

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
1 st September 2024	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK				
Saturday 31st August	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	People of the Parish
Sunday 1st September	9:30 am	M	St V	George S. Sheen (B'day Anniversary)
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Eileen Allen RIP
Wednesday 4th Sept.	12noon	M	St A&B	Elsie Comerford RIP, Mary Ryan RIP
Friday 6th Sept.	12noon	M	St A&B	Agnes Moss RIP
Saturday 7th September	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	John Watkin (Birthday Anniversary), James Murray RIP
Sunday 8th September	9:30am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00am	M	St A&B	Elsie Comerford

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Sr Anne Hammersley CP, Elsie Comerford, Eileen Allen, Agnes Moss, Mary Ryan, Agnes Grehan, Brigid Carter.

Anniversary: James Murray.

Birthday Anniversaries: George Stephen Sheen, John Watkin.

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, Gisele Mwenze, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Anna Potter, Kevin Burns. Geraldine Roberts, Agnes Lynch.

Retiring collection next week is for Catholic Education

Scripture readings are about Jesus and human tradition.

When it comes to the subject of tradition, people's attitudes can vary dramatically. Some people have an affectionate loyalty to traditional ways of doing things. They feel secure when they adapt their own values and behaviour to received wisdom, reassured by the knowledge that they are following in the footsteps of many others.

Other people feel fettered by tradition; they call for fresh approaches to fresh situations. For them, much of tradition is petrified opinion. They might consult tradition, but they do not feel obliged to stay within its confines.

In today's Gospel, Jesus is accused of flouting sacred tradition. Religious officials from Jerusalem and local Pharisees want to know why Jesus permits his disciples to disregard the unwritten tradition of the elders. The problem is that the disciples do not wash their hands before they eat. The complaint is not that the disciples ignore good hygiene, but that they ignore the tradition of ceremonial washing. In doing this they are numbered among the unclean.

Jesus accuses his accusers of being hypocrites, quoting the prophet Isaiah to underline the point. In clinging to human tradition, they ignore the commandments of God. Jesus wants to free people from the weight of a stifling tradition that concentrates on approved performance. When religious performance is lacking in heart, it makes for worthless worship. For Jesus, uncleanness is a matter of what proceeds from the human heart. It's not people's diet that interests Jesus, it's their heart condition. He knows that no external law can change people's hearts, even if it makes them socially conform. Jesus believes that when people's hearts are centred on God, they are emancipated from the litany of human regulations that would script their every move.

For many of his hearers, what Jesus said was bad news because it contradicted the tradition they honoured. We call it good news, Gospel, because it is a word that liberates us from a world of endless regulations. It also challenges us and invites us to live a religion of heart. To have a heart for Jesus and his values, this will always be our real business as Christians.

Adoremus, St Mary's College, Oscott, 14 September, Last Call.

For those who would like to go, our Archdiocese has organised a coach, which will depart from St Margaret Clitherow Centre, Croxteth Drive, Liverpool, L17 1AA on Saturday 14 September at 8.00am in time for a 10.15 arrival at Oscott with events beginning at 11.00am. The last event finishes at 6.00pm and it is aimed to return to the St Margaret Clitherow Centre by 8.00pm.

The cost per person is £20. To book a place:

www.archdioceseofliverpool.churchsuite.com/events/zm5sh2jf

Any questions or queries, please contact Fr Ged Callacher on g.callacher@rcaol.org.uk

Readers Training. The Liturgy Commission is offering parish readers (existing or new) an opportunity to come together for some practical training and reflection on their important ministry this autumn. Readers are welcome to come to any of the following mornings:

Saturday, 28th September: St Julie's, Eccleston, WA10 5HJ

Saturday, 5th October: Christ the King Parish Club, Childwall, L16 6AW

Saturday, 19th October: Irenaeus, Waterloo, L22 1RD

Saturday, 2nd November: St Mary's Community Centre, Leyland, PR25 1PD

All 10am to 1pm (followed by lunch - bring a packed lunch).

Please contact pa.stmaryleyland@rcaol.org.uk to reserve your places.

Visiting the Sick and Housebound. Please let Fr Jean Paul know if any sick or housebound needs receiving the sacraments of healing (Confession and Anointing of the sick).