

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



Newsletter

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This Sunday:	TENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME	
9 th June 2024	Sunday Cycle: Year B	Weekday Cycle: Year 2

THIS WEEK					
Saturday	8th June	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Joseph Donegan, Ann Robinson
Sunday	9th June	9:30 am	M	St V	John McLoughlin, Patricia Lawson
		11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish
Wednesday	12th June	12noon	M	St A&B	John Teeling
Thursday	13th June	1:00 pm	S	St A&B	Funeral Service for Rose Jones
Friday	14th June	12noon	M	St A&B	Winnie Gallagher RIP
		12:30pm	S	St A&B	Funeral Service for Ernie Beeston
Saturday	15th June	5:00 pm	M	St A&B	Canon Vincent Burrowes
Sunday	16th June	9:30 am	M	St V	John McLoughlin RIP
		11:00am	M	St A&B	People of the Parish

Please remember in your Prayers:

Lately died: Ernie Beeston, Rose Jones, John McLoughlin, Patricia Lawson, Joseph Donegan, Winnie Brogan, Jack Geoghegan, Ann Robinson.

Anniversary: John Teeling.

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, Pat Burns, Laura Mahon, Terry Drury, Brian Fortune, Anna Potter.

Scripture readings are about family troubles.

All ancient religions and cultures have stories which portray the beginning of the world. The story Genesis invites us to imagine a garden where there was complete harmony between man and woman, between human beings and God, between human world and the world of animals and nature. In the garden peace presides over everything.

The story of the garden is a metaphor, and as such helps to convey a message.

Genesis teaches us a profound truth about sin: when we sin, we cannot face each other openly; neither can we face God. Cover-up becomes the new governing rubric in relationships. The troubles which the first family experienced are happening even today in any family away from God.

Jesus' new family. Unlike the first family whose members fell after being tempted to be like gods, knowing good and evil, and ultimately being lords themselves, Jesus' new family is determined by fidelity to the will of God. It is a family of faith. It is a family whose members have come to recognise Jesus as their Lord. That recognition made in faith is central to the life of the Church.

The sin inherited from the first family, the original sin, has left in the human being a deep-rooted tendency to "think only of self", to regard one's own person as the centre of interest and to see oneself as the standard against which to gauge everything. One who chooses to follow Christ, on the other hand, avoids being wrapped up in himself and does not evaluate things according to self interest. He looks on life in terms of gift and gratuitousness, not in terms of conquest and possession. That is the fruit of the grace of Christ: an existence that is free and in communion with God and neighbour.

The Good News is that we are part of Jesus' new family. We are his mother and brothers and sisters – if we do the will of God. Doing the will of God may alienate us from our family and relatives, but the witness of Jesus always points us towards a more important relationship. That is why we gather each week as a family of faith: to bless our Father and gain strength from our brothers and sisters. May our two parish communities continue to family of Jesus, continuously listening to him our Lord and God.

New Lectionary from Advent 2024.

From the 1st of December 2024, there will be a new Lectionary for parishes. The new Lectionary is now divided into 4 volumes and costs £695 (£173.75 per volume). We will need a new Lectionary for each of our 2 parish communities at the total cost of £1,390. I would like to invite parishioners to consider sponsoring a volume (£173.75) in remembrance of a family or a deceased member of the family. If you are interested, please contact Fr Jean Paul, Sister Eileen or Joanne in the parish Office.

Friends of the Shrine of Blessed Dominic next meeting:

Sunday 16th June, 12noon after Mass. Thank you.

For your diary:

7th September 7:30 pm: Concert to raise fund for the parish by the award-winning Warrington Male Voice Choir, with guests: the Pilkington Choir. Tickets will be £10.

14th September 12noon: Mass in honour to Elizabeth Prout and in thanksgiving for Sr Eileen, followed by parish dinner in the Parish Centre.