

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 26 August 2018  
“Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life; you have the message  
of eternal life.”

John 6, 63. 68

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).

**MASS TIME MONDAY 27<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

As it is bank holiday on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August, Mass will be at 10.00hrs.

**WALKING THE CAMINO**

Eddie Moran is walking the Camino again from 19-24<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION**

Gift Aid £171.58    Loose £409.17  
Standing Orders                      £484.00

**CAR PARK CLOSED FOR A DAY**

The car park will be closed to all cars on Friday 31st August to allow for the lines to be repainted. Thank you for your patience.

**RECENTLY DECEASED**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Theo Johnson and for those who mourn him. May he rest in peace. Theo's funeral will be Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> August at 10am here at Our Lady & St Anne's church.

**SATURDAY BREAKFAST TALK  
IN THE CENACLE - 5,000**

**REASONS TO HOPE** 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 8am - 9.30am. £5 ticket includes continental breakfast. Tickets available after Mass or from the office. Details on noticeboard.

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

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or by request from the parish office.

**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** Each Sunday I have to make a decision regarding my relationship with God. Most of us find ourselves on automatic pilot on Sunday, the third commandment haunts us and we decide rather than not observe it to actually keep the Lord's Day holy. We can also be pro-active and benefit from what Sunday offers us. We can ask ourselves as we wend our way to church whether or not we actually desire to encounter God in his word, in the Eucharist and in the assembly of the gathered faithful to which we belong. Or do I opt to fill Sunday with all sorts of activities to such a degree that there is no time over for God or for my neighbour? My need for rest, recreation and for catching up on domestic chores so fills my Sunday that there is no time left over for God. And yet most of those who read this Bulletin have chosen to come to Mass, have opted to make time for God. The challenge now is to make the best possible use of this time we have dedicated to the Lord and to fulfil the third commandment in a positive and creative way.

**First Reading (OT): Joshua 24, 1 – 2. 15 – 18:** It was Joshua who led the Israelites across the River Jordan into the promised land. Moses had led them out of slavery in Egypt and through the desert. As the Lord had promised him, Moses did see the promised land but he was never to set foot on it. He died before the Israelites crossed the Jordan. In today's reading we encounter Joshua who has become an old man and stares his death in the face. And yet before he takes leave of his people, he puts a straight question to them. He asks them to decide which god they will follow. He makes it clear that he has chosen the Lord. Their answer to Joshua's challenge was unanimous: the God who had liberated them from slavery and led them through the desert, he was the god they would serve. The choice before us may not be so dramatic. Yet we do deserve to ask ourselves what gods do we worship. Remembering the Lord's good deeds in our lives, as the disciples of Joshua did in this passage, will help clarify things for us.

**Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 5, 21 – 32:** Paul uses the love between man and woman/husband and wife to illustrate how it is Christ loves his Church. Some of the imagery and the role-assignment used by Paul is offensive to our contemporary ears. Our society is very different to that of the Ephesus of Paul. And yet Paul's advice does contain lessons which can apply to the marriages of today and contribute to conjugal and family happiness. Just as married couples have to work on a daily basis to keep their love fresh and alive, so too all of us have to work on our relationship with God.

**Gospel: John 6, 60 – 69:** Many of those who came to listen to Jesus were offended by their understanding of his giving his flesh to eat and blood to drink, and they left him. Peter, however, made a great declaration of faith in Jesus and in his true identity. Yet, sadly, it was that same Peter who, a little like those who had walked away from Jesus, was to betray him. In every age there were those who, having belonged, walked away from discipleship. Our age is no different.

*The readings for today's Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 123-125*

## Masses and Intentions

### Twenty-first week of Ordinary Time

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 (anniversary)
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Health & blessings Mohammed & family
		18.00	Mapledurham Mass
		18.30	People of the parish
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> August	<u>10.00</u>	Mary Wheeler RIP
<i>Memorial: St Monica</i>			
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> August	09.15	Baby Harrison Lavell
<i>Memorial: St Augustine</i>			
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> August	No Mass	
<i>Memorial: Passion of St John the Baptist</i>			
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Requiem - Theo Johnson RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	12.30	Robert Cunningham (birthday)
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	10.00	Eileen Mackey
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
		14.00	Wedding service
<b>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>		<b>Year B (Mark)</b>	
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	17.30	John & Rosemary Harrington-Lynn
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	10.00	Tony McAdden & family
		18.30	Mary, Val & Charlie
Confessions:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15	
Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday	10.30 - 11.30	
Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday	16.45	