

Masses and Intentions for this week

Saturday 8 th	5.30pm	Martha Ricard
Sunday 9 th	10.00am	John Coakley
	6.30pm	Holy Souls
Monday 10 th	9.15am	Yvonne Young
Tuesday 11 th	9.15am	Bob Donald
Wednesday 12 th	9.15am	Lewis Novell
	2.30pm	Requiem Mass Eileen Smith
Thursday 13 th	6.00pm	People of the Parish
Friday 14 th	12.30pm	Holy Souls
Saturday 15 th	10.00am	Betty Spackman
	5.30pm	Anthony Bristow / Mary Hughes
Sunday 16 th	10.00am	John Eppstein
	6.30pm	Jill Carwana

Morning prayer of the Church is said before 9.15am Mass.
Confessions : Saturday 10.30 – 11.30am and 6.30 – 7.00pm.
There will be Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament on
Saturdays : 10.30 – 11.30am

Please pray for the sick and housebound especially for:
Betty Brown, Mary Deasey, Eileen Dunsdon, June Edge,
Anthony Feller, Nora Gallagher, Marie Goodings,
Dorothy Jennings, May King, Maureen & Reg Kinnon,
Mary Kotowicz, Christine Liberda, Lucy Mazlowska, Michael
Murphy, Claudina Rodriguez, Beth Selwood, Margaret Scicluna,
John Patric Smith, Ivy Sprules, Anne Travers, Stephen Wright.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Eileen Smith who died in
the week. Please pray too for her family and all who mourn her.
Her Requiem Mass is on Wednesday at 2.30pm

Last Sunday's Collection: Envelopes £780.06 Loose £265.77,
Standing Orders £420.00, Building Fund £131.40
TOTAL £1,597.23

This weekend there will be a second collection for the Johnson
Association – for retired and infirm clergy.

Parish of Our Lady and St Anne, Caversham

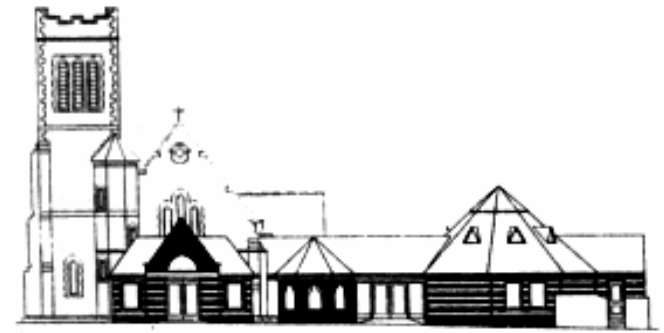
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Sunday's Word

First Reading : Ezekiel 47:1-2,8-9,12. The life-giving water
pouring from the Temple turns the lifeless salt water of the
Dead Sea into a place of abundance the refreshes the whole
earth.

Second Reading : 1 Corinthians 3:9-11,16-17. The people of
God, the Church, is the dwelling place of God today as the
Temple was in Jerusalem.

Gospel : John 2:13-22. Jesus promises to raise up the
sanctuary that is destroyed, but he is talking about his body
and the resurrection.

The Bit in the Middle

By Fr. Giles

Last week a few people asked what Purgatory is, so here is the official definition! Purgatory (Lat., "purgare", to make clean, to purify) in accordance with Catholic teaching is a place or condition of temporal punishment for those who, departing this life in God's grace, are not entirely free from venial faults, or have not fully paid the satisfaction due to their transgressions.

The faith of the Church concerning purgatory is clearly expressed in the decree of the Council of Trent which defined: "Whereas the Catholic Church, instructed by the Holy Ghost, has from the Sacred Scriptures and the ancient tradition of the Fathers taught in Councils and very recently in this Ecumenical synod that there is a purgatory, and that the souls therein are helped by the suffrages of the faithful, but principally by the acceptable Sacrifice of the Altar; the Holy Synod enjoins on the Bishops that they diligently endeavor to have the sound doctrine of the Fathers in Councils regarding purgatory everywhere taught and preached, held and believed by the faithful.

That temporal punishment is due to sin, even after the sin itself has been pardoned by God, is clearly the teaching of Scripture. God indeed brought man out of his first disobedience and gave him power to govern all things (Wisdom 10:2), but still condemned him "to eat his bread in the sweat of his brow" until he returned unto dust. God forgave the incredulity of Moses and Aaron, but in punishment kept them from the "land of promise" (Numbers 20:12). The Lord took away the sin of David, but the life of the child was forfeited because David had made God's enemies blaspheme His Holy Name (2 Samuel 12:13-14). In the New Testament as well as in the Old, almsgiving and fasting, and in general penitential acts are the real fruits of repentance (Matthew 3:8; Luke 17:3; 3:3). The whole penitential system of the Church testifies that the voluntary assumption of penitential works has always been part of true repentance and the Council of Trent reminds the faithful that God does not always remit the whole punishment due to sin together with the guilt. This doctrine involves as its necessary consequence a belief that the sinner failing to do penance in this life may be punished in another world, so as not to be cast off eternally from God.

Parish Christmas Bazaar Saturday 29th November 1pm-4pm

We would be grateful for donations of books, CD's, DVD's Toys Chocolates, Bottles (full ones) Cakes, Raffle Prizes etc. Please, no jumble or electrical items. Goods can be left at the back of Church. If you would like to help run a stall or activity please sign up on the list at the back of Church.

Piety Stall : has a good selection of boxed and packets of Christmas Cards, Advent and Church art calendars, 2009 Catholic diaries, cribs and candles.

Social & Fundraising Group : meeting on Wednesday 12th November at 8.00pm in the Cenacle. Agenda will include : Christmas Bazaar, Children's party and 2009 events.

Parish Social Committee – forthcoming events :
Skittle Evening at the Gardeners Arms, Surley Row on Sat. 15th November at 7.30pm. £12 per ticket, £5 for children 5-11(incl) and free for under 5's. Sign the list at the back of Church for this event.

The Reading Bach Choir will be performing an afternoon of French music at All Saints Church Downshire Square, Reading on Sunday 16th Nov. at 3pm. For tickets phone Cathy Carr 0118 947 0104

The Life of St. Francis of Assisi, a musical stage performance will take place at the Hexagon on Mon.17th Nov. at 7pm. Pupils from St. Anne's, St. Martin's and Blessed Hugh Faringdon schools will be taking part. For tickets phone Cathy Carr 0118 947 0104

NSPCC/Childline Please consider recycling your ink jet cartridges to help this charity. Take some Freepost green recycling envelopes from the table at the back of Church and when you replace a cartridge just pop the old one together with the packaging from the new one in one of the envelopes and post it off. The recycling company will donate £1.50 for every reusable cartridge.

Married Couples Mass : Follow up meeting on Thursday 13th November at 8.00pm at Paddy and Paula's. All are welcome.

Blessing of graves : at Henley Road cemetery on Sunday 16th November at 3pm and at Kidmore End on 9th November at 2pm.

Shopping Evening : at St. Anne's School on Thursday 13th November. Tickets £2.50 on the door or £2.00 in advance from school or Suzanne Eaton. £1.50 for O.A.P.'s. Price includes a glass of wine. Start your Christmas shopping early. Items for sale include Toys, Cards, Books, Bags, Jewellery, Candles and much more.

Photographs : Does anyone in the parish have old photos of when the stone was laid for the building of Our Lady's Chapel or any of the clergy and/or the Church at that time? If you do may we 'borrow' them please.

Car Park Please consider other people when using the car park, for example, by going round in the right direction and not taking up the bays for disabled parking unless you actually need them.

Traidcraft Sale Phil & Pam Chatfield will be holding their Christmas 'at home' Traidcraft sale on Friday 14th Nov. from 9am to 9pm and on Sat. 15th from 9.30am to 2pm at 97 Southview Avenue.

Stamps : Please save your used stamps especially over Christmas and put in the box at the back of Church. Money raised is for the Narthex. Thank you.