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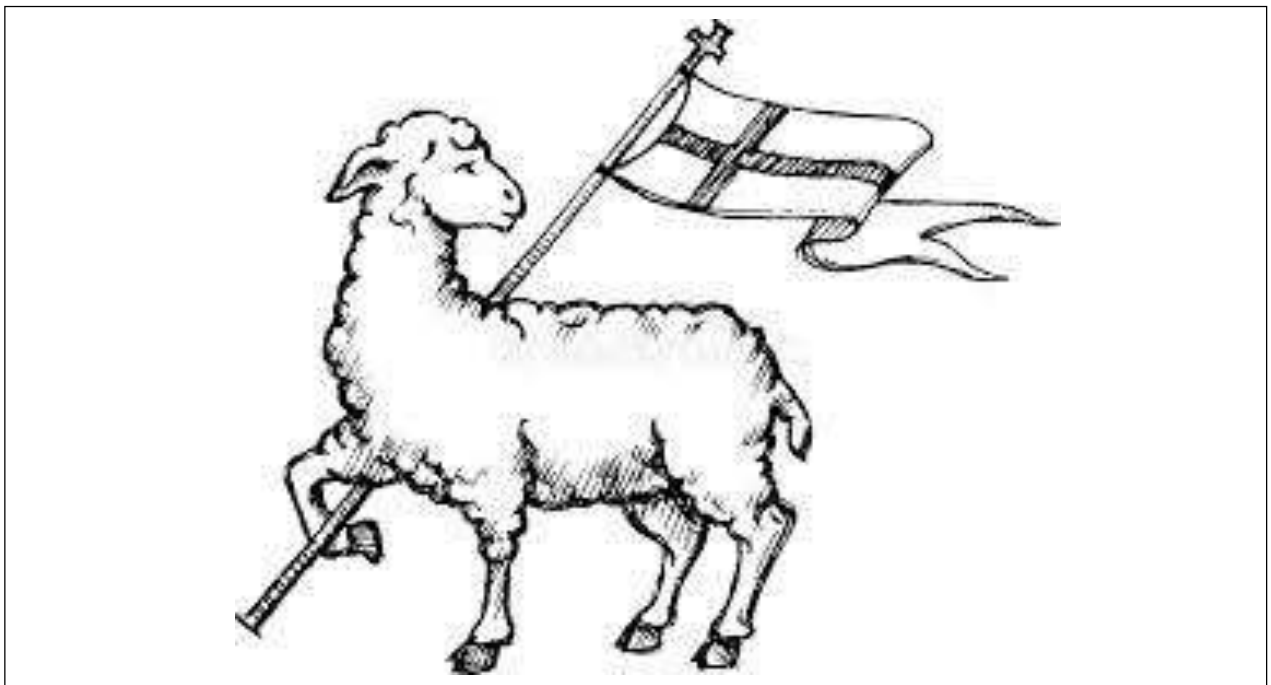
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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –

14th – 15th January 2023

The Word was made flesh and lived among us: to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God.

Jn1: 14,12

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
- ❖ Norman Shaw whose funeral Mass will be here on Friday 27th January @ 10am
- ❖ Stephen Cole, funeral to be arranged

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

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL UPDATE

The SVP are working in partnership with the Weller Centre supporting their food donations appeal.

There is a box at the back of church for all donations.

Your kind donations will make a huge difference for local families in need.

Items for donation are cereals, pasta, tinned goods, dry foods, long life milk, rice and kitchen staples.

Thank you for your support.

ST ANNES SCHOOL PSA QUIZ & CURRY

Tickets now on sale for Quiz & Curry Night in St Anne's School Hall on Friday 20th January! Doors open at 7pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm. Bring your own alcoholic drinks and glasses; Tickets online at www.pta-events.co.uk/stannes-psa

PARISH INCOME BANKED DEC

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

PARISH 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.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

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

FLOWER FUND

A huge thank you from the flower team for the generous total of £ 569.35 which was collected before Christmas. This was used to do the Christmas flowers and what remains will be used for weekly flowers until it runs out. It is only spent on flowers.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Jose Antunes Santos

Please keep him in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

This Sunday we break from our reading of Matthew's Gospel (the primary Gospel for our current liturgical cycle, Cycle A) to read from John's Gospel. We heard Matthew's account of Jesus' baptism last Sunday, on the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. Today, we hear John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus as found in John's Gospel. John's Gospel differs from the other Gospels because John does not describe Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist. Instead, John the Baptist announces that he knows that Jesus is the Son of God.

In today's reading, John the Baptist sees Jesus approaching and cries out, giving witness about who Jesus is. In John's testimony he says that he saw the Spirit descend upon Jesus. By this sign, John the Baptist knew that Jesus was the one who is to come after him.

John the Baptist uses two titles for Jesus that are familiar to us. John calls Jesus the "Lamb of God" and the "Son of God." By using these titles, John the Baptist identifies Jesus' ultimate purpose: to redeem sinful humanity.

John the Baptist's testimony about Jesus clearly distinguishes John's baptism from the Baptism that Jesus will inaugurate. John baptizes with water; Jesus will baptize with the Holy Spirit. John also puts his practice of baptism in the context of Jesus' ministry. The purpose of John's baptism was to make Jesus known to Israel.

John the Baptist's sense of purpose is clearly identified in this reading: he baptized in order to prepare for and make known the ministry of the One who was to follow. John's witness is an excellent example of what it means to be a disciple. By our Baptism, we are called to make Jesus known to all the world by our words and by the witness of our lives.

Mass Intentions
Week Two in Ordinary Time

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
Monday	16 th January	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 2 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	17 th January	10.00am	Bridget Johnson Requiem
<i>Memorial of St Anthony, Abbott</i>			
Wednesday	18 th January	7.30am	Holy souls
<i>Wednesday of week 2 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	19 th January	7.30pm	Rene de Sola RIP
<i>Feast of St Wulstan, Abbot</i>			
Friday	20 th January	9.15am	Ian MacDonald RIP
<i>Friday of week 2 in Ordinary Time [school Mass]</i>			
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	21 st January	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	22 nd January	10.00am	Zofia & Stanislaw Smok RIP

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.