

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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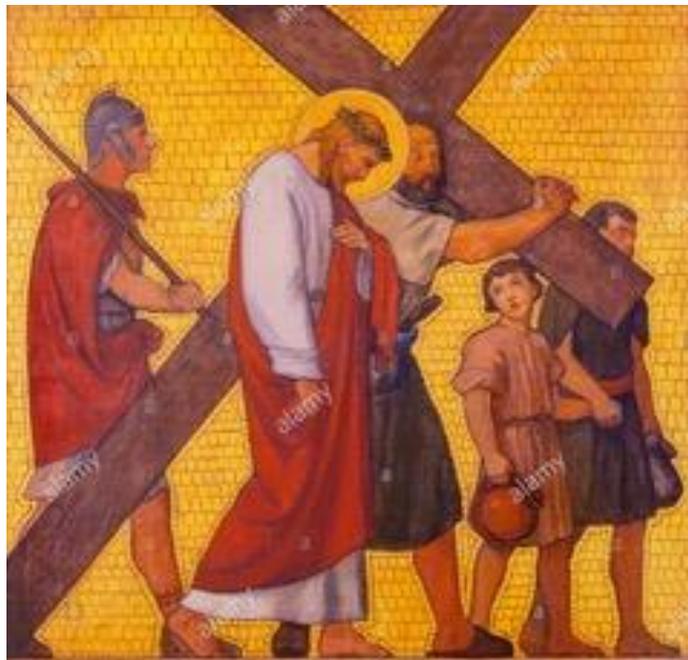
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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 30 August 2020**

“If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me.”

**Matthew 16, 24**

## TRACK AND TRACE INFORMATION

Stewards may ask for your telephone number when you come to Mass. If we find out that anybody has tested positive for COVID 19, this number will be passed on to the government track and trace organisation. By giving your number, you are giving the parish permission to share your number for this purpose.

You don't have to share your number but if you don't nobody will be able to contact you in the unfortunate event of a member of the congregation testing positive.

## MAKING A FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH

For everybody's safety, offertory collections are not being taken during Mass at the moment. Cash passes through many people's hands and can help to spread the virus. Many people have asked how you can continue giving to the parish during the pandemic.

We recognise that many parishioners may be struggling financially, and there is no expectation to give where you are unable to do so but for those who would like to know:

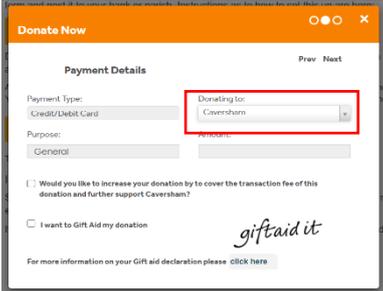
- click on this blue donate button by pressing CTRL and clicking at the same time. It is a live link.

Donate here

- this takes you to the Archdiocese of Birmingham site
- you can set up standing order or make a single donation.
- if you click on making a donation..

Making a donation

- ...on the second page of the donation you can select Caversham to make sure the money comes to the parish
- **the company administering the donate button charge a small admin fee (a % of the donation) so it is more cost effective to set up a standing order and gift aid for the parish particularly if you are making a large donation**

A screenshot of a web form titled "Donate Now". The form has a white background with orange accents. It includes a "Payment Details" section with fields for "Payment Type:" (Credit/Debit Card), "Donating to:" (a dropdown menu with "Caversham" selected and highlighted by a red box), and "Purpose:" (General). There are also checkboxes for "Would you like to increase your donation by to cover the transaction fee of this donation and further support Caversham?" and "I want to Gift Aid my donation". The "giftaid it" logo is visible at the bottom right of the form.

To set up a regular standing order (preferred option if possible) from home if you use online banking just ring the office for account details. We can also send you a form for setting up a gift aided declaration if you are a tax payer.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Many congratulations to Lex and Teresa Kujawa who are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary today - August 30th. We wish them every blessing for the future.

## BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/our-lady-and-st-annes-rc-church-caversham-30676591436> or ring the office by the end of Thursday.

## EMAILS CLAIMING TO BE FROM FR PATRICK.

If you receive an email purporting to be from Fr Patrick and asking for money for a Seminarian please delete it immediately. It is a scam.

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**Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew):** Peter plays a major role in the gospel again this week, yet his outspoken rebuke of Jesus causes quite a different reaction to the very positive one his proclamation of faith in the true identity of Jesus caused in their exchange at Caesarea Philippi. Peter did proclaim that he believed Jesus to be the Christ, but his view of Jesus messianic destiny was closer to that believed in by contemporary Israelites than Jesus' understanding of what God had planned for him. Jesus now hints that his fate destined him to be the Suffering Servant, redemption was going to be purchased at a great price and no one, and certainly not Peter, was going to deflect him from the task God had set for him. Moreover, as his apostles and disciples were soon to discover, anyone who wished to follow Jesus had to be prepared to take up their own cross and face up to the suffering discipleship entailed.

**First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 20, 7 – 9:** Jeremiah had much the same experience we all have when we know what we ought to do and yet seek a reason for not acting according to our conscience. We shy away particularly from things which wound us or make us anxious, or things that make us insecure and uncomfortable. Jeremiah felt himself too young to answer to the request he received from God, just as we often feel ourselves too old to start anything new. When the prophet decided nonetheless to proclaim God's word, he experienced persecution from every side. And yet he sticks with God and continues to do what he ask because deep down he is convinced that, having complied with God's will, he will not be left in the lurch. This attitude does not necessarily mean that all our undertakings will be crowned with success, nor does it protect us against hurtful experiences nor bitter disappointment. And yet we can persist in our faith in God. We call this attitude disinterested love – a genuine challenge.

**Second Reading (NT): Romans 12, 1 – 2:** Most of us desire to do God's will and to dedicate our daily activities as well as the major projects of our lives to him. We make a "Morning Offering" each day. We should model our lives less on the world we see about us than on the "new mind" to which we have been converted, i.e. we should model our lives as best we can on Jesus and let his teaching shape our behaviour.

**Gospel: Matthew 16, 21 – 27:** If we are honest with ourselves, these words of Jesus we hear today offend us. The prospect of taking up our cross and of willingly embracing suffering is something none of us finds pleasant. And yet deep down we know that the attainment of worthwhile goals in life frequently involve suffering and self-denial. Anyone competing in sports, anyone taking an exam or working to achieve promotion in his/her profession knows a lot about hard choices and the sacrifice of pleasures. This text would have been included by Matthew in his gospel narrative at precisely a time when the early Christians were enduring persecution. The Acts of the Apostles tell us about persecutions launched by the Jewish authorities in Jerusalem, James who was leader of the local church being a victim.

# Masses and Intentions

## Week Twenty-two of Ordinary Time

Fr Patrick celebrates most of these Masses on his own.

Tues, Thurs and Sun Masses are open for up to 26 households to attend.

Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Holy souls
	<i>Memorial of the Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i>	<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			<b>Year A</b>
Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> August	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> August	10.00	Joan Lewis RIP
Monday	31 <sup>st</sup> August	09.15	Eric Swallow
	<i>St. Aidan &amp; Saints of Lindesfarne</i>		
Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup> September	<u>09.15</u>	Elizabeth & Patricia Boomer, & Celsus
	<i>Feria in Week 22 in Ordinary Time</i>	[church open for public Mass]	
Wednesday	2 <sup>nd</sup> September	09.15	Maureen McNickle
	<i>Feria in Week 22 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Thursday	3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<u>08.00</u>	Our Lady & St. Anne Intentions
	<i>Feast of St. Gregory the Great, Pope &amp; Doctor</i>	[church open for public Mass]	
Friday	4 <sup>th</sup> September	12.30	Zygmunt Powiecki
	<i>Memorial of St. Cuthbert, Bishop</i>		
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Holy souls
		<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			<b>Year A</b>
Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> September	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Margaret Colehan