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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9 August 2020
“Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heavens!”

Luke 19, 38

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 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:

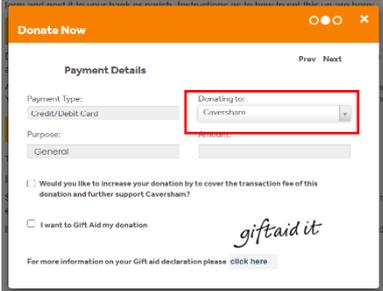
- click on this blue donate button by pressing CTRL and clicking at the same time. It is a live link.

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

A screenshot of a web form titled "Donate Now". The form is titled "Payment Details" and has "Prev" and "Next" buttons. It contains several input fields: "Payment Type:" with a dropdown menu, "Credit/Debit Card:" with a dropdown menu, "Purpose:" with a dropdown menu, and "General:" with a dropdown menu. The "Donating to:" dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box and shows "Caversham" selected. Below the form, there are two checkboxes: "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. At the very bottom, there is a link: "For more information on your Gift aid declaration please click here".

Or you can opt to set up a regular standing order (preferred option if possible) which you can set up from home if you use online banking. Ring the office for account details. There are instructions for setting up a regular gift aided contribution if you are a tax payer.

*****NEW PARISH EMAIL ADDRESS*****

As of 1/08/2020 we will be using our new Diocesan wide email system. The new parish office email address will be ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk Please adjust your contact list if you are in regular contact with the office. We will continue to monitor the current email address for a few months but this will gradually cease.

BOOKING FOR SUNDAY MASSES

You can book for Sunday Masses at

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/our-lady-and-st-annes-rc-church-caversham-30676591436>

Booking closes on Wednesdays to allow for admin to be completed on Thursday. If the site has closed when you try to book, do ring the office and your name can be added to the list.

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): The story of the multiplication of the loaves and fish with the consequent feeding of the five thousand which we heard last week and today’s account of Jesus walking across the stormy waters to his frightened apostles have frequently been seen as a diptych. Jesus “ordered” the apostles into the ship (an image of the future Church) to cross the deep waters. In the first story we see him feeding, through the agency of his disciples, the hungry crowd and in the second he comes to the rescue of those who, through obeying him, have run into danger. The latter account reminds us of the post-resurrection appearances: a failure to immediately recognise Jesus, he reproaches them for their doubt. We too find it difficult to credit that God is very close to us. When we gather for the Mass we believe that the risen Lord is present with us, but do we always act as if he is. Often too in moments of despair, at times of great challenge and difficulty – such as that ushered in by Covid – 19 – we often wonder where can God be in all of this? The prophet Elijah looked for God’s power in what were then the obvious places, and yet God was not there. It was only in the gentle breeze that Elijah found him. God often makes himself present to us in the silent movements of our own hearts.

First Reading (OT): 1 Kings 19, 9. 11 – 13: God is present in the silence and the solitude. The experience of the prophet Elijah on Mount Horeb (an alternative name for Mt. Sinai on which God appeared and gave the commandments to Moses) revived his enthusiasm. His spirits were low, this experience lifted his heart. He left the cave which he had entered despondent and now he leaves with fresh hope and courage to continue the mission the Lord had given him.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 9, 1 – 5: The gospel message was refused by those who should have been the first to welcome it! This thought tortures St. Paul. And yet he does not lose hope: one day, the innumerable gifts of God will bear fruit.

Gospel: Matthew 14, 22 – 33: In the multiplication of loaves and fish the disciples learned that they were capable of satisfying the hunger of the crowds, so long as they turn to the Lord with confidence. Theirs was a faith which should have stood up to the tempest on the sea. They were overcome with fear and yet, as the appearance of Jesus on the waters demonstrated, having obediently done his bidding they found him waiting on the other side. A monk of the Eastern Church, in reflecting on this passage, said that he first saw Jesus “stretching out his hand” and then “seizing” Peter. Each time I offer my hand to someone, may it be [Jesus] who offers his hand. When my hand takes that of another in mine, may it be [Jesus] who takes the hand in his to save him from his secret trials, to make him strong and to lead him to where he wants to be. And reciprocally, when I take an outstretched hand, may I take it with love, knowing that it is [Jesus’] hand.

Next weekend 15/16 August the Solemnity of the Assumption

will be transferred from Saturday to Sunday: the scripture readings for the Assumption will be commented on in next week’s Bulletin

[Sunday readings](#)

Masses and Intentions

Week Nineteen of the Year

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	8 th August	10.00	People of the parish
<i>St. Dominic, Religious</i>		<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	8 th August	17.30	Moira Husbands RIP
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Sunday	9 th August	10.00	People of the parish
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Monday	10 th August	09.15	Remedios D’Costa
<i>Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>			

Tuesday	11 th August	<u>09.15</u>	Dennis Menezes
<i>Memorial of St Clare, virgin</i>		[church open for public Mass]	

Wednesday	12 th August	09.15	Father John Dewis [Johnson Fund]
<i>Feria in Week 19 of Ordinary Time</i>			

Thursday	13 th August	<u>08.00</u>	Canon Gerard Breen
<i>Feria in Week 19 of Ordinary Time</i>		[church open for public Mass]	

Friday	14 th August	12.30	Father Brian Doolan
<i>Memorial of St Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr</i>			

Saturday	15 th August	10.00	Father Joseph Tynan
<i>Feria in Week 19 of Ordinary Time</i>		<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year A

Saturday	15 th August	17.30	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
<i>Vigil of the Assumption</i>			

Sunday	16 th August	10.00	People of the parish
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