

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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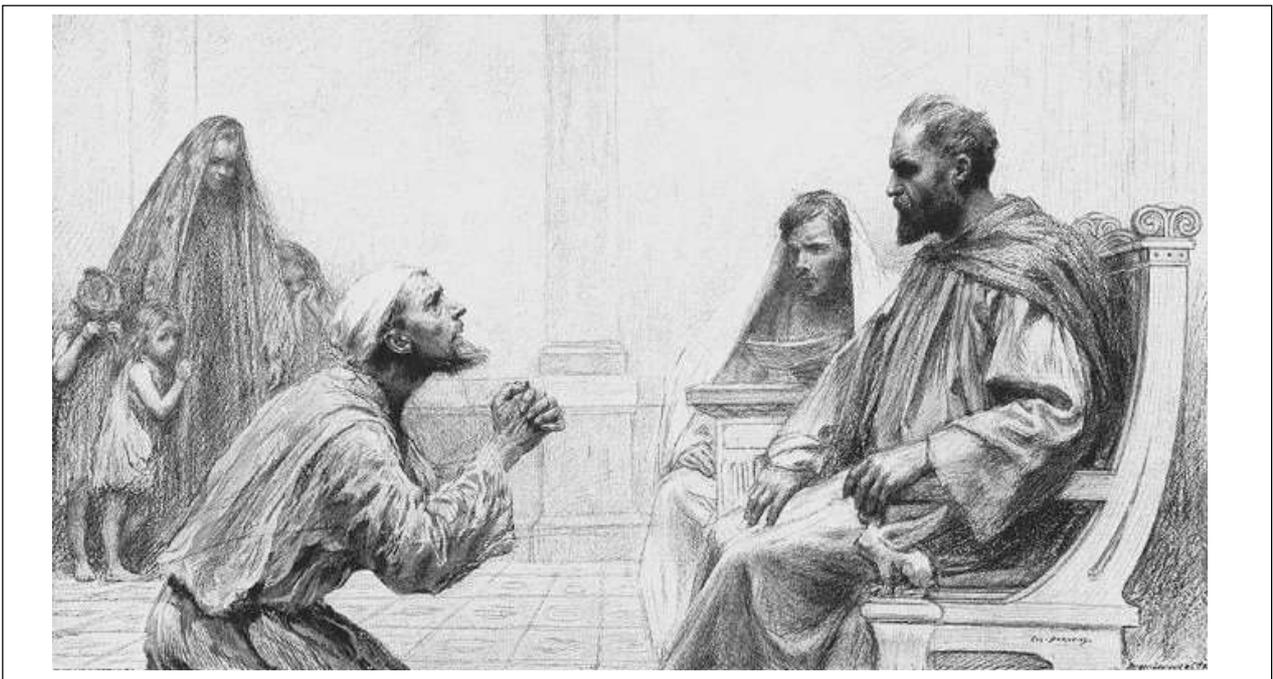
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time - 13 September 2020

“Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will.”

Ecclesiasticus 28, 7

SOCIALLY DISTANCED AUDAX CHARITY CYCLE RIDES FROM OUR LADY & ST ANNE'S ON SATURDAY 3 OCT 2020.

Choice of 3 rides 50, 100 and 200km starting & finishing in Caversham.

Entries cost £10 with proceeds shared going to local charities. More info and registration at www.TributeAudax.uk or speak to Edwin Raj.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noelle Schrieber who died recently.

Due to current restrictions, the funeral has to be invitation only but it will be happening on Tuesday 22nd September.

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 without opening. It is a scam.

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.

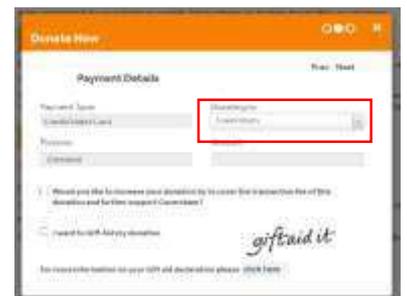
Making a donation

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.

[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..
- ...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**



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.

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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew): The wise insight that people can only live a happy, fulfilled and peaceful life so long as they carry in their hearts no resentment, hatred or desire for revenge runs like a red line through the whole literature of the OT. This insight is not unique to the monotheistic religions either. Buddha and Confucius and even well disposed atheists would share this view of human happiness. Regardless of the moral basis on which this approach to life is based, when people relate to one another in an open and forgiving spirit, when they let the past behind them and direct themselves towards the future, regardless of how they see their ultimate future, their pragmatic approach to the art of human living-together brings peace and, all too often, success as well. Letting go of hurts and resentments can be hard work but holding on to them is even more demanding for it keeps us from being at peace with ourselves and knowing our inestimable value in the sight of God.

First Reading (OT): Ecclesiasticus 27, 30 – 28, 7: The Book of Sirach, which is also known as Ecclesiasticus, is one of the latest books of the OT, written around 190 BC. It belongs to the wisdom tradition of the Bible and attempts to show how anyone who is searching for wisdom can find it in the Law of Moses. Much of the book is given over to reflection on human behaviour and relationships, and today's text is a good example of this. The author, who is a Jewish scribe, points out that holding onto resentment and anger can only lead to more difficulties. The teaching of Jesus whose stress on complete forgiveness was considered very radical and challenging.

Second Reading (NT): Romans 14, 7 – 9: These short verses sum up Paul's whole outlook on Christian living. His point is that whether we live or die we belong to the Lord and so our lives should reflect this. Our entire existence is viewed from the perspective of the death and resurrection of Jesus for it is this mystery that gives meaning and purpose to how we live and indeed how we die. Our belonging to God then determines how we relate to each other and, just as it is God's love which holds the whole universe in being, so too we must be directed by that love in all our actions.

Gospel: Matthew 18, 21 – 35: The theme of community is central again to the gospel reading this week. Peter, perhaps as leader, makes the generous suggestion that we should be willing to forgive a person who keeps offending us as many as seven times. This was indeed generous, as among the rabbis of the time it was thought that three was a sufficient number. Jesus in his reply shows that the problem lies with the attitude behind the question. It is an attitude that fails to understand that forgiveness has its roots in the infinite love of God and because God does not stop forgiving, then neither can we. To make the point effectively we are treated to a parable that offers a ridiculous scenario. The story drives home the contrast between the attitudes to forgiveness. We cannot expect to be forgiven and then turn around and refuse ourselves to forgive.

Masses and Intentions

Week Twenty-four 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	12 th September	10.00	People of the parish
	<i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>	<i>(Exposition – church closed)</i>	

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	12 th September	17.30	
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Sunday	13 th September	10.00	
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Monday	14 th September	09.15	
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Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy

Cross

Tuesday	15 th September	<u>09.15</u>	
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Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows

Wednesday	16 th September	09.15	
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Memorial of SS. Cornelius, Pope & Martyr & Cyprian, Bishop & Martyr

Thursday	17 th September	<u>08.00</u>	
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Memorial of St. Robert Bellarmine, Bishop & Doctor [church open for public Mass]

Friday	18 th September	12.30	
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Feast of St. Joseph of Cupertino

Saturday	19 th September	10.00	
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St. Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop (Exposition – church closed)

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	19 th September	17.30	
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Sunday	20 th September	10.00	
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Year A

Tilly Waller

Fernanda Rosa Costa

Fr. Patrick's intentions

[3rd anniversary of arrival at OL & St. Anne]

Holy Souls

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Private Intention [PHD]

Fr Philip Baxter OFM Cap.

People of the parish

Year A

Zygmunt Powiecki

Holy Souls