

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 7/8 August 2021

“If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.”

John 14, 23

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Wendy Fung who died this week. Her requiem Mass will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on 23rd August. May she rest in peace and all those who grieve her 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. 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.

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.

STEP 4 GUIDANCE

In response to the Bishop's announcement we are keen to increase the capacity at Mass whilst remaining cautious and keeping everybody safe. Here at Our Lady & St Anne's it has been decided that:

- every pew will be open
- there will still be booking through Eventbrite with more tickets available
- people are asked to choose their own seat. Please leave plenty of room as you sit down. There may be a card asking you to leave a space on the pew.
- mask wearing is still expected for the benefit of all members of the community
- hands still to be sanitised on entry
- singing still restricted to the choir for the moment
- the church will continue to be disinfected after weekend Masses

2014 CONFIRMATION CERTIFICATES

Certificates for the following people have been found. If you would like to collect them, please contact the parish office by email or phone:

A. Gomes O. Walters C. Reilly
D. Buckle J Patrick S Totton
A Sheedy A Robayo A Edwards
I Griffiths

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 for:
Linda White. Please keep her in your prayers.

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark): We are invited to recognise ourselves in the Elijah story as people who, if they are to be faithful on the journey, need to be sustained. We can easily become dispirited either at our own shortcomings or at the failings of others. However, as we are often reminded in the scriptures, we must learn to rely not only on our own resources but on the guiding presence of God that directs our life. It is probably true to say that it is almost a necessity in our journey of faith that we come to a low point. In the biblical tradition and in that of the church, all the heroes and heroines come to a stage where they too have to acknowledge their own weakness and utter dependence on God. This does not come easily to us because it can seem like failure. This is when we need to remind ourselves of what the Lord said to Paul: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness” (2 Cor 12, 9)

First Reading (OT): 1 Kings 19, 4 – 8: The prophet Elijah is in flight from Israel in an effort to escape the anger of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel who he has condemned for their idolatry. He is feeling that his ministry has been a disaster and wishes that he were dead. However, he is quickly roused from this state of sorrow and depression and told to eat what has been put before him because he will need the nourishment for what lies ahead. Having taken the food, he sets out on his journey to the mountain of God, Sinai, the place where Moses and the children of Israel encountered God and received the law. In the verses following these we are told that once there, he too finds God, not in a glorious manifestation like that experienced by his ancestors but in the quiet breeze that calls to him. He is renewed in his vocation and, returning to Israel, he continues his prophetic mission.

Second Reading (NT): Ephesians 4, 30 – 5, 2: We are now in the final section of the letter that consists of a series of appeals to the communities to conduct their lives in concordance with the message they have received. Earlier in the letter they have been told how the church is the body of Christ and that the walls of division between Jews and Gentiles have been broken down. Since they are one united people in Christ, sealed by the Holy Spirit, they must not make the Spirit sad by behaviour which is contrary to the gospel. The love and forgiveness that characterised the life of Christ must be the hallmark of their lives too.

Gospel: John 6, 41 – 51: One of the techniques used frequently in the gospel of John is that of misunderstanding. In the case of Nicodemus and the Samaritan woman they misunderstood his words about being born again (3, 4) and living water (4, 15) and this leads to further revelation or explanation by Jesus. Now those who hear Jesus saying that he is the bread of life come down from heaven fail to grasp the significance of the statement and insist that they know where he is from. Jesus, however, continues with his revelatory discourse and shows how he is indeed the one sent by God to give life. To believe in Jesus is to come to life, a life that never ends. We come to this life through believing in Jesus who offers his life for us.

Mass Intentions for Nineteenth Week in Ordinary Time

All weekday Masses are now open.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	7 th August	17.30	Deceased family of Santan DCosta and Jesla Barreto
Sunday	8 th August	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Monday	9 th August	No Mass	
	<i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross (Edith Stein) Virgin, Martyr</i>		
Tuesday	10 th August	18.30	Private intention
	<i>Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>		
Wednesday	11 th August	18.30	David Day RIP
	<i>Memorial of St Clare, Virgin</i>		
Thursday	12 th August	09.15	Private intention
	<i>Memorial of St Jane Frances de Chantal</i>		
Friday	13 th August	12.30	Private intention
	<i>Memorial of Ss Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs</i>		
Saturday	14 th August	10.00	Private intention
	<i>Memorial of St Maximilian Mary Kolbe</i>	14.00	Wedding
	<i>Priest, Martyr</i>		

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Year B

Saturday	14 th August	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	15 th August	10.00	Damian & Tina Colehan - thanksgiving