

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A –

11th-12th February 2023

Blessed are you, Father, Lord heaven and earth, of revealing
the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children

Mt 11:25

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION FOR THOSE NOT AT CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

The first meeting is on 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

As there is no Mass on Tues 14th, coffee will be slightly earlier at 9.30am. Come and have a chat.

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

WORLD YOUTH DAY TOMBOLA

The World Youth Day team are working hard to raise funds. Their next event will be a tombola during tea/coffee after Mass on **Sunday 19th February**. Come & buy a ticket to help them on their way.

CURRY NIGHT UPDATE

Thank you to everybody who helped to make this such a successful event - those who prepared the food and those that ate it. The evening raised £667.50 in total. 1/3 will go to parish funds and 2/3 to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society to support their work.

THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION:

This event is open to all interested parishioners.

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
Fridays during Lent - stations and soup lunch
3rd March CAFOD Family Fast Day
18th March Big CAFOD Walk
5th April Big Church clean for Easter
15th April Cotham Ensemble



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Thomas & Gracy

Please keep them in your prayers.

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or by request from the parish office.

Background on the Sunday Gospel

Matthew continues the Sermon on the Mount with a three part instruction by Jesus on the Way of Life in the kingdom of heaven. Today's reading is part one and deals with the Law. Part two deals with worship and religious practice and contains the Lord's Prayer. Part three deals with trusting God and deeds of loving service to our neighbour.

When Matthew speaks of "the Law and the prophets" he means the whole Scripture. When the Messiah brings the fullness of the kingdom none of scripture will be done away with. Instead it will be fulfilled. Matthew's Jesus does not overturn the Law of Moses, nor does he set his followers free from the Law. He requires his followers to go beyond the Law by doing more than the Law requires.

The Law condemned murder. Jesus condemns anger. The Law condemned adultery. Jesus condemns even lustful looks. As Jewish Christians who had always been faithful to the Law Matthew's community need a way to understand the difference Jesus and the kingdom he brings have made. They affirmed that God had always been at work in history through "the Law and the prophets." But God's work goes beyond that to be embodied by the Messiah who reveals the definitive will of God. The written scriptures and their interpretation in tradition are surpassed by Jesus whose life and teaching are the definitive revelation of the will of God.

Mass Intentions
Sixth Week in Ordinary Time

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
Monday	13 th February	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week six in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	14 th February	No Mass	
<i>Feast of St Cyril, Monk, and St Methodius, Bishop</i>			
<i>Patrons of Europe</i>			
Wednesday	15 th February	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday of week six in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	16 th February	No Mass	
<i>Thursday of week six in Ordinary Time</i>			
Friday	17 th February	No Mass	
<i>Friday of week six in Ordinary Time</i>			

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	18 th February	5.30pm	Chris Gaughan RIP
Sunday	19 th February	10.00am	People of the parish

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.