

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



Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time 4 November 2018

“To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.”

Mark 12, 33

This weekend Archbishop Bernard Longley will personally be addressing the Archdiocese involvement in the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) when an open pastoral letter is read out in all churches.

The letter is available on the Archdiocese website:

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/>

If you would like to speak to someone about safeguarding and the Church's work, please call **0121 230 6240**.

If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0808 800 5000**.

Please pray with us for all victims of abuse, and for all those involved in the work of this important Inquiry.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Henley Road Cemetery: This will take place on Remembrance **Sunday 11th November at 3pm**. Assemble in front of the Chapel/Crematorium.

Kidmore End Cemetery: Sunday 11th November at 2pm led by Deacon Brian Theobald.

CONGRATULATIONS to Cedric Reed and Sarah D'Costa both of whom are to be baptised last weekend. Please pray for them and their families.

CAMINO SPONSORSHIP

Eddie is collecting from the last few people who sponsored him this weekend. Thank you to all who sponsored him.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £177.50 Loose £469.33
Standing Orders £484.00

The diocesan Privacy Policy is available at
<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy>
or by request from the parish office.

PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL

The prospect of our death can worry us and it is easy to put off making arrangements such as our will or our funeral to another day. The Archdiocese of Birmingham has produced a document which it is hoped will make it easier for family or friends to make the funeral arrangements for a loved one at what will be a sad and difficult time. This is available at the back of the church. It is suggested that you discuss the document with your family and keep a copy among your papers. A copy could also be given to your Parish Priest to be held securely on file if you like to.

JOHNSON ASSOCIATION 2ND COLLECTION

This exists to support secular clergy of the Archdiocese in need. Please give generously **this weekend** when a second collection will be taken after all Masses. Gift aid envelopes are available this

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND Wed 15th-22nd May 2019. In

the Footsteps of Jesus, visiting the Holy Sites in Jerusalem, Nazareth, the Dead Sea & more. Details on a poster in the colonnade. Applications to be in ASAP. **Info eve Fri 16th Nov, 7.30pm @ St James.**

GOING INTO HOSPITAL?

On admission to Royal Berkshire Hospital all Catholics should inform the hospital staff that they are Roman Catholic and if they wish to have Communion or see a Priest. All arrangements in RBH are "Patient Led". Hospital Chaplain - Fr JP Lyttle Mobile: 07391 896559 / RBH: 0118 322 7105

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): The monastic Rule of St. Benedict opens with an invitation: “*Listen!*” The monastery is a place of silence and silence is an indispensable feature of the monastic life. It is not, however, the silence of the tomb, it is not deathly. It is a stillness such that the voice of God can be listened to and heard. Benedict was convinced that God communicated with mankind and he had the whole OT tradition behind him in support of this view. The role of the divine voice is particularly prominent in the OT Book of Deuteronomy. It provides a second version of the story of how God emancipated the Hebrew slaves from Egypt and led them through the desert. On Sinai God delivered the commandments to Moses and Deuteronomy presents this in the context of a speech which God addresses to Moses and which he passes on to the people. In listening to the voice there is a recognition of a God who speaks, communicates and is present to his people. From this fact emerged the belief that the word of God had authority and power: it does not just communicate information, it changes reality, it challenges the powers of evil in this world and is itself life.

First Reading (OT): Deuteronomy 6, 2 – 6: Jesus was to use the very words we find here when challenged as to what the most important commandment was. For the first time in the OT we encounter in this text a reference to love. The command we here is to love God. Fear of the Lord was not terror or something to make one anxious, it was a command to take God seriously. The assurance that God is with them sets the people free of anxiety, it energises them. It raises the natural love known to the human heart to a higher level. Once we see God through the eyes of love we gain a totally new perspective.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 7, 23 – 28: The focus of this extract from the letter written to a Jewish Christian community at an early stage in the Church’s history, certainly before the destruction of the Jerusalem temple in AD 66, is the figure of the high priest. He was an indispensable figure in the cultic life of the temple but once he died he had to be replaced. In fact there was a dynasty and throughout the life of Jesus the high priest was the familiar figure of Caiaphas. The author of this letter casts Jesus as the unique and only high priest.

Gospel: Mark 12, 28 – 34: This question addressed to Jesus about the basic commandment, about what it all amounts to when all the laws are boiled down to the bare essentials, enables him to go to the heart of the matter. Love is the central commandment, and this is repeated regularly in the letters of John. Love of God and love of neighbour are two sides of the same coin. Neither of these is an invention of Jesus, they are to be found in the OT. They remind us that we live in relationship, with God and our neighbour. The creation narrative reminds us that we were created as social beings, relationship is essential to our being and it is not good for us to be alone. Our relationship with both God and our fellow man should at all times be animated by love.

The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 152-154

Masses and Intentions

Thirty-first week in Ordinary Time

Saturday	3 rd November	10.00	Deceased members of the Catenian Society
----------	--------------------------	-------	--

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	3 rd November	17.30	Assunta Smyk RIP
Sunday	4 th November	10.00	People of the parish
		18.30	Derek O'Donnell RIP
Monday	5 th November	09.15	Francis McGadey RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	6 th November	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	7 th November	<u>08.00</u>	Thanksgiving
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	8 th November	<u>08.00</u>	Holy Souls
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	9 th November	12.30	Stanley Nettar RIP
<i>Feast: Dedication of Lateran Basilica</i>			
Saturday	10 th November	10.00	Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
<i>Memorial: St Leo the Great</i>			

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B (Mark)

Saturday	10 th November	17.30	Thanksgiving for answered prayer
Sunday	11 th November	10.00	Deceased of two World Wars
		18.30	Patrick Rowe RIP

Confessions:	Saturday 10.30 - 11.30 16.45 - 17.15
--------------	---

Exposition & Benediction:	Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
------------------------------	------------------------

Evening prayer, Rosary:	Saturday 16.45
-------------------------	----------------