

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time - 6 September 2020**

“For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.”

Matthew 18, 20

## 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](http://www.TributeAudax.uk) or speak to Edwin Raj.

### FAMILY MASS

Fr Patrick will celebrate a Mass specially for families with young children at 12noon on 13<sup>th</sup> September. Please could you contact the office on [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk) to let us know if you are coming.

Many thanks.

### 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:

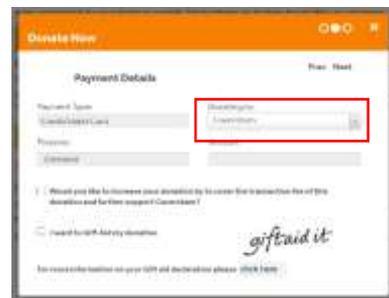
- click on this blue donate button by pressing CTRL and clicking at the same time. It is a live link.

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..

- ...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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A – Matthew):** Punishment is resorted to once all other methods of correcting errant behaviour are exhausted. Whether it be in families, schools or parish communities, punishment is the last resort. Punishment may have a retributive end, yet generally it is administered in the hope of offering its victim the opportunity of seeing how his offence is at odds with the common good, and of helping him to make better decisions into the future. The aim is not to “put him in his place” nor to humiliate him, but rather to help him to act as befits his human dignity. All parents or teachers aim at achieving this with those subject to their charge. Those who deal professionally with offenders also have this aim in view. Failure does not undermine high aspirations regarding human behaviour. The scripture readings today aim at the achievement of high standards of behaviour thus eliminating the need for any resort to punishment.

**First Reading (OT): Ezekiel 33, 7 – 9:** Ezekiel lived in the 6th century BC together with his fellow Israelites in Babylon in captivity: his works and his whole way of thinking are shaped by his experience of exile and homesickness. He sees the fall of Jerusalem and the decadence of his native people as the result of exploitative and unjust government by their rulers. God invites his prophet to turn to his people and invite them to follow the path of righteousness. As sentry of the House of Israel, Ezekiel sees it as his duty to warn his people against error. If he, the prophet, does not fulfil the task set to him, he will have to answer for it to God. In our own day, not least in the chaotic times through which we are ourselves living, we need prophetic voices to speak out against exploitation and injustice of all sorts. We may come across as voices in the desert, yet that does not dispense us from speaking out.

**Second Reading (NT): Romans 13, 8 – 10:** It is obvious that in both Church and society rules and regulations, and law too, need to be adapted and changed in function of the times: morals and ethics evolve and are understood differently in different historical periods. And yet there are certain principles, certain moral laws, that do not need to be corrected or updated. They have a permanent validity. We read in one of the oldest texts of the Bible, Leviticus 19, 34, about loving our neighbour as ourselves. Already in the centuries before Christ the Jews understood that this moral obligation extended beyond the frontiers of their own race. Jesus and Paul, when it came to moral teaching, emerged from the same tradition.

**Gospel: Matthew 18, 15 – 20:** This text must have found its present form as the early Christian community reflected on conflict resolution issues that may have arisen in its midst. The individual involved is not designated as a sinner/offender, rather as a brother. There is an incremental severity or formality in the approach to resolve the conflict. The aim is to bring the brother to his senses. The aim is always to forgive. The gospel excerpt ends with the assurance that where two or more are gathered together in his name, Jesus is in the midst of them.

# Masses and Intentions

## Week Twenty-three 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	5 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Holy souls
<i>Feria in week 22 in Ordinary Time</i>		<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
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> September	09.15	Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Feria in week 23 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>09.15</u>	Sister Bernadette Hunston
<i>Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>			[Anniversary of Final Profession] Canon Lucas Lissnijder [Anniversary of Priestly Ordination]
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> September	09.15	Jim Aherne
<i>Memorial of St Peter Claver</i>			
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>08.00</u>	Holy Souls
<i>Feria in week 23 in Ordinary Time</i>		[church open for public Mass]	
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> September	12.30	Holy Souls
<i>Feria in week 23 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	People of the parish
<i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary (Exposition – church closed)</i>			
<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			<b>Year A</b>
Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> September	17.30	Tilly Waller
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Fernanda Rosa Costa
		12.00	Family Mass with children