

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – 15/16 January 2022**

“Through the Good News God called us to share the glory of  
our Lord Jesus Christ.”

**2 Thessalonians 2, 14**

## SYNODAL PATHWAY

It has been decided to hold two sessions of conversations in the context of the synodal pathway here in the parish. We would hope to have three rotating tables in the Cenacle. A facilitator who will take notes will be at each table. We would hope that parishioners can feel free to come in, have their say in an unhurried way and then, after a cup of tea or coffee, leave. The aim would be to enable as many parishioners as possible to participate in the conversation.

- **Sunday 23 January afternoon: 15.00 - 17.00 hrs.**
- **Wednesday 26 January evening: 19.30 - 21.00 hrs.**

The facilitators will collate their notes of the conversations and draft a document which will be submitted to the Archdiocese by mid-February.

Questions for you to consider will be available beforehand.

Further information is available on the Birmingham website

<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/the-synod-2021-2023>

## STAMPS

Do you have any old stamps that could be given to charity?

Put them in a sealed envelope and leave them in a basket at the back of church.



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

## FIRST COMMUNION 2022

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 is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 12noon. All of the children will make their First Holy Communion at the same time.

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

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2022

- **Wed 26<sup>th</sup> January** Initial meeting for **both parents and children** in the church at 4pm
- **Enrolment Mass** Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January @ 10am

Preparation sessions will be on alternate Wednesdays in the Cenacle at 4pm for an hour.

Anybody who would like their child to be prepared for the sacrament of Confirmation this year should attend the initial meeting.

## CHRISTMAS HAMPER RAFFLE

Thank you to everybody who took part in the Christmas Hamper raffle. A fantastic £414.35 was raised for the building fund.

## PARISH INCOME 12/21/21-9/01/22

GA envelopes: £ 18.00  
Loose plate: £210.24  
Dec Contactless: £631  
Monthly Standing Orders: £2900

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**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke):** Even though we are now in Ordinary Time there is nothing “ordinary” about the rich spiritual fare the scripture readings put before us this weekend. On the one hand, the prophet is asking his people to recognise God’s personal and passionate love for them while, on the other, Paul is celebrating the abundance of gifts which this loving God has bestowed on his people. All of this is symbolised in the story of Cana where the wine of God’s joy flows liberally among the guests. The readings all point to the extraordinary dignity which is given to each one of us as a child of God. If only we could truly believe it of ourselves then we might more readily respect it in others.

**First Reading (OT): Isaiah 62, 1 – 5:** It was the prophet Hosea who first used the imagery of marriage to speak about the relationship between God and Israel and now, several hundred years later, we find it in this, the third section of Isaiah. It seems that after the return from exile and the initial enthusiasm which accompanied it, things in Jerusalem once again lapsed into apathy and carelessness. Once again it fell to the prophets to stir up the people to respond to the generous love of God which had been shown them. As with the author of the middle part of Isaiah (40 – 55) the author of this last section is unknown, but his writing has the ring of authentic prophecy as he celebrates the unique love that binds God to Israel and the delight which God takes in his people. This is indeed a marriage made in heaven, for God is depicted as the love-struck groom who is beside himself with joy at the prospect of being with his bride. The imagery is all the more powerful when we consider how his beloved has treated the divine lover.

**Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 12, 4 – 11:** Paul’s letter to the Corinthians features in all three years of the liturgical cycle. We are now in the final section, where Paul speaks to the community about the importance of recognising their gifts and using them for the good of the community. The context of this writing is the disunity and faction fighting which has been damaging the church in Corinth. Paul is now pleading with them to recognise that within the community there are many charisms or gifts of the Holy Spirit. These gifts are given not for the sake of the individual who possesses them but for the community. They represent a service to the church and so must not become a source of either pride or jealousy.

**Gospel: John 2, 1 – 12:** As we see in today’s first reading, weddings are symbolic of the relationship between God and Israel. However, the wedding between God and his people is in trouble and this is indicated by the phrase of Jesus’ mother when she points out ‘they have no wine’. Wine is the sign of joy and celebration and this is what is missing. All the gallons of water for purification cannot put it right. But this is precisely why Jesus has come – to make the marriage happen, to bring us to union with God. What happens at Cana is a sign that points to the whole meaning of Jesus’ life, death and resurrection, a meaning that can only be fully understood after his ‘hour.’

## Mass Intentions for Second week of Ordinary Time

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year C
Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> January	17.30	Intention of Melanie Free
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00	Mick Buckley RIP
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> January	09.15	Friend's intentions
<i>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbott</i>			
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> January	09.15	Raf Finelli
<i>Tuesday of week 2 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> January	18.30	Margaret Hart
<i>Feast of St Wulstan, Bishop</i>			
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> January	08.00	Friend's intention
<i>Memorial of St Fabian, Pope, Martyr</i>			
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> January	12.30	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr</i>			
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00	Neville O'Farrell
<i>Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr</i>			

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year C
Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	17.30	People of the parish
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	10.00	Brid & Roland Williams