

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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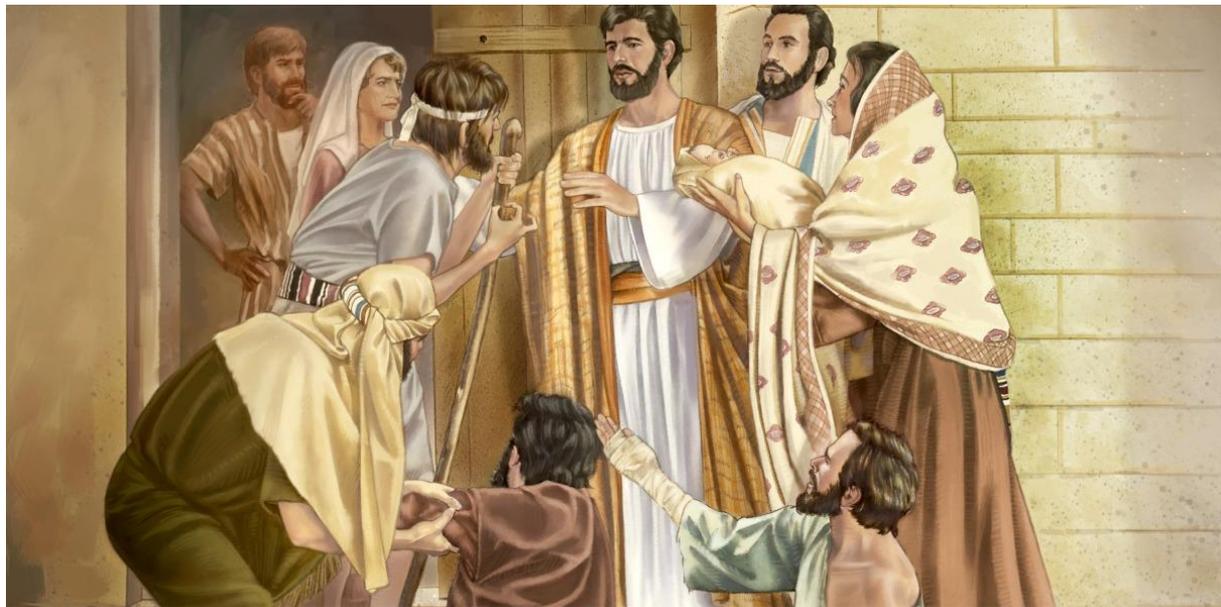
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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 31 January 2021**

“His teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.”

Mark 1, 22

## LENT 2021

### ASH WEDNESDAY

This falls on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February this year. There will be an open Mass both at 09.15 and 19.30.

### LENT COURSE

This will happen on Zoom this year - link to be included next week.

Each session starts 19.30 and lasts approx. 1 hour.

This year's theme: The Passion Narratives & the Easter Story

22<sup>nd</sup> Feb - The Last Supper

1<sup>st</sup> March - The Garden of

Gethsemane & the Jewish Trial

8<sup>th</sup> March - Jesus before Pilate and Herod

15<sup>th</sup> March - The Crucifixion & Burial

22<sup>nd</sup> March - The empty Tomb & the  
Easter appearances

29<sup>th</sup> March - Resurrection faith in  
St Paul's epistles

### SVP KEEPING IN TOUCH

The St Vincent De Paul Society would like to hear from elderly parishioners, their relatives, neighbours and friends who are on their own and/or shielding. We are a befriending society who reach out to the vulnerable.

If you know of anybody who would benefit from regular phone calls. Please contact Bev Ryan on 07969884212 or email [bjryan@virginedia.com](mailto:bjryan@virginedia.com)

### STAYING SAFE AT MASS

The church is open for Sunday Masses (17.30 on Sat eve and 10.00 Sunday morning) at the moment but keeping people safe is a high priority. If you consider yourself to be at all vulnerable with this new more highly transmissible Coronavirus please consider staying at home where you feel safe and secure.

For those who are at Mass, it is even more important than ever to maintain as much social distance as possible and to keep masks on over noses.

We will be seating single people in the side aisles and ask you to sit as close to the wall as possible to maximise social distance. Family groups should sit in the centre of the pew as far as possible.

Holy Communion is now distributed to parishioners at the end of Mass. Remember to take everything with you as you will be going straight out of the building.

One of the hardest rules to stick to is not talking to anybody who is not in our household or support bubble but this is more important than ever now. We all like a chat but please do not wander around to talk before Mass or linger outside on your way out.

### RIP

Please pray for the soul of Maria Franco who died recently.  
May she rest in peace.

### DONATE TO THE PARISH WHILE YOU SHOP ONLINE

Just sign up to The Giving Machine and nominate Our Lady & St Anne RC Church as your charity. We have a designated number of 267066. Find out how it all works at <https://www.thegivingmachine.co.uk/how-tgm-works/>

All the major supermarkets make a donation so if you click and collect or have a delivery every little helps 😊

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**Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** Despite two thousand years' familiarity with Jesus, theologians and journalists are still today fascinated with the question of his identity. In certain parts of the globe there are still people hearing about him for the first time and the impression made on them is probably not dissimilar to the effect he had on those who saw him in the synagogue at Capernaum. Was it his teaching, what he had to say or the way in which he presented truths which were already familiar that impressed them? The evangelist Mark tells us that he taught them with authority. Was it a matter of body posture, of the tone of his voice, of the self-assuredness he conveyed that was not arrogance? His reputation spread rapidly and in Mark's gospel more than in the other three we are regularly told about the crowds of people that gathered to hear Jesus speak. The congregation at Capernaum and in the other synagogues visited by Jesus would have been familiar with the Jewish scriptures and probably too with much the same style of preaching from the rabbis. What made Jesus' teaching "new"? We hear a lot today about the "new" evangelisation, launched in the reign of Pope John Paul II at the time of the Millennium, and our diocese has even employed two full-time workers to promote it. Is it a matter of winning back to church practice those who have left Mass and the sacraments behind them? Or is it something else? It is not a matter of dressing up the old teaching in new wrapping paper? It is that the teaching of Jesus is always new, always challenging, when it responds to the eternal questions that arise in the human spirit and addresses the permanent quest on which every searching human being embarks.

**First Reading (OT): Deuteronomy 18, 15 – 20:** God has always spoken through the mouths of human beings. Some, like Moses, had privileged access. Moses actually engaged God in conversation. Thus his prophetic words came from the source. The promise made by Moses that a prophet would be raised up in Israel was understood by subsequent generations to refer to Jesus. On occasion Jesus was referred to as a "second Moses". John, in the prologue to his gospel, states that the Law came through Moses, grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 7, 32 – 35:** Paul is here thinking about the freedom enjoyed by those who have not to live within the natural bonds of matrimony. He encourages them to dedicate themselves to the Lord's service.

**Gospel: Mark 1, 21 – 28:** The novelty of Jesus' teaching which struck those in the synagogue at Capernaum is no longer new to us. It is worth reflecting on the impression it made on the people gathered in the synagogue. After all, Mark does not tell us what Jesus actually taught on that occasion. But he does relate how he expelled an evil spirit and how the spirit recognised him as the Holy One of God. The truth about Jesus' identity came out of the demon's mouth. The people realised in discussing what Jesus had said that there was indeed something new about it. They also saw, after the expulsion of the demon, that not only did he act with authority but he spoke with authority too.

## Mass Intentions for the Fourth Week of Ordinary Time

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10.00 People of the parish  
*Feria in Ordinary Time*

### Fourth Sunday of the Year

### Year B

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 17.30

Neville O'Farrell RIP

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> January 10.00

Holly Butler RIP

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 09.15

Mario Elliott

*Memorial of St. Brigid of Kildare, Virgin* 13.00

Funeral Service Ann Imelda Drew  
@ Henley Road South Chapel

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 09.15

PHD intentions

*Feast of the Presentation of the Lord*

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 09.15

Ian Macdonald

*Memorial of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr*

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February 08.00

Gerard Lawrence

*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February 12.30

Anne Middleton

*Feria in Ordinary Time*

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 10.00

Juraj

*Memorial St. Paul Miki & Companions*

### Fifth Sunday of the Year

### Year B

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 17.30

Brian McGrath

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> February 10.00

Zygmunt Powiecki