

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – 12/13 February 2022

“Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven.”

John 15, 15

Following professional and medical advice, Monsignor Patrick H Daly has asked the Archdiocese to take a leave of absence from active parish ministry to rest and recuperate.

This request has been granted.

The parish will be updated on any further developments and the weekend Sunday Masses will proceed as usual.

There will be an opportunity for a more extensive liturgical program in due course so please check the parish website and the bulletin for any updates.

Please keep Monsignor Patrick in your prayers.

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Betty Mansfield [funeral Monday 14th Feb @ 10am] and Ludwik Aslanowicz [funeral Friday 18th Feb @ 10am].

May they rest in peace and those who mourn them find solace.

EASTER FLOWER DECORATIONS

Following the success of the Christmas wreath making, an evening making Easter door decorations has been planned. Bring your own flowers of choice and Paul will guide you in making a fabulous decoration. Indulge in a cheeky glass of wine and an evening of fun.

Date: Thurs 31st March

Time: 7.15pm

Place: Cenacle

Cost: donation of £25

Message Tina [07753 605 972] to secure a place.



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

MARGARET'S EL CAMINO DE SANTIAGO TREK

Margaret, who some of you may know as a parish steward, will be walking 100KM of The Camino way from the 4th - 10th May, raising funds for Thames Hospice. If you can support her please follow the link to her Just Giving page where there is more information about the hospice and an opportunity to sponsor her and support the wonderful work they do.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/margaret-thomas9>

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR:

- ❖ **CLEANERS:** contact the parish office to say what you can do and when
- ❖ **TEA/COFFEE IN THE CENACLE:** speak to Sharon after Mass.

The more hands, the lighter the work.

PREACHING THE GOSPEL IN A MULTIFAITH SOCIETY

Mission is one of the themes of the synodality process and walking together leads inevitably to the mission of the Church. Dr Rosalee Velloso Ewell, Principal of Redcliffe College, will be speaking on the theme of Mission in a multifaith and multicultural society. This will be an online meeting via Zoom to be held on Sunday February 20th from 2.30pm - 4pm. It would be great to see you there. To get the link to join the Zoom meeting, please email actabhm@gmail.com.

PARISH INCOME

Jan Contactless Sunday offering: £ 666.00

Jan Contactless Building Fund: £ 50.00

Monthly Standing Orders: £2935.00

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C – Luke): The image of a tree in leaf planted near a stream is a powerful one, for it suggests strength and depth. It speaks of tranquility and reliability whereas the contrasting image of a dry withered plant in the wilderness only calls to mind images of weakness and vulnerability. To be centred on self is to be without roots, is to fail to recognise that if we are to grow as human beings we must draw strength from what is beyond us. The message of the beatitudes cannot be understood by those whose trust is only in themselves. Only people aware that God is the ground of our being can grasp their meaning. If Jesus had not risen from the dead then these beatitudes would just be so much wishful thinking, but as it is, the risen Christ testifies to the enduring power of the message.

First Reading (OT): Jeremiah 17, 5 – 8: Many of Jeremiah's contemporaries believed that the only way to resist the rise of the Babylonian empire was to seek out a strong ally who would offer support in the event of an invasion. For this reason, they turned to Egypt and attempted to make a political alliance with Pharaoh. Jeremiah made no secret of his opposition to this strategy, proclaiming that Israel's future lay in putting her trust in God and not trying to play politics with the superpowers of the day. If they were to suffer at the hands of the Babylonians it would be as a result of their failure to live up to the demands of the covenant and all the armies of Pharaoh would be of no help to them. Today's reading is a summary of Jeremiah's teaching on the need to put one's trust in God and, in keeping with other biblical texts on this theme, it uses the symbolism of plants or trees. To ignore God is to be like dry scrub in the wilderness, whereas to put one's trust in God is to be like a tree planted by a stream which flourishes even in difficult times.

Second Reading (NT): 1 Corinthians 15, 12. 16 – 20: Having argued that faith in the resurrection of Jesus is central to the message of the gospel, Paul now speaks directly to those who are saying that there is no resurrection of the dead. Presumably their argument is that Jesus gave us an example to live by and that is enough. Paul, however, will not tolerate such an undervaluing of the Christian message. If Jesus has not been raised from the dead then we have not been saved from our sins and all those who have died are lost. If Christ is not risen then this makes nonsense of our efforts to live according to the gospel. The truth is, however, that Christ has been raised from the dead that that we will all share in that saving event.

Gospel: Luke 6, 17. 20 – 26: Today we are presented with Luke's version of the beatitudes and here in a nutshell is the core message of the gospel. God is on the side of those who suffer and are downtrodden and it is his will that this situation should change. Those who now benefit from the violence and injustice of the world must know that it will not always be so and that we are all held to account for our actions.

Mass Intentions for Sixth week in Ordinary Time

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	12 th February	17.30	Jennifer Forster
Sunday	13 th February	10.00	Our Lady & St Anne
Monday	14 th February <i>Feast of St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe</i>	10.00	Requiem Mass – Betty Mansfield
Tuesday	15 th February <i>Tuesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time</i>	No Mass	
Wednesday	16 th February <i>Wednesday of week 6 in Ordinary Time</i>	No Mass	
Thursday	17 th February <i>Memorial of the Seven Founders of the Order of Servants of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	No Mass	
Friday	18 th February <i>Friday of week 6 in Ordinary Time</i>	10.00	Requiem Mass - Mr Aslanowicz
Saturday	19 th February <i>Memorial of Our Lady on Saturday</i>	No Mass	

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year C

Saturday	20 th February	17.30	Cecilia Cher
Sunday	21 st February	10.00	People of the parish

No rosary Saturday 12th February