

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, 3 February 2019  
“I tell you most solemnly, no prophet is ever accepted in his own country.”

Luke 4, 24

## RIP

Please pray for the souls of:

- ❖ **Margaret Maguire** - requiem Mass **Tues. 5<sup>th</sup> February** at **11.30hrs.**
- ❖ **Ruby Mason** - requiem Mass **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** at **11.00hrs.** Her body will be received into the church the day before on **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February** at **16.00hrs.**
- ❖ **Zigmunt Powiecki** - requiem Mass **15<sup>th</sup> February at 12noon.**

May they rest in peace and the family and friends who mourn them find comfort and solace.

ORATORY SCHOOL at Woodcote will be accepting girls as well as boys from Sept 2020 - for further details please go to [www.oratory.co.uk](http://www.oratory.co.uk)

## 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.

## CHANGE OF USE FOR NOTICEBOARD BY CENACLE

The Children's Liturgy Group are going to be sharing some of their work on the noticeboard by the Cenacle.

This means that the planner will come down. If you would like to reserve the Cenacle for any reason, please contact the office by phone or e-mail. Thank you for your help with this and we look forward to seeing what the children have been doing.

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIME FOR WEDNESDAY

Mass will be at 08.00hrs on Wednesday again this week.

## PARISH ADMINISTRATORS VACANCIES

**CHRIST THE KING** 15 Hours per week over 3 days. Phone 01189 314469 for details. Closing date 5th Feb. **ST JOHN BOSCO** 25-30 hours per week. Phone 01189 693423 for details. Closing date 12th Feb.

## THANK YOU TO THE SOUTH INDIAN PARISHIONERS

for another successful curry night. Our thanks go to the organisers, the cooks and those who bought the tickets and undertook the hardship of eating a home-cooked curry! A fantastic £536 was raised which will be split between the parish and the SVP.

## 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	£146.86	Loose	£487.69
Curry Night			£536.00
Standing Orders			£484.00

**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke):** In the ordination liturgy of a deacon the future minister of the word is handed the Book of the Gospels. A similar gesture is a feature of episcopal ordination where, in this case, the new bishop has the Book of the Gospels opened over his head, as if to envelop him. The priest too, already ordained to the diaconate as he is, is also mandated to preach the Word and to hold the Gospels in special reverence. We read quite a bit of scripture during the Sunday liturgy: we have a reading from the Old Testament, we sing a psalm (also OT), we have a second reading from Paul or one of the other early Christian writers, and we have the Gospel. On Sundays we read from a special Book of the Gospels which is carried in to church in solemn procession, is laid upon the altar, is elevated by the priest in blessing over the people, is incensed and when being read is flanked by two acolytes. The congregation stands to hear the Gospel read. We stand to attention, we stand in respect, we stand so as the better to hear and concentrate on the words we hear proclaimed. All of these instinctive signs of reverence which a Christian community shows to the Gospel in the liturgical assembly we have got used to, yet it is worth thinking why we show the Gospel such respect. The second instalment of the appearance of Jesus in his home synagogue of Nazareth which we first heard last Sunday invites us to think about why the Gospel is so precious to us and why, by physical gesture and by mental concentration, we give it such honour.

**First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 1, 4 – 5. 17 – 19:** Here we have an account of a “calling”. Jeremiah is not just being given a task to fulfil, he has been called and consecrated to speak on behalf of God from the very beginning of his life. He is in receipt of divine trust, he is invited into a relationship with God and he is being guided by providence. Jeremiah is warned of the difficulty of the task that awaits him and of the challenges involved in his calling. He is pledged the support of God and the guarantee that his enemies will not overcome him.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 12, 31 – 13, 13:** This is one of the best known passages of the NT outside the gospels. It is Paul’s great hymn to love and is frequently chosen by young couples to be read at their Nuptial Mass or wedding service. And yet there is nothing soft or sentimental about it. Perhaps its appeal comes from the fact that it is so realistic about what love demands and so hard-nosed about the challenges.

**Gospel: Luke 4, 21 – 30:** The mood of the congregation in the synagogue of Nazareth changed suddenly, admiration quickly turned to hatred. Jesus had made a positive impression and the inhabitants of his native town expected recognition, privileges even. Their anger at being, as they felt, cold-shouldered by Jesus blinded them to the fact that he wanted to proclaim God’s kingdom and its values to all men and women of good will. His fellow townsmen allowed the knowledge they had of the child and the young man growing up in their midst to the prophet who had begun his ministry among them. They knew him but they did not recognise him.

*The readings for today’s Masses are to be found in Parish Mass Book : pp 133-134*

# Masses and Intentions

## Fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 10.00 People of the parish  
*Feast: Presentation of the Lord*

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 17.30 Hester McMahan  
 Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 10.00 Bernadette Ward RIP  
 18.30 People of the parish

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February 09.15 Gerard Lawrence RIP  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 11.30 Requiem Mass -  
*Memorial: St Agatha* Margaret Maguire

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February 08.00 John Connoughton RIP  
*Memorial: St Paul Miki & companions*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February 08.00 Repose of Holy Souls  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February 12.30 Mr Kiely  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 Neville Farrell RIP  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

### Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February 17.30 Peter Lane  
 Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> February 10.00 Maria Simalova RIP  
 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