

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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RESURRECTION  
and  
the  
LIFE

**Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year A –**

**25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;  
whoever believes in me will never die.

Jn 11:25,26

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES

**Palm Sunday** [2<sup>nd</sup> April]- usual weekend times

**Monday of Holy Week** [3<sup>rd</sup> April] - 9.15am

**Tuesday of Holy Week** [4<sup>th</sup> April] - no Mass

**Wednesday of Holy Week** [5<sup>th</sup> April] - 7.30pm

**Thursday of Holy Week** [6<sup>th</sup> April] - 7.30pm

followed by watching until midnight with compline at 11.45pm.

**Good Friday** [7<sup>th</sup> April]

Children's Liturgy - 10am

Stations of the cross 12 noon

Solemn liturgy - 3pm;

**Holy Saturday** [8<sup>th</sup> April]

Easter Basket blessing - 10am

Easter Vigil - 8pm

**Easter Sunday** [9<sup>th</sup> April] - 10am Mass

## EASTER BASKET BLESSING

In many Eastern European countries, it is custom to have a basket of food blessed which is rich in Easter symbolism. The traditional blessing of 'Easter Food Baskets' will take place on Holy Saturday 8th April at 10am in Our Lady and St. Anne's Church. All are very welcome to attend and experience this lovely tradition.

## CHILDREN'S LITURGY GOOD FRIDAY SESSION

Join us in church at 10am on Friday 7th April for a special Good Friday session. A variety of crafts & activities will be followed by refreshments incl. hot cross buns. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

5<sup>th</sup> April Big Church clean for Easter

15<sup>th</sup> April Cotham Ensemble

23<sup>rd</sup> April St George's Day quiz

18<sup>th</sup> June Glass Concert [choir] in church

## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

26/2/23

C'tless: £160.00

Loose plate £409.66

Candles cash £69.50

Weekly S Orders: £590

5/3/23

C'less: £ 95.00

Loose plate £415.70

Our Lady's Lamp 30.00

Cath. Maint £141.90

Weekly S Orders: £590

## COTHAM ENSEMBLE FROM BRISTOL

Following their previous very successful visit to launch our fundraising for the restoration of the Shrine in 2016 we are delighted to welcome back to St Anne's the Cotham Ensemble on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April @7pm** for an evening of String quintet music by Schubert and Holst. The evening will also include items by Quilter and Vaughan Williams from our own Cantor, David accompanied by Seth.

**Tickets £10** [via Eventbrite] on sale from today. Access the Eventbrite page at:

<https://cothamatcaversham.eventbrite.co.uk>

the parish website or search with

**Eventbrite Cotham Caversham.** If you're not sure how to use Eventbrite ask one of the stewards to help you or ring the parish office 0118 9478717. Please do all you can to share with friends and family. Everybody welcome.

## PARISH MUSIC GROUP. ALL CHANGE!

After over 25 years at the helm, Cathy and Chris Carr are stepping down from leading the parish music group at the end of July.

For the group to continue, the parish needs somebody to take on the leadership role. If you believe this is an exciting possibility for yourself, or you know of someone who would be perfect, please have a chat with anyone from the group after Mass. Cathy & Chris are keen to provide some guidance & support for anybody who is interested.

## READING SCHOOLS REUNION

When: Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> June

Where: St Anne's school hall

Tickets: £15

Full details from: Gabriele Scicluna - 07778 340 444 or [gabrielescicluna@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gabrielescicluna@hotmail.co.uk)

Ron Tyler - tel 07845 162 497



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

**This week's lamp is lit for:**

Sr Anne

Please remember her in your prayers.

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# Background on the Sunday Readings

## Jesus, Resurrection and Life!

Today's readings are a reminder of how God wishes to release us from all that holds us back from him, whether it be sin, despair or the grave itself. God desires to carry us from the emptiness of death, in all its forms, to new life in the Spirit.

In the First Reading, the prophet Ezekiel tells how God will call us, even from the very grave, to offer us the Spirit of life. We will be brought back home to ourselves, and settled on our own soil.

The Psalm shows this same upward movement, from the depths of despair and guilt, to the joy and the fullness of life brought about through redemption.

The Second Reading reveals how this new life is possible – only by Christ living in us. We, ourselves, will be home to the Spirit of God.

The Gospel recalls the story of Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead. Jesus is Resurrection and life and we will see God's glory when we have faith in him.

Perhaps, this week, I might feel called to renew my belief in the one who is Resurrection and fullness of life, and to ponder anew the gifts of life, freedom and joy which the Lord freely offers. What might life in his Spirit look like in the coming week?

Taken from: <https://stbeunosoutreach.wordpress.com/prego/>

**Mass Intentions**  
**Fifth Week of Lent**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Year A**

Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> March	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	26 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00am 12noon	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP Baptism
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Monday of the fifth week of Lent</i>	No Mass	
Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Tuesday of the fifth week of Lent</i>	7.30pm	Esther Pilon RIP
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Wednesday of the fifth week of Lent</i>	9.15am <i>[school Mass]</i>	Int. of Rita Welch
Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Thursday of the fifth week of Lent</i>	9.15am	Rosemary Short RIP
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> March <i>Friday of the fifth week of Lent</i>	9.15am 12.00noon	Mark Swallow RIP <i>Lenten Stations of the Cross followed by soup</i>

**Palm Sunday of the Passion  
of the Lord**

**Year A**

Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> April	5.30pm	Stuart Forte RIP
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10.00am	People of the parish

Rosary prayed before Saturday evening Mass.  
Everybody welcome.