

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent – 2/3 April 2022**

Now, now – it is the Lord who speaks-come back to me with all your heart, for I am all tenderness and compassion.

**Joel 2, 12-13**

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER AT OUR LADY & ST ANNE

Vigil of Palm Sunday [Sat]	9 <sup>th</sup> April	16.45 – 17.15	Confessions 17:30 Mass
Palm Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00	Mass
Monday of Holy Week	11 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30	Mass
Tuesday of Holy Week	12 <sup>th</sup> April	09:30	Mass
Wednesday of Holy Week	13 <sup>th</sup> April	17.45-18.15 18:30	Confessions Mass
Maundy Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> April	19:30 up to 22:00 21:45	Mass of the Last Supper Watching Night prayer
Good Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00  12:00 15:00	Children's Liturgy Stations of the Cross Stations of the Cross Liturgy of Good Friday – church remains open until 19.00
Easter Vigil	16 <sup>th</sup> April	21:00	
Easter Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00	

**EASTER COLLECTION** Please take an Easter collection envelope home. The collection will be split equally between Fr John and the Aid to the Church in Need Ukrainian initiative.

**PRINKNASH PROJECT** Fr Paul would like to thank you all for your generosity towards the Prinknash project. £629 was collected. Please keep the project and the Sisters in your prayers.

**PALM SUNDAY IN THE CENACLE**  
Enjoy a hot cross bun with your coffee after Mass on Palm Sunday. Hot cross buns £1, all profit to the parish building fund.

### PARISH INCOME

Banked 27-03-22	£ 375.10
Mar Contactless Sun. offering:	£ 430.00
Mar Building Fund:	£ 50.00
Standing Orders:	£ 2935.00



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

### CAFOD Family fast day collection:

We collected a fantastic total of £511.01+Gift aid. Thank you for your generosity.

### CAFOD Walk for Hunger:

**YOU ARE AMAZING!!!** A total of **£2546** has been donated online to the just giving page, absolutely smashing our target! This will make a real difference to a lot of people's lives and we can be very proud of our parish. A huge thank you to all those who sponsored us, took part in the walk, the music group and not forgetting the sunshine, all of which played a part in making it a very special day for the parish. The page is still open for another couple of weeks, <https://walk.cafod.org.uk/fundraising/walkforhungerStAnnesCaversham>

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<https://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/privacy-policy> or by request from the parish office.

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle C

The Gospel for the fifth Sunday of Lent continues to offer lessons about God's mercy and forgiveness. Last Sunday we heard the Parable of the Prodigal Son from the Gospel of Luke. Today we hear not a parable, but the report from John's Gospel of an encounter between Jesus, the scribes and Pharisees and a woman caught in adultery.

In John's Gospel, the conflict between Jesus and the scribes and Pharisees occurs much earlier than in the Synoptic Gospels. Jesus' cleansing of the Temple in Jerusalem is reported at the beginning of John's Gospel. Even after this event, Jesus continues to teach in the Temple. After returning to Galilee for a time, Jesus again enters Jerusalem and cures a man on the Sabbath. From this point forward in John's Gospel, the Pharisees are described as making plans for Jesus' arrest and seeking his death.

In the chapter preceding today's Gospel, Jesus was teaching in the Temple area. Feeling threatened by his teaching and his actions, the chief priests and the Pharisees are already sending guards to arrest Jesus. The guards return, however, without arresting Jesus because they have been impressed by his words. Even more than this, some among the crowds are considering the possibility that Jesus is the Messiah. The chief priests and the Pharisees change their plan. Before making an arrest, they seek to gather more evidence against Jesus by posing a question intended to trap Jesus.

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. Jesus then returns to his writing. This Scripture reading, by the way, is the only evidence we have of Jesus writing. Yet there are no specific details about what he wrote.

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## Mass Intentions for Fifth Week of Lent

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Saturday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	17.30	Kay McLaughlin
Sunday	3 <sup>rd</sup> April	10.00	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April No Mass  
*Commemoration of St Isidore, Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April No Mass  
*Commemoration of St Vincent Ferrer, Priest*

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April No Mass  
*Wednesday of the fifth week of Lent*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April No Mass  
*Commemoration of St. John Baptist de la Salle, Priest*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 12 noon Stations of the Cross  
*Friday of the fifth week of Lent*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April 10.00 Ivan Belevich RIP  
*Saturday of the fifth week of Lent*

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Year C

Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	17.30	Waleria Dubaj RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Ann)
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00	Brendan O'Rourke RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass
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