

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Seventh Sunday of Easter – 15-16 May

“Father, keep those you have given me true to your name.”

John 17, 11

It is with great pleasure that we can inform the parish community that following a six week absence, which sadly covered Holy Week and Easter, Fr Patrick will be resuming his parochial duties on the weekend of Pentecost (Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May). He looks forward greatly to seeing everyone again, due deference being paid to COVID.

He thanks everybody for their prayers during this time.

## **CONGRATULATIONS**

Patty and Mike Naxton celebrate their Golden Wedding anniversary next weekend on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We wish them a blessed day and may the love that they have shared for 50 years continue to grow.

Their Mass at 2.30pm will be livestreamed at

<https://www.thelivestreamingcompany.com/watch/1641>

for all those who are unable to join them in the church itself.



## **PUBLIC MASSES DURING MAY**

For the month of May, we will have one public Mass a week. For those who would like to book an intention (that will be published in the bulletin) please contact the parish office.

Wednesday, May 19 18:30 – intention taken. No pre-booking required

Wednesday, May 26 18:30 - no pre-booking required

## **SPONSORING OUR LADY'S LAMPS**

We are preparing to organise for people to have a seven-day lamp lit for their intention in the Shrine Chapel. Would you like one of these to burn in memory of a loved one, or for a particular intention? To buy a lamp which will burn in front of our Blessed Lady will cost a donation of £10 per week, which will go towards the costs of running the sacristy. Please take an envelope from the window in front of the shrine and place it in the basket marked SHRINE LAMP at the back of the church.

Please make sure you write on the envelope a note stating your particular intention which will be published in our weekly bulletin and mentioned during the weekend Mass.



### **OUR LADY'S LAMPS**

The first lamp will be lit on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> May for the intention of:

**Fr Patrick**

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## The Seventh Sunday of Easter (Year B – Mark):

On the seventh Sunday of Easter, we always read from the seventeenth chapter of John's Gospel. This chapter of John's Gospel comes at the conclusion of Jesus' farewell discourse delivered to the disciples at the Last Supper. This entire chapter is a prayer by Jesus, commending himself to the Father and expressing his care and concern for his disciples.

At the end of this prayer, Jesus and his disciples depart for the garden, and Jesus is arrested. Several important themes appear in this prayer. First, Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between himself and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the one who pre-existed with the Father and as the one sent by the Father to do his work on earth. In today's reading, we hear Jesus include all his disciples in this union with the Father. We are reminded that Christ is the source of Christian unity. Through Christ, we are united with one another and with God Our Father.

In this prayer, Jesus describes part of his mission in the language of protection. He has protected those who were given to him by the Father. In this we hear echoes of the dualism that is reflected throughout John's Gospel. Beginning with the opening chapter, the Evangelist John has presented Jesus' mission on earth in the context of a cosmic struggle between good and evil, represented by light and darkness. In Jesus' presence, his disciples have been protected from Satan. Now that Jesus is returning to the Father, he prays that his disciples will continue to be protected from the evil one. We can't help but note here the echoes of the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples, the Lord's Prayer.

We also see in this chapter the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they do not belong to the world. Yet like Jesus, they are sent into the world for the world's salvation. As Jesus' teaching and ministry was a source of consternation for some, Jesus knows that the world may not accept his disciples with open arms. Again, we hear echoes of John's theme that salvation is worked out through the cosmic battle between light and darkness.

The world, according to John, prefers the darkness. Yet the light will not be overcome by the darkness. Reading this prayer of Jesus during the Easter Season, through the lens of his Resurrection, we know that the light of Christ has overcome the darkness of sin and death in our world. In the opening line of this prayer, we hear Jesus pray that his disciples will be kept in the name that he was given by God. We know that the salvation is given to us in the name of Jesus, and that his name—"God saves"—announces his mission on our behalf.

## Mass Intentions for Seventh Week of Easter

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> May	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00	Carmen Coromoto Sarmiento RIP
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass	
<i>Monday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>			
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass	
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Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> May	<u>18.30</u>	Carlos Eduardo Inneco RIP
<i>Memorial of St Dunstan, Bishop</i>			
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena, Priest, Religious, Missionary</i>			
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of Ss Christopher Magallanes Priest, and companions</i>			
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	No Mass	
<i>Saturday of the 7<sup>th</sup> week of Eastertide</i>			

### Solemnity of Pentecost

Year B

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	14.30	Mike & Patty Naxton's Golden Wedding Mass (by invitation)
		17.30	Samuel Perkins RIP
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	10.00	Canon Giles Goward RIP