

Masses and Intentions  
Week 24 in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September No Mass  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September 17.30  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> September 10:00

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September No Mass  
*Memorial: Ss Cornelius & Cyprian*

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September No Mass  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 09.15  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 10.15  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September 12.30  
*Memorial: St Andrew Kim Tae-gon,  
Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions*

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 10.00  
*Feast: St Matthew*

25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September 17.30  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 10.00  
18.30

Year C

Vincent Hawkins RIP  
Patrick Rowe &  
Timmie Buckley  
Charlie, Val & Mary RIP

Teresa

Requiem Mass—Peter Allen

Johnny Cher

Private intention

Year C

Neil Campbell  
People of the parish  
Good health & blessings

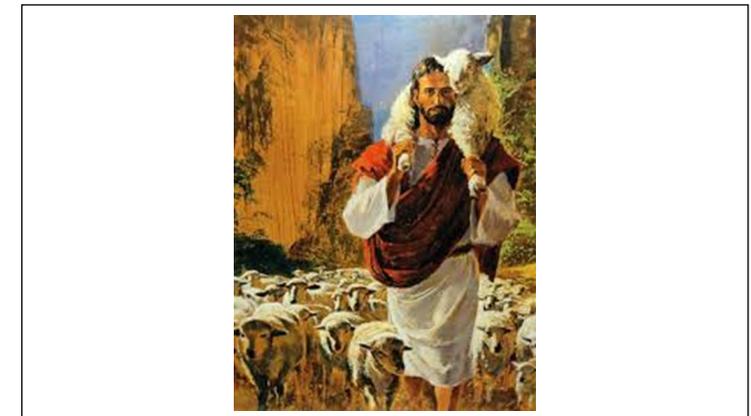
Confessions: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
16.45 - 17.15

Exposition  
& Benediction: Saturday 10.30 - 11.30  
Evening prayer, Rosary: Saturday 16.45

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 14/15 September 2019

“I tell you, there is rejoicing among the angels of God over  
one repentant sinner.”

Luke 15, 10

### REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Peter Allen who died recently and for those who mourn him.

Peter's funeral will be here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Thursday 19th September @ 10.15h.

### SECOND COLLECTIONS

The Home Mission Office is a national organisation that helps the local Church engage in the vital mission of Evangelisation. This weekend, they ask for our prayers and our financial support through the second collection. Our prayers help them to be attentive to the Holy Spirit who directs their work and our donations to the second collection will enable them to help the local Church share the joy of the Gospel throughout England and Wales. In short, the second collection helps them to help us. For more information about the Home Mission Office or to donate online please visit [www.homemission.org.uk](http://www.homemission.org.uk)

Next weekend, 21-22 Sept. there will be a second collection for Fr Hudson's Care. Gift aid envelopes are available at the back of church.

BINGO will resume after the summer break on Friday 20th September @ 7.30pm in the Cenacle.

### LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Gift Aid £100.22      Loose £443.76  
Standing Orders      £459.00

### ROUNDERS AND PICNIC

Children aged 7 (school year 3) and up together with a responsible adult are invited to join us for a game of rounders followed by a picnic on Saturday 21st September. Please bring your own picnic food and meet at 2.30 pm on the playing fields for St. Anne's school (access through the church car park). In case of wet weather, we will meet in the Cenacle. For further details contact [simonandhilaritysmart@gmail.com](mailto:simonandhilaritysmart@gmail.com).

### PRAYING FOR PROTECTION OF SEAS & OCEANS IN SEPTEMBER

Pope Francis requests action and prayer "that politicians and scientists will work together to protect the world's seas and oceans". Due to global warming the glaciers in the Arctic Ocean are melting which will quicken the rise of sea levels and affect peoples lives. Please join with Pope Francis in praying for greater Care Of our Common Home.

### OLSA

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP will meet again @ 19.30hrs. on Wednesday 2nd October.

### 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

**Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C - Luke):** In a parish such as ours with many young families and individuals and couples from abroad who are birds of passage in Caversham the experience of saying "good bye" and of taking leave of people after a brief acquaintance is very much part of life. We have all experienced relationships and friendships which faded or ended because of distance and changed circumstances of life. I have still many friends in Belgium with whom I am in regular contact and whom I see from time to time, but many others have disappeared from my life just as I have from theirs. What is much more painful in life, and this is something which affects families as well as friendships, is when misunderstanding, hurtful behaviour or profound disagreement lead to the ending of a relationship. In every family and in the life of every individual there is a great deal of pain close to the surface related to the break-down of a relationship. Ruptured friendships and broken bonds between family members leave profound scars, wounds that never quite heal. In the OT reading we learn of God's deep sense of hurt when the Hebrews, just set free from slavery and rescued from the Red Sea, have apostatised and turned to other gods. The parables Jesus told the Pharisees critical of his association with sinners emphasises the lengths to which the loving God will go to reconcile those who have abandoned him.

**First Reading (OT): Exodus 32, 7 - 11. 13 - 14:** This is one of the most dramatic pages of the OT. Moses stays a little too long on Mount Sinai. His troops below begin to despair of his return and then doubts about the providence of God enter their hearts. They want security, they turn in their beleaguered state to other (false) deities. God is bitterly disappointed, feels betrayed and abandoned by the people for whom he has done so much. And yet Moses on his return becomes advocate of his sinful people, reminding God of his promise to his people and of his covenant with them. In a certain sense he engages in moral blackmail to win for the people God's mercy.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Timothy 1, 13.5:** This is one of the pastoral epistles to a newly-formed Christian community in the heathen world, written by a disciple of Paul and reflecting very much the Apostle's beliefs. It is a hymn of praise to Jesus Christ, a confession of sin and weakness on the part of the author, and an affirmation of the transformative power of the grace which flows from a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Gospel: Luke 15, 1 - 32 (1 - 10):** [The greater part of today's gospel covers the parable of the prodigal son, but it is at the discretion of the celebrant]. The remaining short parables of the Good Shepherd abandoning his flock in search of the stray sheep and of the woman in search of the lost drachma highlight the lengths to which God will go to show his love for each of us as an individual. He will leave others and come in search of us. What Jesus also highlights is the joy and happiness the recovery of the errant sheep and the lost drachma causes.