

Masses and Intentions
Week 20 in Ordinary Time

Saturday	17 th August	10.00	Private intention
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C	
Saturday	17 th August	17.30	Private intention
Sunday	18 th August	10:00	Libby RIP
		18:30	People of the parish
Monday	19 th August	09.15	Patrick Treacy RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	20 th August	09.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial: St Bernard</i>			
Wednesday	21 st August	09.15	Paul Loney RIP (1st ann.)
<i>Memorial: St Pius X</i>			
Thursday	22 nd August	09.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			
Friday	23 rd August	12.30	Patrick Treacy RIP
<i>Feast: St John Wall</i>			
Saturday	24 th August	10.00	Paul & Angèle Doncarli RIP
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time		Year C	
Saturday	24 th August	17.30	Baby Harrison Lavell RIP
Sunday	25 th August	10.00	Frances Hodgson
		18.30	People of the parish

Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30
16.45 - 17.15

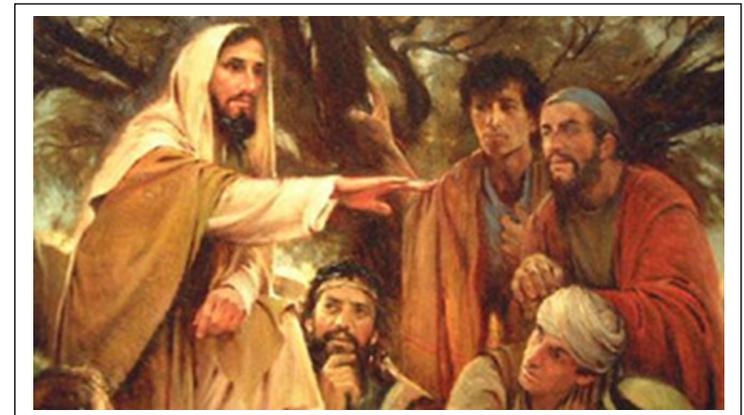
Exposition & Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30

Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45

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



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 17 - 18 August 2019

“Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth?

No, I tell you, but rather division.”

Luke 12, 51

HEALTH AND SAFETY AUDIT

Over the next few weeks, we will be carrying out a health and safety audit of the church and surrounding premises.

If you have noticed anything that you would like to draw to our attention, please email or ring the office by 8th September.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Philomena Jordan who died recently.

Her requiem Mass will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Wednesday 28th August at 10am.

FESTIVAL WEEKEND

Festival goers will begin arriving on Wednesday of the coming week and the festival will run from 23rd - 25th August. Leave plenty of time to get to Mass next weekend.

HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

Next month, Heritage Open Days will celebrate its 25th Anniversary. A chance to look behind the scenes of some of the historical features in Caversham and Reading. Runs 13th - 29th September.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid	£167.50	Loose	£461.06
Standing Orders			£459.00

POPE'S INTENTION FOR AUGUST

Families, Schools of

Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth".

JOINING THE CLEAN TEAM

Each weekend the church is beautifully clean which is down to a small team of dedicated cleaners to whom we are very grateful. Would you like to make your own contribution by sparing an hour or two to help with hoovering, polishing etc. on either a **Monday or Wednesday morning from 10am onwards?** Not necessarily a weekly commitment, if there are enough people we could build up teams to spread the load. Knock on the sacristy door after Mass on Mon/Wed or ring the office for info. Families more than welcome .

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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Luke): Each day we take many decisions. These can govern the simplest of things: what shirt to put on, what shoes to wear, how many cups of coffee we drink, will we watch the 10.00 pm BBC news, will we flick over to ITV or will we wait for Newsnight. There are more weighty decisions over which we have to ponder: up-grade of the car, moving house, which school to which to send the children. And then there are decisions we make which have a major impact on our lives: will I marry, will I marry her/him, will we have a large family, will I go for promotion in my job and accept a senior position, will I offer myself to the Church to serve as a priest? There are other decisions we make in consequence of the view of life we have come to take: do we see life and the world through the prism of Christian faith, do we submit to the view put to us by the Church, do we see life and the world from the Left or do we subscribe to the liberal-capitalist model of society and vote accordingly? All decisions can lead to conflict, all decisions recognise that others can have a different point of view and may seek to impose it on us, all decisions regarding the great questions of life potentially shape the contours of our whole earthly journey. Our decisions too can bring us into conflict with those closest to us, those whom we love and with the great powers which dominate our life: Church, State or Society. The key decisions which orient our lives call for regular review or renewal. It is at this point that the scripture readings of today cross the path of our daily life.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 38, 4 - 6. 8 - 10: None of us likes to hear uncomfortable truths. The person who confronts us with ourselves or with facts we find unpalatable can expect a rough reception. Jeremiah the prophet ruffled the feathers of the ruling class in the society of his day. He prophesied the conquest of Jerusalem by the Babylonian king and thus foretold an end to the rule of the current dynasty. He made his prophecy with a view to saving lives. He paid a heavy price for his candour.

Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 12, 1 - 4: What happens to me when I encounter the cross on life's journey? What do I do when I encounter doubts and challenges to my faith? The example set by those who have gone before us, the saints, can help us come to terms with suffering and overcome our lack of faith. The author of the Letter to the Hebrews puts Jesus forward as the key example for us to follow and on whom to model our lives.

Gospel: Luke 12, 49 - 53: The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are quite shocking and are difficult to reconcile with the idea of good news. And yet it highlights a very real situation with which Christian believers were confronted down the years. We have seen the tensions Jesus' preaching and lifestyle caused within his own family circle. Many of the early Christians who were hearing Luke's gospel proclaimed may have had to risk family conflict and division for the sake of their adherence to the gospel message. The type of commitment and the radical choice Jesus expected of those who followed him led inevitably to conflict.

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

[Sunday's readings](#)