

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

Parish Priest
Monsignor Patrick H. Daly

Presbytery
2 South View Avenue,
Caversham,
READING RG4 5AB
Telephone: 0118 947 1787
Office email: o.l.a.s.a.office@gmail.com
Parish Secretary: Miss Lis Leddy
Parish Priest email: o.l.a.s.a.priest@gmail.com
Website: www.ourladyandstanne.org.uk



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time 16/17 June 2018

“Using many parables like these, [Jesus] spoke the word to them, so far as they were capable of understanding it.”

Mark 4, 33

DAY FOR LIFE is celebrated this Sunday, 17th June. The focus this year is on all those who are suffering or have survived human trafficking and modern slavery. Please visit www.dayforlife.org for details or pick up a leaflet. ***A second collection will be taken after all Masses.***

SECOND FIRST COMMUNION MASS At the 10am Mass this weekend 21 more of our young parishioners will be receiving the Eucharist for the first time. Celebration in the Cenacle afterwards.

ST ANNE'S PSA FAMILY FOOD & FUN FESTIVAL on St Anne's school field on Saturday 23 June from 12noon to 3pm. Details on the board.

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 at 9.45 am, coach will be 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.

CONGRATULATIONS to Bl. Hugh Faringdon secondary school on moving from 'Good' to 'Outstanding' in the inspection of its teaching of R E and the catholic life of the school (Section 48).

THE ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL

is now into its 6th year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 21st July** and tickets are now on sale.

The event is a family event and, as with past events, this year's festival will not only generate funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association but is also a major contributor to Parish income.

There will be a full bar, which this year will be provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast.....oh, and England will have won the world cup the weekend beforehand.

Tickets are **£10** for adults, **£5** for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after Mass or by calling 0118 958 4498 during office hours or visit www.facebook.com/rocknale.

If you can help promote the event then please take some of the leaflets or posters that are available in the Narthex.

MAPLEDURHAM MASS

in the chapel at Mapledurham House on Sunday 24th June at 6pm. All welcome.

SECOND COLLECTION 24 JUNE - PETER'S PENCE Help the Holy Father to help others! Every contribution appreciated.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£129.50	Loose	£430.47
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.

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The predominant images in the scripture readings this weekend are of growth and of hope. The Introit verse of today's Mass emerges from the experience of being lonely and abandoned. It is in a state of despair and abandon that the prayer is articulated. It is when we experience ourselves as helpless that we turn to God for help. There is hope and security in the help that God will give. Biblical faith in a providential God is not the fruit of a serene, successful life, it is more a hope and an expectation; reality does not defeat the man/woman of prayer. He/she is not just passive, resigned. He/she does not give in to the unjust situations life puts their way. Despite the evidence often, there is a persistent faith in a God who, one way or other, will set life's injustices to rights. Regardless of how others arrange things in life and despite the unjust structures of society, the just man with faith in God still persists in his belief that life can be different. We endure disappointments, we confront failures, we deal with disappointments because we believe in a God who is an active partner in our journey. He allows himself to be moved. He hastens to come to the assistance of those who are in need. The person in need, the person struggling with darkness, is precisely the one who God comes to meet and in whose need God is to be found.

First Reading (OT): Ezekiel 17, 22 – 24: The tree is an ancient biblical image. The man who trusts in God is often compared to a tree. The righteous man is like a fruitful tree. God's people is also frequently compared to a tree. This text dates from the period of Israel's exile in Babylon. The people have lost all their self-confidence. The people is compared to a tree that has outgrown its vitality. And yet a branch is taken off the old and a new tree grows. Life continues but not just as of old. It does not repeat itself. And yet it draws some of its energy from the old tree: the new and the old combine in the emergence of new life. This new life, in the vision of Ezekiel, is not the work of men but of God. The new branches have a life of their own but it is from God they draw their energy and ultimately it is he who determines what fruit they will yield. This powerful image of Ezekiel works when we cast God as the gardener of life.

Second Reading (NT): 2 Corinthians 5, 6 – 10: Paul stands back a bit from life, he keeps a certain distance from it. He is aware of the tension. He lives in the present, yet his gaze is focused on the future. He is not yet at home. He has not yet reached the goal. His hopes are as yet unfulfilled, his expectations unrealized. And yet he is relaxed. And he prepares those with whom he is dealing to tackle the unfulfilled dimension of life as it is. We must not allow our hope in what is to come to make us distant from or to escape from what is in the here and now. This letter focuses on the tension between the *now* and the secure future to which we are all going.

Gospel: Mark 4, 26 – 34: Whenever Jesus spoke of the kingdom of God, he used images. Today we are confronted with two of them, but Mark tells us he "used many parables like these." The kingdom of God is not the fruit of human work but it comes to birth when *something* happens to us or is allowed to happen.

The readings for today's Mass are to be found in Parish Mass Book pp. 95-97

Masses and Intentions

Eleventh week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th June
Feria in Ordinary Time

Barbara Turnock RIP
(1st Anniversary)

**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

Monday 18th June

09.15

Hugh & Linda Gough RIP

Feast: Dedication of the Cathedral

Tuesday 19th June

09.15

Private intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Wednesday 20th June

09.15

Private intention

Feria in Ordinary Time

Thursday 21st June

08.00

Private intention

Memorial: St Aloysius Gonzaga

Friday 22nd June

12.30

Private intention

Feast: Ss John Fisher & Thomas More

Saturday 23rd June

10.00

People of the parish

Feria in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of the

Year B (Mark)

Nativity of St John the Baptist

Saturday 23rd June

17.30

Frank O'Donnell RIP

Sunday 24th June

10.00

Evie Lavell

18.00

Mapledurham Mass

18.30

Nelson Carwana RIP

Confessions:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition

& Benediction:

Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary:

Saturday 16.45