

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9/10 June 2018

“Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother
and sister and mother.”

Mark 3, 35

SECOND FIRST COMMUNION

MASS 21 more of our young parishioners will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time at the 10am Mass next weekend on Sunday 17th June. Again, this Mass will be very busy and the car park full.

ARCHBISHOP'S PASTORAL LETTER

Copies of the Archbishop's pastoral letter are available in the Narthex for anybody to take and read at your leisure. Apologies for the delay but there were problems accessing the intranet last week.

UNUSUAL MASS TIMES DURING THIS COMING WEEK

Please check daily Mass times carefully as they are quite different this week.

SVP SENIOR CITIZENS OUTING

The SVP are arranging a day trip to Savill Garden, Windsor for senior citizens on Tuesday 17th July. Meet at Our Lady & St Anne car park, coach will back by 4pm. Come and enjoy a lovely day out with good company. If you think you might like to come, contact the parish office on 0118 947 1787 for details.

BINGO in the Cenacle on Friday 15th June at 7.30pm. Everybody welcome. Why not give it a go if you have never been before?

READING VOLUNTEERS AT ST ANNES SCHOOL

If you love reading and have an hour to spare (or more) please sign up to help school children with their reading. Do as much, or as little, as you like and full training will be provided.

If you are interested, please contact **St Anne's Catholic Primary School** & Sarah Bernto will contact you to arrange training:

St Anne's Catholic Primary School
Washington Road, Caversham,
Reading. RG4 5AA
0118 937 5537

admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk

FAMILY PICNIC CAVERSHAM COURT GARDENS SUNDAY

10th JUNE FROM 12PM

All welcome for family fun; traditional games such as rounders, "Chase the Dad" and of course lashings of ginger beer.

BHF QUIZ NIGHT

Blessed Hugh Faringdon PTA are holding a Quiz Night in their school hall Thurs 14th June, 7-9pm (doors open at 6.30pm). Questions for all age groups, £3 a team member to include a drink & nibbles. Prize: £50 Oracle voucher. All welcome, please come along and support your local Catholic Secondary School.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£168.15	Loose	£807.37
Standing Orders			£484.00

Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers

Domingo Antao, Betty Brown, Tess Carter, Lucy Collaco, Barbara Dalton,
Jean Davison, Mollie Durnin, Lady Anne Eyston, Dorothy Jennings,
Maureen Kinnon, Nancy Lynch, Ruby Mason, Lucy Maszowska, Evlyn Novell,
Carrol O'Donovan, Theresa Parking, Veronica Perkins, Jenny Pollard,
Carmel Potton, Claudina Rodriguez, Sheila Smith,
Pamela Thompson, Tilly Walters, Marjorie Whitehead.

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): In the natural world, life is impossible without light. The first step in the creation narrative was the appearance of light. Life commences with light. In the earliest language used to describe God, there is light and God is identified with the sun. God is the divinity that banishes darkness and that bestows light. Our most dramatic celebration of the arrival of light is during the Easter Vigil. Christians gather by the fire in the darkness awaiting the arrival of the light. The paschal candle is greeted with the cry “*Light of Christ*” and as we listen to the Easter proclamation and the long series of scripture readings, we hold candles awaiting the full explosion of Easter light with the singing of the *Gloria*. If God is light, why should we fear darkness and let it have the last word? One of the earliest symbols of creation and new life in the early Christian communities was the light and to this day the human life cycle is viewed in terms of sunrise and sunset. The light of Christ brings life. This light brings salvation.

First Reading (OT): Genesis 3, 9 – 15: We read today the sequel to the earliest/most ancient of the OT creation narratives, i.e. that of the first man and woman. Man is at the centre of God’s creative design, and his home is a garden. Man starts his life in paradise. But our story follows the foundering of that dream, the sin of Adam has changed everything. The harmony of the garden gives way to conflict, to disagreement, to mutual attacks and reproaches. Neither the man nor the woman takes responsibility for their actions. They blame one another. God gets blamed for their misfortune. The woman blames the serpent. There is no visible solidarity between Adam and Eve. It is the law of each person for him/herself. Man is alone, not only naked but also vulnerable. The existential loneliness so frequently ascribed to the human condition had its beginnings in this story.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 4, 13 – 5, 1: This reading gives us an insight into Paul’s self-understanding. Faith drives him to proclamation, faith is not self-indulgent, it drives him (as Apostle) towards others. It is his conviction that our faith draws us out from our inner isolation and emancipates us from being imprisoned by our individual ego. Paul’s faith starts with his conviction that God had raised Jesus from the dead. That same God will raise us men and women up. We live with the energy and life of God, our life will find its fulfilment in the vision of the divine and in being united with God. It is important to stress that faith is not something which distances or isolates us from real concrete engagement with the world. Our belief in “things invisible” does not mean that we are indifferent to the real, concrete, visible things in the world around us. Faith in God draws us into the intense reality of human life.

Gospel: Mark 3, 20 – 35: This is not a “happy family” story. The adult Jesus distanced himself from his family, even from his mother. He had come to establish a new family the binding force of which was submission to the word of God. A new form of community living was born with Jesus’ discipleship.

The readings for today’s Mass are to be found in Parish Mass Book pp. 92-94

Masses and Intentions Tenth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 9th June
Feria in Ordinary Time

No Mass

Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 9th June

17.30

Sara Taylor RIP

Sunday 10th June

10.00

Ethna Noughton

18.30

People of the parish

19.30

Th'giving Our Lady & St Anne

Monday 11th June

Memorial : St Barnabas

Tuesday 12th June

09.15

Private intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 13th June

No Mass

Memorial: St Anthony of Padua

Thursday 14th June

19.30

Francis Sweeney RIP

Feria in Ordinary Time

Friday 15th June

12.30

Private intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th June

10.00

Barbara Turnock RIP
(1st Anniversary)

Feria in Ordinary Time

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday 16th June

17.30

Kathleen Feeney & Michael
Corbett RIP

Sunday 17th June

10.00

Terry Clarke RIP

18.30

People of the parish

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition
& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary:

Saturday 16.45