

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –**

**21<sup>st</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

Follow me and I will make you fishers of men.

Mt 4:19

## RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ❖ Luis Garcia, funeral Mass here on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January @ 11.00am
- ❖ Norman Shaw, funeral Mass here on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January @ 10am
- ❖ Stephen Cole, funeral Mass here Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 2pm

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.

## RETURN OF COLLECTION BAGS

From this weekend onwards, the collection bags will be returning.

If you have set up a standing order please don't feel you have to put extra in. Just pass the bag along.

## TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

Fancy a chat on a Tuesday morning?  
Come in to the Cenacle about 10am.

## 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.

Are you attending the OLSA Curry Night on 28th Jan? If so please note that the food contains or may contain nuts and common allergens. To know about added ingredients, contact Edwin Raj or parish office.

## WORLD YOUTH DAY

Thank you everyone for your support on the Christmas Bake Sale, we raised just over £500!

If you wish to donate, you can do so by putting cash in the tea and coffee bowl or online

at <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/worldyouthday2023>



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

**Armanda Coutinho**

Please keep her in your prayers.

## Background on the Sunday Liturgy – Scott Hahn

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see [2 Samuel 7:12-13](#); Psalm 89; [Psalm 132:11-12](#)).

Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see [2 Kings 15:29](#); [1 Chronicles 5:26](#)).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see [2 Kings 24:14](#)).

Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall.

His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the “Galilee of the Nations.” Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be “fishers of men,” gathering people from the ends of the earth.

They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God.

By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed.

And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

## Mass Intentions

### Week Three in Ordinary Time

<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			<b>Year A</b>
Saturday	21 <sup>st</sup> January	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January	10.00am	Zofia & Stanislaw Smok RIP
Monday	23 <sup>rd</sup> January	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 3 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup> January	9.15am	Thanksgiving for Our Lady & St Anne
<i>Memorial of St Frances de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		11.00am	Luis Garcia Requiem Mass
Wednesday	25 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30am	Private intention
<i>Feast of the Conversion of Paul, the Apostle</i>		2.00pm	Stephen Coles Requiem Mass
Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup> January	7.30pm	Fernando Martinez RIP
<i>Memorial of Ss Timothy &amp; Titus, Bishops</i>			
Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Norman Shaw Requiem Mass
<i>Memorial of St Angela Merici, Virgin</i>			
<b>Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</b>			<b>Year A</b>
Saturday	28 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30pm	Fr Giles Goward RIP[2 <sup>nd</sup> Ann.]
Sunday	29 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Stefania & Stanislaw Smok RIP

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.  
Everybody welcome.