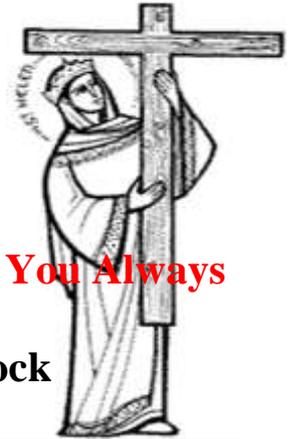


NEWSLETTER

THE CHURCH COMMUNITIES OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL AND ST. ANNE & BL. DOMINIC,
in the St. Helens Pastoral Area of St. Monica

10th September 2017–Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Saturday	6:30pm	A&B	
Sunday	9:30am	V	
	11:00am	A&B	
	12:30pm	A&B	Baptism's
Monday	9:05am	A&B	
	6:00pm	A&B	Registration With You Always
Tuesday	9:10am	V	
	12:00pm	Crematorium – Gerard Allcock	
Wednesday	9:05am	A&B	
	7:00pm Parish Centre- Baptism Preparation, Session 1		
Thursday	9:10am	V	The Exhaltation Of The Holy Cross
	6:00pm	V	Registration With You Always
Friday	9:05am	A&B	Our Lady Of Sorrows
Saturday	3:00pm	A&B	Wedding of Hawksworth & Mather
	6:30pm	A&B	24 TH Sunday of Ordinary Time (A)
Sunday	9:30am	V	
	11:00am	A&B	



Mass Intentions: Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O'Connor, Vincent Taylor, Flo Lloyd, Michael Gerrard, Harry Taylor, Deceased Members of the Cotter Family, Flo Cotter, Helen Thelwell, Sr Baptista CP, Jack Smith, Cath Latham, Michael Rattigan, Mary Andrews, Mary King, Anthony Webster

Sacrament of Reconciliation: on request.

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	MEETING	TIME	VENUE
Tuesday	Chat & Bingo	1.30pm	URC
	Card Craft	1.00pm - 3.00pm	V Church
Thursday	Art Group	9.30 am	A&B Rooms
	Chat & Bingo	2.00pm-3.30pm	V Church

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NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: L1 Sir 27:33-28:9
 L2 Rom 14:7-9
 G Mt 18:21-35

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PICK TWO: V 12 & 13, no winner, £61 'rollover';
A&B 3 & 36, no winner, £102 'rollover'.

If Your child is in Year 4 and wish for them to make their First Reconciliation and First Communion in 2018 they need to register at either.

St Anne & Blessed Dominic Church on Monday 11th September at 6pm
Or
St Vincent de Paul Church on Thursday 14th September 6pm.

Proof of baptism is required. If your child was baptised in either St. Vincent de Paul Church or St. Anne & Bl. Dominic Church we can look it up. If, however, your child was baptised at another church you need to contact that church and obtain a baptismal certificate.

The knitting and stitching group who meet in the parish hall of St Thomas of Canterbury Greenfield Road are recommencing after the Summer break. We are a very informal group, working on our own projects in the main, but we are open to helping with charity appeals. We meet on the first and third Wednesday of each month at 7.30 pm for about two hours and put the world to rights as we work. Our members come from all over the town with varying levels of expertise, so if you would like to come long for a couple of productive and convivial hours you would be most welcome. Obviously our next meeting is 20 September.

Also we have Wednesday 27th September at 7.30pm
A Mass of Thanksgiving & preceded by the Rosary for all past Legionaries active & auxiliary to mark their 3500th meeting.
Light refreshments will be served in the Parish Hall afterwards.



St Cuthbert's Catholic High School
Live life in all its fullness

Celebration Mass of Thanksgiving for 60years

We are celebrating Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King, Liverpool. Archbishop Malcolm McMahon will be the celebrant.

On Wednesday, 20 September a coach will leave St Vincent's at 9:15am & then pick up at St Anne & Blessed Dominic and leave at 9:30.

Mass starts at 11am

(Coach is now full for the people who signed their name a couple of months ago).

No Man Is An Island



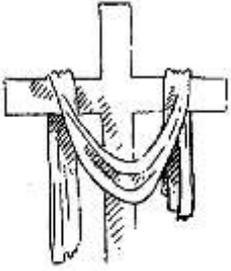
To give correction occasionally is an unpleasant duty, and to receive it is an equally unpleasant duty. Which is harder? An honest answer tells us a lot about our personality.

Every one of us has experienced confrontation over our behaviour at one time or another. How did we respond? More than likely we didn't respond well. None of us like to have our faults pointed out. At worst it can send us into a spiral of heated indignation and stubborn denial, protesting our innocence and hurling accusations back in retaliation. Ultimately, whether the criticism was taken on board or not depends on the spirit in which it was given. Was the criticism dealt by a friend with our best interests at heart, or was it dealt in a spirit of anger and come-uppance? How the criticism was dealt and how we responded is key in our dealings when it's our turn to correct someone else.

Most of us dislike having to correct someone else; we procrastinate and beat about the bush. Mightn't it be easier all round if we pretended the problem didn't exist? The main flaw with that strategy is that the papers are full of serious examples of what can happen when problems are side stepped and left to fester. How many people have allowed abuse, deception, injustice and even holocaust because they have kept quiet and avoided confrontation? There's no getting round it, there will come a time when we need to meet confrontation head on. Today's gospel tells us how to confront someone we know to be in the wrong. We should make the confrontation on a one to one basis in a spirit of love and empathy. If our attempts at putting things straight fail, we should attempt to involve a third party. An extra pair of objective ears can often take the heat out of a situation; this is why people often take their problems to a counsellor. When Jesus says "Where there are two or three gathered in my name....." he is making it clear how important we are to one another. No man is an island; we all need each other's support. We all need each other's empathy, and there will come a time, when we all need a good honest dose of tough love.

Exaltation of the Cross

14th September



We are called to participate in the struggle against evil in every form: racism, social injustice, oppression, infidelity, dishonesty, and corruption. The Risen Lord wishes to deliver us from all evil. But how? Not by removing every difficulty, but by giving us courage to face it and overcome it. Our sufferings are stepping-stones to victory. We look to the cross as a symbol of triumph over suffering and the promise of eternal life.

Bitesize

Nobody stands taller than those willing to stand corrected.

William Safir



Harvest Fast Day Briefings

Details on CAFOD's work in El Salvador

Wed. 20 September

Daytime: 1.30pm – 4pm
St Joseph's Parish Club,
Harper's Lane, Chorley PR6 0HR

OR

Evening: 7 – 9pm
St Philomena's Church, Russell Room
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