

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 16/17 October 2021**

“The Son of Man came to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

**Mark 10, 45**

## WEEKEND MASS

There is no longer a need to book for Sunday Masses. Please use the QR code to book in if you can.

If you are at all uncomfortable, you are welcome to leave a small piece of paper with the date and your name & number with a steward each time you come to Mass so you can be contacted if anybody tests positive.

## NEW EMAIL FOR FR PATRICK

For all parish related communications, Fr Patrick's new email address is:

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## PARISH MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

It is part of our Catholic tradition, in the month of November, to remember & pray for all those who have died especially those family members and friends who have been dear to us. This year the Mass of Remembrance, when we particularly focus upon those who have died in the past year in this parish, will happen on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November @ 19.30. The families of those whose funerals have taken place in the parish have been specially invited and during the Mass a named candle will be lit and the names of the dead will be read out.

If you have a family member or friend, who has died in the past year but was not one of our parishioners, you are warmly invited to add their name to the list to be read out. Please pass on this information to the parish office by Wed 27<sup>th</sup> October.

## SIGN UP FOR THE NEWSLETTER

There is now an option to sign up for the newsletter on the front page of the website. A small number of hard copies are printed for parishioners without access to the internet.

## OUR PARISH CHOIR NEEDS YOU!

Our Parish choir is looking for new members - particularly tenors and basses, though all parts are welcome. A commitment to attend sung Masses regularly and the fortnightly Wednesday rehearsals at 7.00 - 8.00pm is the top priority - certainly more important than the ability to read music or sing solos! If you would like to know more, please speak to Clare after Mass or call her on 07770685077. The next rehearsal is on October 27<sup>th</sup> but please let Clare know if you plan to attend so that music is available for you - sharing copies is not wise at the moment.

NB - For the safety of all concerned, all choir members do a Lateral Flow test before they sing together.

## RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tess Carter who died recently. Her funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 10.30. May she rest in peace.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP** This week's lamp is lit for:  
**David Day. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.**

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**Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B – Mark):** The thorny themes of power and honour raise their heads in the scripture readings this weekend. Who does not want to be respected, to have his/her word taken seriously and to exercise some sort of influence. This is certainly true even in our democratic and egalitarian world. And it is even sometimes true in parishes. Power is not necessarily something negative, rather a potential that each of us possesses in function of his character, strengths, learning or experience. Using the power one has to make life better for others, to promote good causes and to change the world in a positive way is certainly a good thing. Using power to combat evil and to reverse injustices is also commendable. The power dynamic with which the gospels acquaint us is as relevant and operative in today's world as it was in biblical times.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 53, 10 – 11:** This short text is taken from the concluding lines of the fourth Song of the Suffering Servant which is included in the writings of the prophet Isaiah. The Servant is someone who has taken on to his own shoulders tasks on behalf of the people of Israel. He is nameless. He takes the blame for what has gone wrong, for what has been done against better judgement and takes responsibility for behaviour which did not take count of faith in God. He is “scapegoat” for the failings of others. Looked at from outside, it is as if an injustice is being done to an innocent person. And yet this innocent victim consciously accepts his fate on behalf of others, he takes on suffering and in that way it transpires he is the innocent one of God. This acceptance of his role as scapegoat makes it possible for God to open the way for his servant to a happy future. No longer do darkness and failure dog his path, he sees the light of new life. That happy fate is not just for him and his followers, but for many.

**Second Reading (NT): Hebrews 4, 14 – 16:** The author of this letter sees the totality of creation, the here and now material world visible, the heaven beyond our sight. Man is on earth on the way, yet his anchor is in heaven. The bridge builder in this global creation is Jesus Christ. He who knew human weaknesses and temptation has made it into heaven. The example he set offers encouragement to those of us who are beset by weakness and subject to temptation.

**Gospel: Mark 10, 35 – 45:** There seems to have been a misunderstanding. Jesus had just spoken of his forthcoming passion and the sufferings it involved. Yet the first question James and John asked him was about the seating arrangements in his kingdom, in the expectation that they would qualify to be at his right and at his left. Were they ambitious for power and honour? Jesus does not answer their question directly. He asks them a further question. He speaks of the chalice he must drink and the baptism he must undergo: are they prepared to do the same? Are they willing, in other words, to give their lives for others? There is no immediate question of power or honour. Any reward for such generosity lies in the gift of God. It is easy to imagine how furious the other apostles were. The lesson Jesus taught James and John was also intended for them.

## Mass Intentions for Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

### Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October 17.30

People of the parish

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October 10.00

Marjorie Obradovic RIP

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October 09.15

Alexander James Symington

*Feast of St Luke, Evangelist*

Smyth RIP

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 09.15

Eileen Leahy RIP

*Tuesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time*

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October 18.30

Private intention

*Wednesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time*

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October 08.00

Catherine O'Brien RIP

*Thursday of week 29 in Ordinary Time* 10.30

Requiem - Tess Carter

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 12.30

Jan & Anna (60<sup>th</sup> Ann.)

*Memorial of St John Paul II, Pope*

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 10.00

Private intention

*Memorial of St John of Capestrano, Priest*

### Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 17.30

James O'Brien RIP

'Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> October 10.00

People of the parish