

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, 27 January 2019**  
“This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.”

Luke 4, 21

## RIP

Please continue to pray for the soul of **Margaret Maguire** who died recently. Funeral Mass here at Our Lady & St Ann's on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 11.30hrs.

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR WEDNESDAY

Mass will be at 08.00hrs on Wednesday this week.

## MAPLEDURHAM MASSES

There will be no Mass at the end of January or February due to roof repairs.

## READING CHURCHES MEN'S GROUP MEN'S BREAKFAST

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019

*'No wonder we're stressed...'*

8.15.am for 8.30.am at:

The Pavilion, (was Reilly's Snooker Hall) 143-145 Oxford Road, Reading RG1 7UY [Directions:

<https://www.thepavilion.org.uk/contact/> ]

Details on poster on the noticeboard.

## ST. MARTINS PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

Cleaner in Charge & Cleaner.

Contact: Jacqueline Campbell

[bursar@stmartins.reading.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@stmartins.reading.sch.uk) or

0118 9375544

## CALL MY BLUFF WINE TASTING QUIZ EVENING

at Hugh Faringdon school on 31<sup>st</sup> January 7pm onward. £5 per person, tickets available at school reception or [www.hughfaringdon.org](http://www.hughfaringdon.org).

## VACANCIES IN OUR LOCAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The Federation of St Anne's and St Martin's Catholic Primary Schools in Caversham Park, Reading is seeking a new Executive Headteacher and a new Head of School. For more information please contact Jacqueline Campbell at [bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@st-annes.reading.sch.uk) or by phoning 0118 937 5597 or view the advert in the [Catholic Teachers Gazette](#) Closing date 25<sup>th</sup> January.

## READING PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

- Sat 15th June (a change from the usual date in May). Save the date. Full details to follow.

## FIRST COMMUNION

PREPARATION Preparation for children not attending Catholic schools will begin on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February. If you have not yet contacted the office, please ring or e-mail if you would like to enrol your child.

## 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

## LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£147.95	Loose	£528.38
Standing Orders			£484.00

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke):** The evangelist Luke deliberately sets out to write an ordered account of the life and ministry of Jesus. In the brief introduction to his Gospel which we hear read this weekend, Luke casts himself as an historian and, of all the four gospels the NT contains, his conveys that sense of beginning, middle and end. We owe Luke a huge debt. We are aware that three of the four gospel writers used a common source (Mark) and shared other sources (the famous collection of sayings of Jesus called Q – from the German *Quelle* – source), but it is Luke alone who provides us with the Nativity stories (think of how different Christmas would be without Luke’s Gospel!), some of the best-loved parables (e.g. Prodigal Son, Good Samaritan) and it is from Luke’s pen alone that we have the account of the encounter with the Risen Lord on the first Easter Sunday as he joined the crest-fallen disciples on their walk to Emmaus. This Sunday we encounter Jesus at the opening of his public ministry in Nazareth, the occasion on which he launched himself, even if Luke suggests that Jesus already had built up a reputation for himself before appearing in his new prophetic role in the synagogue of his native town. What makes the words he borrowed in Nazareth so dramatic is that, taking what Isaiah had written in prophetic mode some five hundred years earlier and quoting specifically a passage which would have been more than well known to his audience, he applied the words to himself. There was no ambivalence, no ambiguity here as to how Jesus understood himself. Luke takes us chronologically through the life of Jesus, focusing on his ministry and teaching, with the forensic skill of a detached historian (Luke, it is said, was a doctor) and it is a story which begins – where the adult Jesus is concerned, and of which the other three evangelists have their version – this weekend.

**First Reading (OT): Nehemiah 8, 2 – 6. 8 – 10:** This reading describes an exceptional liturgy. It was unusually long, even by the standards of the Jerusalem Temple. The Jews had returned from Babylon, relieved, happy but still in need of orientation. They turned to the Law to give them a new sense of direction but to boost their spirits too. It is interesting to reflect on what effect listening to the word of God has on us week by week in the liturgy. We encounter Jesus in the Gospel in a liturgical setting too.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 12, 12 – 14. 27:** The liturgical assemblies of the early Church were more than just a gathering of random people to sing, listen to sacred texts and break bread. For Paul, the deeper reality underlying these assemblies was the mystical Body of Christ. Last week he looked at the variety of gifts which individual members put at the disposal of the Church. Now he looks at the body and how members work together for the wellbeing of the whole.

**Gospel: Luke 1, 1 – 4. 4, 14 – 21:** We have here two new beginnings. Luke suggests in his prologue that a new era has dawned, a unique event is being related. The second beginning was launched in the synagogue of Nazareth where Jesus, taking to himself the words of Isaiah, opened his public ministry.

*The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 130-132*

