

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 11 July 2021**

“May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our mind so that we can see what hope his call holds for us.”

**Ephesians 1, 17 - 18**

**RIP** Please pray for the repose of the souls of Theresa Perkins and Robert Allen who died recently. May they rest in peace.

On the Wednesdays of July 14, 21 and 26, a **SUMMER SCHOOL OF PRAYER** will be held in the presbytery garden from 11.00 until 12.00 noon, weather permitting. It will be a four-week study of **The Psalms**: 40 minutes input, 10 minutes questions, 10 minutes prayer. There will be supporting material for each session and it will be led by Fr Patrick.

### PARISH SURVEY

<https://forms.office.com/r/eJ5fx6vvDB>

Have your say by clicking on the link and completing the form.

The **ROCK 'N' ALE FESTIVAL** is now into its 9th year. This year's event will be held on Saturday 4th September and tickets are now on sale. The event is a family event and not only generates funds for the Motor Neuron Disease Association but is also a major contributor to Parish income. A full bar is provided by the Purple Turtle, children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, and a hog roast.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after Mass or by calling 0118 958 4628 during office hours or visit

[www.facebook.com/rocknale](http://www.facebook.com/rocknale).

### ST ANNE'S SCHOOL SUMMER RAFFLE

There are some fabulous prizes to be won in the school PSA's Summer Raffle!

1st prize - £100 cash

2nd prize - cut & blow dry at Indigo Rye (£59)

3rd prize - £50 Tesco gift card

4th prize - sports massage at Complete Physiotherapy (£50)

Plus lots more vouchers and luxury hampers to be won! The raffle will be drawn on 16th July.

Contact Rebecca on 07787 158227 to buy tickets, which are 50p each.

### ST ANNE'S SCHOOL Y6 CONFIRMATION

Children in Y6 at St Anne's school will be confirmed on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

Mass will be 19.30. Invitation only still due to COVID this year.

### CENACLE FACELIFT

We would like to thank the generous parishioner who has personally made arrangements and paid for the Cenacle to have a makeover.

### MASSES FULLY BOOKED

If the Mass that you would like to come to says **SOLD OUT**, do ring Julia [07544 260 440] for Saturday or Tina [07753 605972] for Sunday morning later in the week to see if there are any cancellations.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP** This week's lamp is lit for:  
**Rogério Carvalho. Please keep him in your prayers.**

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**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** The vision statement for the Archdiocese of Birmingham to be found in the yellow flyer distributed at Masses two weekends ago suggests that we be a diocese “full of missionary disciples who work together co-responsibly in vibrant communities of faith, joyful in their service of God and neighbour.” The scripture readings this weekend offer us an opportunity to reflect further on the identity and vocation of the missionary. Pope Francis, in his first apostolic exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium* puts forward the idea that the gospel message itself is infectious, so full of joy is it that we feel propelled to spread the news to others. Yet the English are reluctant to display emotion (except perhaps when it comes to football) and their comportment is characterised by restraint. These factors are bound to come into play when we, either individually or as a parish, think of evangelisation and spreading the gospel message. And yet we know that the appetite for God and for the things that are above is to be found in every human heart, however reticent many people are about owning up to their thirst for God. The challenge to us is to capitalize on that human desire and, whether we welcome people into church or greet them in our neighbourhood, to share that faith of ours which is based on the gospel message and its values.

**First Reading (OT): 7, 12 – 15:** The Israelites were used to hearing the voice of prophets. They did not always listen to them nor give them the attention they deserved. Nor was prophecy an easy task for those whom the Lord called. They needed nourishment for their journey, they needed physical strength to fulfil their calling. That much is evident from this brief reading from the prophet Amos who had been sent to speak to the people of Israel. The Eucharist provides us with the necessary nourishment, the word of God which is proclaimed in the liturgy and the solidarity we feel from all those who worship with us strengthens us in following our vocation as prophets in today’s world.

**Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 1, 3 – 14:** This great hymn which Paul incorporates in his letter to the early Christians at Ephesus is a great catechetical proclamation of faith in praise of the Church. It highlights its character as the community of the redeemed. The Church is the herald of the gospel in the world and one of its fundamental duties is to spread the gospel and to live up to what it proclaims. “You have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit”; this applies to all of us but especially to those of our young parishioners who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday next.

**Gospel: Mark 6, 7 – 13:** We belong to that Church which was born of resurrection faith on the first day of Pentecost. The Church was missionary then and has been in every generation since. Part of the plan for renewal in the Archdiocese of Birmingham is that we too become “missionary disciples”. Today we see the first of Jesus’ companions sent out on a trial run as missionaries, to prepare them for what was to come afterwards. Jesus encourages them to engage with as many people as possible, but to put their entire trust in him rather than rely on themselves.

## Mass Intentions for Fifteenth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

### Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> July	17.30	Private intention
Sunday	11 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	People of the parish
		12.00	First Communion Mass
Monday	12 <sup>th</sup> July	09.15	Stephan & Veronique Claes
	<i>Monday of week 15 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> July	09.15	Mr & Mrs Connelly
	<i>Memorial of St Henry</i>		
Wednesday	14 <sup>th</sup> July	13.45	Requiem – Robert Allen
	<i>Memorial of St Camillus of Lellis,</i>	18.30	Bruno & Catherine
	<i>Priest</i>		Vermeire
Thursday	15 <sup>th</sup> July	08.00	Marie Dykes
	<i>Memorial of St Swithun, Bishop</i>		
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> July	12.30	Carmelites of Kilmacud
	<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Mount Carmel</i>		
Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	Mr & Mrs Connelly
	<i>Memorial of St Bonaventure, Bishop, Doctor</i>		

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday	17 <sup>th</sup> July	17.30	Ints. of those who helped at the Naxton Golden Wedding
Sunday	18 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00	Mr James Patrick O'Rourke