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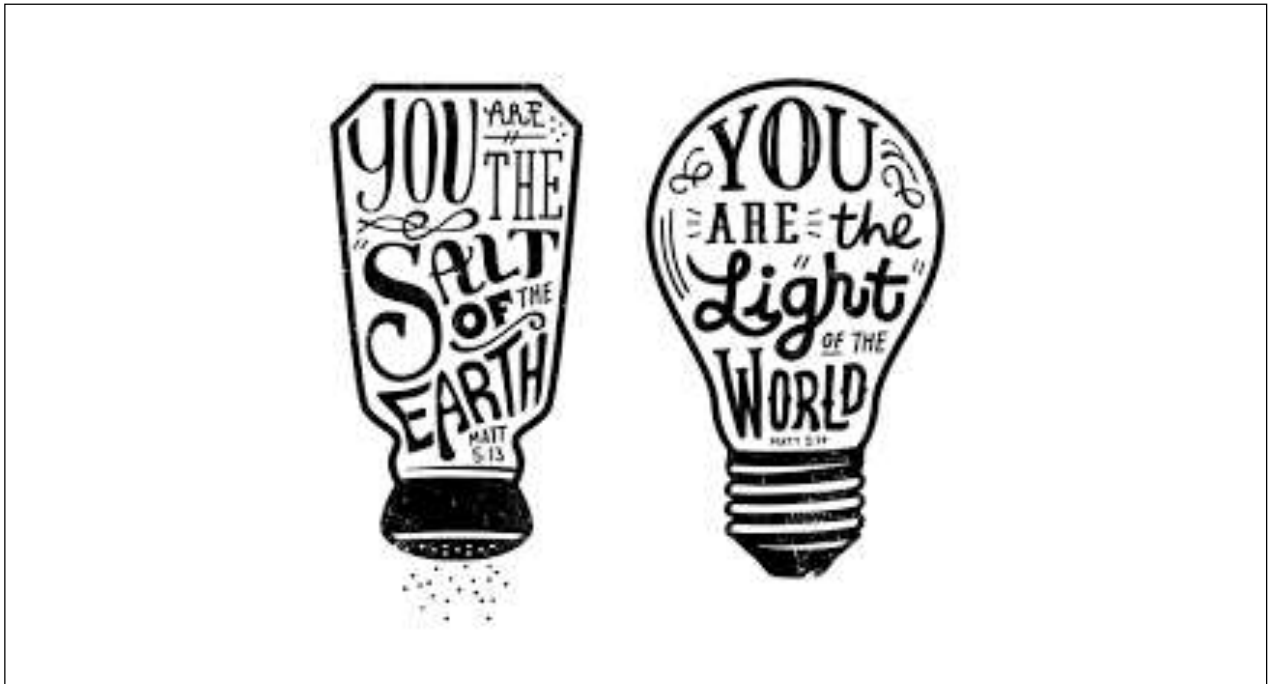
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**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –
4th-5th February 2023**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Jn 8:12

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The first meeting will be Wednesday 1st March at 4.30pm in the Cenacle. If you are interested in preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation please contact the office by email [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk] or phone [0118 9471787].

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

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

LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be on Fridays at 12noon, followed by a soup lunch in the Cenacle.

If you would like to volunteer to provide the soup one week, please contact the office. The soup should be free of common allergens such as nuts or celery.

EMERGENCY PRIEST CONTACT

In the unlikely event that you are in need of an emergency visit from a priest during Fr Joe's absence please contact Fr Michael Sharkey at St Michael's, Sonning Common on 0118 9723418.

PARISH INCOME BANKED JAN

Contactless - Sun. offering:	£ 614.00
Contactless - candles:	£ 64.00
Loose plate	£ 218.20
Shop	£ 15.00
Building Fund	£ 540.00
Johnson Association	£ 73.44
Candles	£ 59.53
Star money	£ 91.00
Standing Orders:	£2361.32

VOLUNTEER SUNDAY UPDATE

Thank you to everybody who generously offered their time and talents to a whole range of things in the church.

In order to co-ordinate these activities it may be necessary for your contact details to be passed on to a parishioner so they can get in touch with you (a legitimate interest). If you do not want your contact details shared within the parish according to the diocesan privacy statement, please contact the parish office by Thursday 9th February.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION:

Reading Circle currently has 39 Members. With their wives and families, they organise numerous social events. They are organising two events shortly open to all parishioners. Thurs 9th Feb at 7pm - a multi-cuisine buffet (Indian / Chinese) at Spice Oven, Caversham. £10/person.

Wed 22 March - visit to Hexagon Theatre in Reading for the Sensational 60s Experience. £26.50 /ticket if booked by 22 February. Optional pre-dinner supper at Bill's restaurant. For information about these events or the Catenians please contact Sean on 07850 933647
sean.walshx@icloud.com

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

22nd February Ash Wednesday
3rd March CAFOD Family Fast Day
18th March Big CAFOD Walk
15th April Cotham Ensemble



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

No request this week

Background on the Sunday Gospel

Following upon the teaching of the Beatitudes, Jesus uses the now familiar metaphors of salt and light to describe the life of discipleship. We take salt and light for granted in our society, but these commodities were more precious in ancient cultures. Just as now, salt was used in Jesus' time for flavouring, as a preservative, and as a healing agent. Similarly, the widespread use of electricity in the modern world makes us less aware of the value and importance of light in our lives.

Still, our familiarity with this passage from Matthew's Gospel speaks well to the abiding power of the imagery that Jesus presented. Jesus' call to be salt for the earth and light for the world powerfully states our mission as Church and as Christians. Our commitment to social justice flows from the exhortation that Jesus gives us in today's Gospel.

Some of the activities that this commitment leads us to are given more concrete expression as the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. When we feed the hungry, clothe the naked, console those who mourn, and so on, we show ourselves to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. When we do these things with the community of faith, the Church, we are indeed acting as "a city set on a mountain" that cannot be hidden!

Mass Intentions
Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	4 th February	5.30pm	Hugh Dwan RIP
Sunday	5 th February	10.00am	Waleria Dubaj RIP
Monday	6 th February	9.15am	Neville O'Farrell RIP
<i>Memorial of St Paul Miki, & Companions, Martyrs</i>			
Tuesday	7 th February	9.15am	Sheila McCarthy RIP
<i>Tuesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Wednesday	8 th February	9.15am	James O'Sullivan RIP
<i>Memorial of St Jerome Emiliani</i>			
			<i>[anniversary Mass]</i>
Thursday	9 th February	9.15am	Arthur Taylor RIP
<i>Thursday of week 5 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	10 th February	9.15am	Int. Bridget Millauer
<i>Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin</i>			

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	11 th February	5.30pm	John Vanderslice RIP
Sunday	12 th February	10.00am	Int. Zachary Shabaz-Surina

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.