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Seventeenth week in Ordinary Time – 24th July 2022

On the day I called, you answered me, O Lord.

Psalm 138

WELCOME

Thank you to Fr Yamai from Boars Hill for offering both Masses this weekend.

TUESDAY TEA AND COFFEE

There will be tea/coffee at 9.30am this week. Everybody welcome for a cuppa and a natter.

BACON BUTTIES

These will be available after the 10am Mass next weekend, Sunday 31st July. Vegetarian alternatives available.

READIFOOD CALL FOR HELP

Summer holiday delivery teams needed urgently: Can anyone with a full drivers licence, physically able to lift heavy boxes/bags and have plenty of free time over the coming weeks be able to come and assist at the food bank during one of our busiest periods of the year. Please contact Sarah or Tara on 01189 872672 for more information.

ROCK N ALE FESTIVAL

This year's festival will be on Saturday 10th September and tickets are now on sale. As well as being a significant raiser of funds for the MNDA it also contributes to the Parish income. The bar this year will be provided by the good people from The Last Crumb. Tickets can be bought after Mass or by calling 0118 958 4628.

PARISH INCOME BANKED IN JUNE

Contactless Sun. offering:	£ 596.00
contactless Building Fund:	£ 60.00
contactless candles:	£ 14.00
Loose plate:	£ 724.30
Candles loose	£ 179.58
Tea/coffee	£ 28.72
Standing Orders:	£ 2995.00

PATRONAL FEAST DAY 26TH JULY

Fr Michael Sharkey has kindly offered to celebrate Mass at 7.30pm on 26th July, the feast of St Anne & St Joachim. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Cenacle.

Do come along to celebrate this special day for the parish.

Fr Michael will use the following prayer which will be available on the night or you might have it in your phone.

Dear Saint Anne

*Since Mary was your daughter and Jesus your grandson,
look lovingly on our families in the same way that you looked upon the Holy Family in Nazareth*

and intercede for us in heaven where we all hope to meet one day

our sins forgiven

our problems solved

and our hearts filled with love.

Amen.

CTC HOLIDAY CLUB

Holiday club is run by the Churches Together in Caversham and will be happening next week. St Anne's school is hosting the club again this summer. Thank you to all the volunteers who work so hard to create a week of fun for the children.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week the lamp is lit for Marie, Anna & Tricia.

Please remember them in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Luke gives more attention to Jesus' teachings on prayer than any other Gospel writer. He also mentions Jesus at prayer more than the others. In today's reading, from the beginning of Chapter 11 of his Gospel, Luke presents the core of Jesus' teaching on prayer. It consists of Jesus teaching a prayer to his disciples, a parable on the persistent neighbour, and assurances that God hears our prayers.

The disciples notice Jesus praying "in a certain place". They ask him to teach them to pray just as John the Baptist had taught his disciples. Jesus teaches them a simple version of the most famous Christian prayer, the Our Father, or the Lord's Prayer. Matthew's version shows signs of being shaped by public prayer. Luke's version is probably closer to the original form that Jesus taught. Stripped of much of the language we are used to, Luke's version seems simple and direct. We pray that God's name will be recognized as holy and that his rule over all will be established. This is followed by petitions for our needs for bread, for forgiveness, and for deliverance. Luke uses the more theological language of "sins" rather than "debts," which is used in Matthew's version.

Having taught his disciples a simple, daily prayer, Jesus goes on to reassure them that God answers prayers. First he tells a parable about a persistent neighbour who asks a friend for bread at midnight. The friend is already in bed and has no desire to disturb his family by opening the door. But because the neighbour is persistent, the sleeping man gets up and gives him all that he needs. If a neighbour is willing to help us if we are persistent enough, how could God not respond to our requests?

This teaching concludes with the reminder that if we seek, we will get a response. If a human father, with all his faults, knows how to give good gifts to his children, how much more will our heavenly Father give us? Instead of good gifts, however, Luke substitutes the word Holy Spirit. This foreshadows the gift of the Holy Spirit, who is central to Luke's theology and who will play an important role in the growth of the early Church after Pentecost.

The parable and the concluding teaching in this section should not lead us to think of prayer as a series of requests presented to God. Rather, as Jesus teaches in his model prayer, prayer consists in recognizing God's holiness and his rule over all things.

Taken from: <https://www.loyolapress.com/catholic-resources/liturgical-year/sunday-connection/17th-sunday-in-ordinary-time-cycle-c-sunday-connection/>

**Mass Intentions for week
Seventeen in Ordinary Time**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	23 rd July	17.30	Bridget McArthur RIP
Sunday	24 th July	10.00	Willie Buckley RIP

Monday 25th July No Mass
Feast of St James, Apostle

Tuesday 26th July 19.30 Fr Patrick and & the
Memorial of Ss Joachim & Anne people of the parish
Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Wednesday 27th July No Mass
Wednesday of week 17 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 28th July No Mass
Thursday of week 17 in Ordinary Time

Friday 29th July No Mass
Memorial of Ss Martha, Mary and Lazarus

Saturday 30th July No Mass
Memorial of St Peter Chrysologus, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

Saturday	30 th July	17.30	Magdalene Ng RIP
Sunday	31 st July	10.00	Our Lady & St Anne

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.
