

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
25 th July 2021	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 1

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 24 th July	5:00 pm	M	St. A&B	Joe Cain
Sunday 25 th July	9:30 am	M	St. V	Norah Walton RIP Bernard Jones 80th Birthday
	11:00 am	M	St. A&B	People of the Parish
Wednesday 28 th July	12noon	M	St A&B	Rita Cavanagh
Thursday 29 th July Lourdes at Home 2021	12noon	M	St A&B	Karol Kowolik (A), Jack Cadam & the Cadam Family
	13.30 pm	S	St A&B	Funeral Service for Alan Tarbuck
Friday 30 th July	12noon	M	St A&B	Emmett Lane

NEXT WEEKEND

Saturday 31 st July	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Emmett Lane
Sunday 1 st Aug.	9:30 am	M	St V	People of the Parish
	11:00 am	M	St A&B	Special intention

Please remember in your Prayers:

Recently died: Rita Cavanagh, Norah Walton, Alan Tarbuck.

Anniversaries: Jack Cadam

Lourdes at Home 2021

Because of the Covid pandemic, pilgrimage to Lourdes will not take place this year, but there will be Lourdes at Home celebrated at different venues across our Archdiocese. Please note **Thursday 29th July at 12noon: Mass of Anointing/Healing at St Anne and Blessed Dominic.**

Fr Grant Maddock will be the chief celebrant. All parishioners are invited to be anointed.

Synod 2020 Update

After all the Synod votes were counted and considered the next step was a meeting with the Archbishop, his council and the Pastoral Plan Group. This took place at the Pastoral Centre of the Leeds Diocese for 5 days from July 12th.

During this week the votes on the 19 Recommendations took centre stage. These votes, the Synod Themes and the 27,000 contributions of the listening stage were allowed to direct and speak to the development of ideas for the pastoral plan. Alongside this the prayer and liturgy of each day inspired our thoughts and plans. At the centre of this was Christ himself whose light was shed on our Synod and on the realities of the world in which we are called to minister and live.

It was a hard week but one full of life and energy. By the Thursday a way forward was beginning to emerge. It is challenging but also life giving and most of all faithful to Christ experienced through the discernment that has been our pattern of working throughout the whole synod journey.

The ideas, and there were many of them, have surfaced. The next stage is for a writing group to gather (for a week) and to try to present what has emerged in a way that we can put it into place and make a difference. The Archbishop and his council will review the Plan; the Pastoral Plan Group will meet again for 3 days in September and then we will work out how to rollout the Plan towards it being shared at the end of November.

We will keep updating you as steps emerge.

Form the Gospel

Let us keep in mind that “to eat bread” in Hebrew meant “to have a meal”. The poor ate barley bread, the rich ate the bread of wheat.

As for the disciples, what we learn is that Jesus is not only resourceful, he himself is the resource.

From the food of a boy who is willing to share, Jesus gives thanks to God for it; he then gives the food to the waiting people. When everyone is satisfied, nothing is lost: the scraps are collected from the meal of five barley loaves.

With Jesus as the resource, the bread of the poor is seen to be enough to satisfy the hunger of so many people.

What we should believe is that in the hands of Jesus, shortage becomes abundance, deficiency becomes plenty, nothing is lost of what has been given to him.

That is Jesus’ challenge to us all. Only when we share the little we appear to have, we will discover how much we have left over. That truth can only be discovered by doing it.

This truth made an unknown Byzantine Monk 942-1022 AD to confess as follows:

“Unable to perceive the shape of you, I find you all around me. Your presence fills my eyes with your love, it humbles my heart, for you are everywhere”.