

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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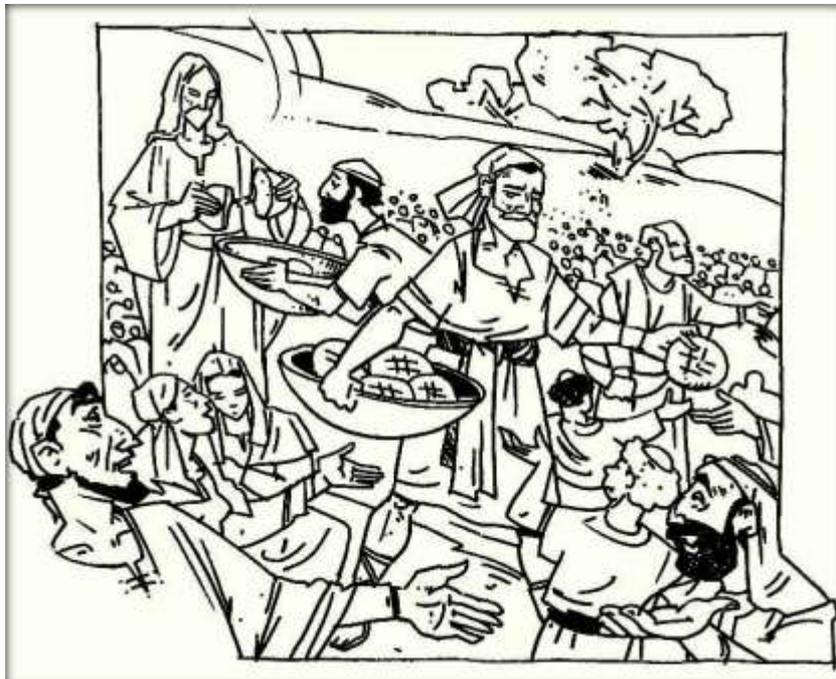
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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 August 2018  
“He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me,  
and I live in him, says the Lord.”

John 6, 56

*Archbishop Bernard Longley has commissioned a review of our current safeguarding/child protection practices in light of the National Catholic Policies and Procedures. This review is to be welcomed as a means of ensuring that our systems to protect our children and young people are as effective as possible. This review is being conducted by an independent charity called SCIE (Social Care Institute for Excellence). As part of the review, SCIE would like to speak with any individuals who have had experience with any safeguarding issues within the Archdiocese, and have experience of working with our parish safeguarding representatives and the safeguarding team at the Archdiocese. Anyone who is impacted by abuse issues can contact the safeguarding team on 0121 230 6240 (emergency out of hours 07976 516629). If you are able to contribute to this important review and share your experiences with SCIE then please contact Hugh Constant (Hugh.Constant@scie.org.uk or 020 7766 7374 or 07872 602207).*

We welcome to the Parish  
**Kryštof Kolomý**  
seminarian for the Diocese of Prague  
and wish him a happy sojourn with us  
and success in his further studies to  
the priesthood.

### **MAPLEDURHAM MASS**

The end of month Mass will be celebrated at Mapledurham chapel on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> August.  
Everybody welcome.

### **WALKING THE CAMINO**

Eddie Moran is walking the Camino again in September. He will be raising money for the Saint Vincent de Paul Society and for Our Lady & St Anne's church. If you would consider sponsoring Eddie, forms are available at the back of church. Please use your complete name and address if you are able to increase your donation by gift aiding.

### **DIY SUPPORT IN THE PRESBYTERY**

There are one or two small DIY jobs that need doing in the presbytery. If you think that you may be able to help out with them please contact the office by phone or email.

### **LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid	£214.85	Loose	£417.04
Standing Orders			£484.00

### **RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please continue to pray for the repose of the soul of Pamela Thompson who died recently and for all who mourn her. May she rest in peace. Pamela's funeral will be here at Our Lady & St Anne's at 10am, Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Please remember the sick and/or housebound in your prayers**

In the light of recommendations from the diocesan solicitor regarding GDPR, it seems wise to suspend momentarily publication of the sick list until further notice.

Fr Patrick

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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>  
or by request from the parish office.

**Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** Summer is a time when we frequently welcome guests or are ourselves welcomed in the homes of others. Family from abroad, friends who used to live in the neighbourhood come back and look us up, or we go back to familiar haunts and visit old friends. Visits are something which please both host and visitor alike. On Sunday we are guests at the Lord’s table. It is good when this weekly invitation gives us joy and when we accept it with an open heart. It gives us joy and the Lord too is pleased to see us visit his house and accept Eucharistic hospitality.

**First Reading (OT): Proverbs 9, 1 – 6:** Wisdom is cast as a woman who welcomes all comers to her home and invites all to table. Many these days are convinced that faith and religion have nothing whatever to do with intelligence or reason. Is it an insult to human intelligence to believe in a God who has created the world in such a way as is described in the Bible and propose an eternal life after death? One might be pardoned for thinking that such a proposition has nothing to do with enlightened human reason. Wisdom however invites us today to momentarily forego prejudice and just taste of the meal being offered, to drink the wine that is being poured for us. Those who take time to look behind appearances, to savour what wisdom offers and understand what is proposed, cannot but be impressed. And then we accept the invitation Wisdom is issuing to us.

**Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 5, 15 – 20:** *Carpe diem!* (Literally “pluck the day” – enjoy the day that is in it!) is a phrase from the famous Roman poet Horace and written in the first century BC. It encourages us to enjoy today and to get as much out of it as we can, for tomorrow may never come. Our life is short. Paul is familiar with this expression but in his letter to the Ephesians he gives it a different twist. He encourages people to live sensibly, to opt for what is good for us and for what is God’s will. A lot of what we may like can lead us away from living in harmony with God. We are certainly encouraged to live the day that is in it to the full but lead a life which always gives God honour and praise.

**Gospel: John 6, 51 – 58:** Eating and drinking are fundamental human activities. Without nourishment we simply cannot live. For us Christians we take it completely for granted that we should consume the body of Christ and drink his blood. And yet we can well understand how distasteful and perplexing this was for the contemporaries of Jesus whom he introduced to the idea for the first time. And yet what these words promise is incredible: “whoever eats this bread will live for ever.” Through eating his flesh and drinking his blood I become united with the Lord, he takes possession of me, he lives in me and brings me too to the fullness of life. *Over these weeks when the Church invites us to meditate upon the Eucharist it is important to point out that the majority of those children who made their 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in our parish this year no longer attend Mass. The same is true of the children’s parents and this is very sad. The parish policy on access to 1<sup>st</sup> HC programmes will have to be reviewed.*

*The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 121-122*

## Masses and Intentions

### Twentieth week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Mrs Madge Kavanagh RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
<b>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Year B (Mark)</b>
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	17.30	Peter McDonagh RIP
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Patrick & Philomena Brady RIP
	18.30	People of the parish
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> August	<u>08.00</u>	In thanksgiving for a job
<i>Memorial: St Bernard</i>		
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	No Mass	
<i>Memorial: St Pius X</i>		
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	No Mass	
<i>Memorial: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>		
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	18.30	Terry Colehan RIP
<i>Feast: St John Wall</i>		
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Requiem Mass – Pamela Thompson RIP
<i>Feast: St Bartholomew</i>		
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		
<b>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Year B (Mark)</b>
Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	17.30	Tom & Mary Feeney RIP
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Health & blessings Mohammed & family
	18.00	Mapledurham Mass
	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	