Thomas, and he is the one who proclaims the basic Christian credo: "My Lord and my God." This is the most important affirmation about who Jesus is: Lord and God.

The story of Thomas is so important because it tells us that it is possible to believe in Christ without having seen him. "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" is the teaching of the Gospel. The beatitude is for all of us who live in the absence of the physical Jesus but who believe in him as our Lord. And it is in the Lord that we have our identity as his followers and follow his direction in our lives. Like the apostles, because we believe in him, we know now who we are and what we must do.

**Thank you** for cards and money you gave me for personal use for Easter. God bless you. I would like also to express my gratitude to the Friends of the Shrine of Blessed Dominic for your dedication in ensuring that all our visitors and pilgrims feel welcome and looked after. Your presence and care are very much appreciated, and the feedback is very positive. Asante sana (thank you so much).

**First Confession** for Holy Spirit Primary School is on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May, 4:40m in St Vincent de Paul Church. And for St Anne's Primary School is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May, 3:45 pm in St Anne & Blessed Dominic. Parents are required to attend this service of reconciliation of their children.

**Death of Pope Francis.** The Liturgy Office for the Catholic Bishop's Conference of England and Wales has prepared Prayer Cards upon the death of Pope Francis. We are asked to pray for Pope Francis and for his successor. Prayer Cards are in the porch of each of our churches.

Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord,  
And let perpetual light shine upon him.  
May he rest in peace.  
Amen

O God, who chose your servant,  
in succession to the Apostle Peter  
as shepherd of the whole flock,  
look favourably on the supplications of your  
people and grant that, as Vicar of Christ on earth,  
he may confirm his brethren...