

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, Year A –

7th – 8th January 2023

The heavens opened and the Father's voice resounded:

'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.'

Mk 9:8

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ❖ Bridget Johnson whose funeral Mass will take place here on Tuesday 17th January @10am;
- ❖ Luis Garcia whose funeral Mass will be here on Tuesday 24th January @ 11.00am

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

VOLUNTEERS SUNDAY

This weekend 8th January 2023

Would you like to get involved in parish life but are not sure how to do it?

Join in with a whole parish meeting in the Cenacle at 11am, after the 10am Mass on Sunday 8th January. Everybody welcome.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

Fancy a chat on a Tuesday morning?
Come in to the Cenacle for tea/coffee about 10am. Everybody welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PREPARATION FOR THOSE NOT IN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Preparation for First Communion will begin in the Cenacle on Wednesday 11th January at 4.15pm. Register via parish email with copy of baptism certificate by Friday 6th January please.

CURRY NIGHT

Reading South Indian Catholic Community cordially invites you for the 'Curry Night' on Saturday 28th Jan at 7.00pm at Our Lady and St Anne's Church, Caversham in aid of St Vincent De Paul Society (SVP) and the Parish. Come and experience authentic home-cooked South Indian food prepared using finest ingredients and recipes handed down through generations. Adults £13, Children £8, Family £35 (2 adults + 2 children) and under 5's go free. Tickets available after every weekend masses or through Parish Office at 0118 947 1787. No tickets at the door.

PARISH INCOME BANKED DEC

Contactless - Sun. offering:	£ 477.00
Contactless - candles:	£ 7.00
Loose plate	£ 923.65
Shop	£ 10.00
Building Fund	£ 153.00
Johnson Fund	£ 96.00
Poor Parishes	£ 58.50
Standing Orders:	£2361.32



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

David Day & Nelson Carwana

Please keep them in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The baptism of Jesus is attested to in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke. The account that appears in Matthew is the only one to include the dialogue between Jesus and John, however. Another difference in Matthew's presentation of this event is the announcement made by the voice from heaven, which says, "This is my beloved son . . ." In Mark and Luke, this voice addresses itself to Jesus: "You are my beloved son . . ."

The baptisms that John performs prefigure Christian Baptism. John baptizes for repentance from sin. In accepting this baptism, Jesus unites himself with all sinners even though he is sinless. In Matthew's Gospel, John the Baptist distinguishes his practice of baptism from the Baptism that the Messiah brings: "I am baptising you with water . . . He will baptise you with the holy Spirit and fire" (Matthew 3:11).

The baptism of Jesus is another manifestation of Christ, another epiphany. Christ's baptism inaugurates his mission. In an analogous way, our Baptism inaugurates our mission as Christians.

This Sunday marks a transition from the Christmas season to Ordinary Time. In a way, today's feast is the high point of the Christmas season. Before Jesus' birth, angels announced to Mary and to Joseph who Jesus would be. At his birth, the shepherds and the Magi recognize Jesus as the Messiah. At his baptism, Jesus accepts that he is God's son and inaugurates that mission.

Week One in Ordinary Time

Baptism of the Lord

Year A

Saturday	7 th January	5.30pm	Kate Greaney RIP
Sunday	8 th January	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	9 th January	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 1 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	10 th January	9.15am	Peter McGregor Eadie RIP
<i>Tuesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	11 th January	7.30am	In honour of the tears of the Blessed Virgin Mary
<i>Wednesday of week 1 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	12 th January	7.30pm	Holy Souls
<i>Memorial of St Aelred of Rievaulx, Abbot</i>			
Friday	13 th January	9.15am	Holy souls
<i>Memorial of St Hilary, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> [school Mass]			

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	14 th January	5.30pm	Mossy Golden RIP
Sunday	15 th January	10.00am	People of the parish

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.