

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Feast of the Holy Family – 26 December 2021

“When they failed to find him they went back to Jerusalem looking for him everywhere.”

Luke 2, 4



Fr Patrick  
wishes  
everybody a  
happy and  
holy  
Christmas.

### MASS TIMES IN THIS CHRISTMAS WEEK

As many of you know, Fr Patrick has tested positive so some Masses may not happen in the week after Christmas.

Please keep an eye on the website which will be kept up to date. Fr Patrick will need to have tested negative twice and be feeling well enough to celebrate Mass.

If Mass does happen, it will be at 10am.

### FIRST COMMUNION 2022 FOR CHILDREN NOT IN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL

The next parish preparation for First Holy Communion 2022 will begin on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Sessions will run in the Cenacle from 4.15-5.15pm. The First Communion date will be some time in June but has not been fixed yet.

This is for those children currently in year 3 or those in year 4 or above who missed out on preparation due to lockdown.

If you have not done so already, please contact the parish office by email to add your child to the list.

### AFGHANISTAN CRISIS APPEAL

CAFOD is combining efforts with the DEC to launch the Afghanistan Crisis Appeal. In Afghanistan, 8 million people are on the brink of famine because of drought, collapsing economy, food shortages, conflict, and COVID. CAFOD is supporting sister Caritas agencies to reach communities most in need with food, clean water, and fuel. During Advent, when we open ourselves to the needs of others, let's do all that we can to save lives. You can donate on the CAFOD website:

[cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal](https://cafod.org.uk/AfghanistanAppeal) and please pray for the people of Afghanistan.

### CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

### FLOWER

Thank you for your generous donations that have allowed us to decorate the church so beautifully for Christmas.

### OFFICE CHRISTMAS CLOSURE

The parish office will re-open Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2022.



**OUR LADY'S LAMP** This week's lamp is lit for:

David Day

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**Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph:** In a changing world, where our understanding of what constitutes a family is very much disputed, it is appropriate during the Christmas season to celebrate this feast. Some may ask, however, what can the image of the Holy Family of Nazareth say to the modern world and to parents struggling in this climate of change? The women in today's readings teach us a timeless lesson about faith in action. Both Hannah and Mary knew the experience of hardship and rejection, yet in all the circumstances of their lives they put their trust in God and acted according to his word. The second reading reminds us that the most potent image of God's love is that of the parent for the child. We are the children of God and the place where we live that out first and foremost is in our families. Samuel and Jesus learned all about self-giving from their parents.

**First Reading (OT): 1 Samuel 1, 20 – 22. 24 – 28:** This reading brings us the second half of a story of a woman's faith and perseverance. The woman is Hannah, the mother of Samuel, who was to become one of the greatest leaders of the chosen people. We are told in the first part of the story that Hannah was barren and that she had prayed fervently to the Lord that she might conceive. So earnest was her prayer that the priest at the shrine rebuked her for what he thought was a drunken outburst. However, her prayer was heard and in keeping with the covenant law Hannah, who longed for her child so much, gave him over to the Lord when he was weaned. This generous spirit will also be evident in today's gospel when Mary and Joseph learn of Jesus' call to do the will of his Father.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 John 3, 1 – 2. 21 – 24:** In this reading John invites the community to reflect on just how much God has loved them. Through Jesus they have become children of God – they are united to him in a unique and special way. This is their new-found identity and should be a cause of rejoicing for them. Nor should they be concerned that they are living in a hostile environment. This same world did not acknowledge Jesus' relationship to the Father, so then it is not surprising that it does not honour his followers. In addition to being God's children now they can also look forward to that time when this relationship will come to its full flowering when they are in complete and full union with the Father. At that time they shall see him as he is and so become fully who they are meant to be. Since they are children of the truth then their love must show itself in practical deeds and not be just talk. This in turn gives them confidence to come before God to ask him for their needs. God will answer their prayers because they are keeping the commandments and these can be reduced to two: that we believe in Jesus and that we love one another as he told us to.

## Mass Intentions for Christmas Octave

### Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus Mary & Joseph

Year C

Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00	'Van' Van Den Berghe
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Feast of St John, Apostle, Evangelist</i>	10.00	Fr Patrick's intentions
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs</i>	10.00	LD Ferrara & Noel Croke
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> December <i>Feast of St Thomas Becket, Bishop, Martyr</i>	10.00	Sr Sheila's intentions
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> December <i>6<sup>th</sup> day within the octave of Christmas</i>	10.00	Mr & Mrs Dubaj wedding anniversary Mass
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> December <i>Memorial of St Silvester I, Pope</i>	10.00 11.00	Roland Williams & Brid Requiem - Jennie Squire
Saturday	1st January 2022 <i>Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</i>	10.00	Sr Anne's intentions

### Second Sunday of Christmas

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Saturday	1st January	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00	Ian MacDonald RIP