

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
17 th September 2023	Sunday Cycle: Year A	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday	16 th Sept.	5:00 pm	M	St. A&B	Teresa Hodkinson
Sunday	17 th Sept.	9:30 am	M	St V	Teresa Blair
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish
Wednesday	20 th Sept.	12noon	M	St A&B	Bette Lamb
Friday	22 nd Sept.	12noon	M	St A&B	Eileen McLoughlin

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday	23 rd Sept.	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Gerald Fildes, Adolfo Aurenzi
Sunday	24 th Sept.	9:30am	M	St V	Special intention
		11:00 am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Gerald Fildes, Adolfo Aurenzi, Bette Lamb, Teresa Blair.

Anniversaries: Eileen McLoughlin

Lord, Your Friend Whom You love is Sick:

Archbishop Patrick Kelly, Emily Felber, Keith Shuttleworth, Allan Jones, 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, Margaret Edward, Isobelle McDonald, Sister Mado Kabut, Julie Smith, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Paul Money, Fr John Johnson.

Scripture readings are about remembering to forgive.

The advice in today's first reading underlines the futility of vengeance:

"If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?"

Nursing anger or cherishing resentment is dangerous for our health, indeed fatal: it disables us and renders us defenceless when we look for our own sins to be forgiven.

In today's Gospel, the parable of the unforgiving official is told to underline the need for forgiveness. When the king orders the sale of the debtor and his family, the official pleads for time. The king feels sorry for him and decides to remit the whole of the vast debt. The official, however, learns nothing from his experience, for he refuses to give a colleague time to pay a trifling debt; instead, he has him thrown into prison. When this heartless behaviour is reported to the king, the grant of full forgiveness is retracted, and the unforgiving official is thrown to the torturers.

The unforgiving official is condemned for loss of memory.

Forgetfulness of our own sins leads to lack of compassion; remembering how our sins have gone unpunished by God should lead us to forgive others. Through forgetfulness of God's compassion, we can end up becoming cruel to each other. That is why at the beginning of each eucharist we are invited to be mindful of our own sins. Only when we do that can we pray the "Our Father": "forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us."

The purpose of calling our sins to mind is not to paralyse us, but to remind us that we all live in the gracious forgiveness of God. Whoever we are, we remember our sins because we need to remember always to forgive.

Pause for Hope - Sunday 24th September

The 25th Annual Ecumenical Service will be held at 3pm at the Metropolitan Cathedral. The main speaker will be Dean Sullivan, the service will feature music from Billy Hui and Singme Merseyside. Tickets are not required - all are welcome.

Relaunch of Faith In Action - Monday 25 September

The national awarding body of the Faith In Action award, which rewards young people for their work in service of others in the community, is relaunching the award to better align with the original plan, and the Archdiocese of Liverpool would like to invite you to our own Diocesan relaunch of the programme. You can register by emailing admin@animateyouth.co.uk

First Holy Communion, May 2024

If your child / grandchild is going into year 4, is not attending a Catholic School, but wants to receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist (First Holy Communion):

- at St Vincent de Paul, please see Angela Roberts after 9.30 am Mass on Sunday 17th or 24th September.
- at St Anne & Blessed Dominic, please contact the Parish Office.

Relics of the Scottish Saints at the Metropolitan Cathedral this week: 18 – 21 September.

Welcome Mass on **Monday 18 at 5pm** and closing Mass on **Thursday at 12:15pm**.

All are welcome to visit the Relics in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Foodbank. This week's needed items: Milk, Sugar, Coffee (small), Juice, Soup, Jam, Instant Mash, Rice Pudding, Pasta in sauce, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned vegetables, Toiletries, Jars of pasta sauce. **Thank you for your continued support.**