

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 19 July 2020

“Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.
Listen, anyone who has ears.”

Matthew 13, 43

OPENING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

- ❖ Due to social distancing, we can only fit 26 people in the church for Mass so for weekend Masses only people will need to book a seat using Eventbrite. To book your Mass, click [here](#) and then click on the date that you would like to book for.
- ❖ Bookings can be made from 9.30am on Monday mornings and close on Wednesday evening to allow admin to be completed. You can still ring the office on a Thursday to book.
- ❖ If you are not sure about using Eventbrite, please ring the office number between 9 and 4 on Tues or Wed and your booking will be made with you.
- ❖ You need to get a 'ticket' for each member of the family.
- ❖ There is no expectation that you should come to Sunday Mass so please do stay at home until you are comfortable to return to the church building.

What to expect when you come to Mass:

Please arrive early as it will take longer to get into church with allocated seating.

- Entry to the church is through the double doors next to the Cenacle.
- Exit is through the doors opposite the main body of the church.
- Sanitise hands on the way in and out.
- adults and children in Y7 or above must wear masks.
- you must stay 2m apart, even when coming forward for communion
- stewards will guide you so please listen to them
- there is a one way system. You may need to walk the long way round to get to communion. Please don't slide along the pews to reach the central aisle.

There will be no:

singing, offertory procession, water in the stoups, physical sign of peace, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist or children serving.

At Sunday Mass Holy Communion will be distributed immediately after the end of Mass in the following way.

After the dismissal, Father Patrick will have sanitised his hands, put on a mask and will stand on the step on front of the altar. He will have raised the ciborium, proclaimed *Body of Christ* to which all will simultaneously respond *Amen*. Communicants, following the guidance of the stewards, will come up the **central aisle** one by one, will guard a social distance of 2 metres, will stretch forward their hands into which the host will be placed, will lift their mask and receive, and then with dignity and composure follow the ONE-WAY indicators, make their way out of church. Please do not return to your seat. Thank You.

No booking required for daily Mass on Tuesday and Thursday.

**PRIVATE PRAYER OPENING –
FINAL TIME FRIDAY 24TH JULY**
Our Lady & St. Anne Church will be open for personal/private prayer from **18.00 to 19.00 hrs.**

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 receive Communion or see a Priest.

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or by request from the parish office.

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): It is inevitable that our experience with four months of lockdown and the challenge of tackling the collateral damage of the coronavirus into the foreseeable future will have altered, in some cases profoundly, our attitude to life and our expectations of it. One virtue which the present unprecedented set of circumstances, which have impacted our day to day lives in so many respects – not least our experience of being members of a Catholic parish/Christian community – has taught us is patience. Many of us will have felt that, regardless how circumstances have tried our patience, we have a providential God looking after us. The gospel today teaches us that God bides his time, he leaves us to our own devices, he does not force us to make choices in the hope that we will respond to his call. The past few months have taught us the fragility of life and the unpredictability of the future, and for many they have brought a deeper faith in God, in a God who looks after and provides for us. This weekend, as we return to celebration of Mass on Sunday and gather in the numbers the Covid – 19 restrictions permit, for many of us it will be an occasion to renew our trust in God and thank him for the many favours, not least the new insights into what our Christian faith means to us, we have received over the past few months. Every Sunday the liturgy reminds us that God raised his Son from the dead. We are thus invited to celebrate life in the security that God is looking after us. What is impressed upon us Sunday after Sunday is that life is stronger than death, that in Jesus’ resurrection the victory lies and the guarantee of the life eternal.

First Reading (OT): Wisdom 12, 13. 16 – 19: Ever since time began people – and that includes us – have divided other people between the bad and the good. That judgement can apply to individuals or to whole groups or nations. The enemies are always the “baddies”, and we assume that God too knows that. But then we notice that God is patient with those who to us seem bad and that he keeps an eye on them, sometimes at the expense of the virtuous. We are caused to wonder about his justice. God sees things in a wider perspective, he knows better. The virtuous too benefit from his patience.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 8, 26 – 27: Our prayer suffers from our limitations and from the contradictions of our lives. Instead of being a hymn of thanksgiving or a trusting request, it is often an incoherent grumble or complaint. The Spirit is the breath in the loving relationship which unites the Trinity. Since the moment of our baptism, he is also the breath of our spiritual life. He helps us to pray.

Gospel: Matthew 13, 24 – 43: Similar to the parable we read last week, very unusually Jesus takes the trouble of explaining the parable of the good seed and the darnel {weed}. The field is the Church, Jesus is sowing his word. But even if it lands in good soil, its fate can be determined also by weeds growing in the same ground. Why does God not intervene and root out the weeds? The answer is that selection is left over to God, it is not our business.

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions

Week Sixteen of the Year

Fr Patrick will celebrate most of these Masses on his own but the Tuesday and Thursday Masses will be open for up to 26 people to attend.

Saturday	18 th July	10.00	Fr. John Ellis RIP [JF]
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		(Exposition)	
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Sunday	19 th July	10.00	People of the parish
Monday	20 th July	09.15	Our Lady & St. Anne Intentions
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	21 st July	<u>09.15</u>	Patrick Treacy
<i>St. Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest & Doctor</i>		[church open for public Mass]	
Wednesday	22 nd July	09.15	Loretta D'Costa
<i>St. Mary Magdalen</i>			
Thursday	23 rd July	<u>08.00</u>	Father Patrick Farrelley
<i>St. Bridget of Sweden, Religious, Patron of Europe</i>		[church open for public Mass]	
Friday	24 th July	12.30	Father Jim McGloin
<i>Feria in Ordinary Time</i>		18.00-19.00	[Open for private prayer – final time]
Saturday	25 th July	10.00	Father Robert Wright
<i>Feast of St. James the Apostle</i>		(Exposition)	
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	25 th July	17.30	Patrick Treacy
Sunday	26 th July	10.00	People of the Parish