

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – 14/15 August 2021

“On your right stands the queen in garments of gold.”

Psalm 44, 10

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wendy Fung who died recently [requiem Mass to take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on 23rd August] and for Andrew Durkan [requiem here on Wednesday 18th August with the body received into the church on Tuesday 17th @ 4pm]. May they rest in peace and those who grieve them find comfort.

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. It is a family event which generates funds for the Motor Neuron Disease Association as well as being a major contributor to Parish income.

There is 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.

VOLUNTEER GARDENING

Some people expressed an interest in volunteering in the parish survey.

We would like to set up a **Garden Maintenance team** that could help out with some basic gardening once a month or so. If you are interested in contributing your time, please email [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk] or ring the office [947 1787] with your name and what you can offer.

SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is now an option to sign up for the newsletter on the front page of the website.

CLIMATE & ENVIRONMENT

Find out more about Climate Change, our Environment and COP 26 from CAFOD. Follow this link to the CADOD climate page:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Campaign/Climate/What-is-COP26>

CAFOD FAITH IN ACTION DAY

Online event on September 11th 2021.

For online details and to sign up [CLICK HERE](#).



MASS INTENTIONS

Lots of Masses are available in the coming months. Just email/ring the parish office or drop an envelope through the presbytery door with the details. Include your email or phone number so we can get back to you if we need to.

POST LOCKDOWN OFFICE HOURS

Mon, Wed, Thurs - 9-5 in the office

Tues. working from home, available on email - ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk



OUR LADY'S LAMP This week's lamp is lit:
in memory of beloved Paul Artiguas. Please keep him in your prayers.

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Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Year B – Mark): In the middle of summer we find ourselves celebrating life in all its fullness, a life which has come to fruition. The fields are again empty as the harvest has been gathered in, fruit trees are heavy with their ripe apples and pears, the brambles are full of berries. We experience the world in all its beauty and glory in these August days. It does us good and is a foretaste of the fullness we long for in our own lives. Jesus himself had told us that he came so that we might have life and enjoy it to the full. More is involved than the warmth of the summer, the promise of an abundant harvest, the pleasures of our present life, however wonderful they all are. It is a moment of pleasure we know is transitory, autumn will soon draw in on us and winter will follow. We know too that our own life is transitory and that we are mortal. But today, in celebrating the assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we are anticipating this fullness of life that awaits us at the end of our earthly journey.

First Reading (NT): Apocalypse 11, 19. 12, 1 – 6. 10: The Book of Revelation (Apocalypse) depicts a violent battle between the forces of evil against good. The last book of the NT is full of powerful imagery and dramatic images. And yet it becomes clear that what is being described here is the eternal struggle between good and evil, various facets of which are visible in today's world and perceptible in our own inner life. The woman plays a significant role in this struggle – the image is often seen to be of Mary, even if scripture scholars do not agree. The woman is pregnant and bears a son. The closing sentence of this extract reminds us that in the birth of that Son the ultimate enemy, death, has been overcome.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 15, 20 – 26: There seems to be a pecking order in the resurrection event. We have celebrated the reality of Jesus' resurrection at Easter, but always on the understanding that resurrection is also our destiny. Paul is quite explicit here. Where Jesus has gone, what has happened to Jesus on the first Easter day, is also our fate. Resurrection is not just a favour which God granted to Jesus, through our belonging to him it is a divine favour extended to all of us.

Gospel: Luke 1, 39 – 56: Mary rejoices in what God has already done in and for her. Mary has been privileged to be the mother of Jesus who will save the world through his life and death. This joy which she experienced as a young woman will accompany Mary all during her life. That confidence in God will strengthen Mary even in her great times of trial. Mary is inspired in her prophetic prayer we know as the Magnificat that the victory will ultimately be God's. She outlines a vision of a different world. The world will be transformed through God's power. It is her assurance that this vision will become a reality (through the power and work of her Son) that she places her confidence in God. And this is the source of her profound joy. What we also celebrate on the Solemnity of the Assumption is the eternal life enjoyed by Mary right from the end of her earthly journey, the first fully human being we know has reached heaven, and there too will we be one day.

Mass Intentions for Twentieth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year B

Saturday 14th August 17.30

People of the parish

Sunday 15th August 10.00

Damian & Tina Colehan -
thanksgiving

Monday 16th August 09.15

Private intention

Memorial of St Stephen of Hungary

Tuesday 17th August 09.15

Zuzana Szirmai

Tuesday of week 20 in Ordinary Time 16.00

Reception of the body of
Andrew Durkan

Wednesday 18th August 14.00

Requiem - Andrew Durkan

Wednesday of week 20 Ordinary Time 18.30

Sr Bernadette Hunston

Thursday 19th August 08.00

Private intention

Memorial of St John Eudes, Priest

Friday 20th August 12.30

Private intention

Memorial of St Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

Saturday 21st August 10.00

Private intention

Memorial of St Pius X, Pope

Twenty first Sunday of Ordinary Time Year B

Saturday 21st August 17.30

Private intention

Sunday 22nd August 10.00

People of the parish