

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year A

29th-30th April 2023

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my own sheep and my own know me.

Jn 10:14

WORLD YOUTH DAY

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone that bought cakes on Easter Sunday - the Easter bakes raised £391.52. Also thank you so much to everyone who supported the St George's Day quiz it was a really fun night and we raised £719.70

We are really grateful for your continued support.

Beth, Amelia, Rayan and Jamie

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ❖ Una Whitbread [funeral details to follow] and
- ❖ Clair Lee - funeral here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Friday 12th May @ 10am.

TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE

In the Cenacle as usual at 9.30am as Mass is in the evening next Tuesday. Advanced warning: there won't be tea/coffee on **Tuesday 9th May**.

VOLUNTEER FIRE MARSHALS

Are you interested in becoming a volunteer Fire Marshall, supporting weekday or weekend masses? Role involves assisting with safe evacuation in the event of fire and promoting and maintaining fire safety. No previous experience necessary and training will be provided. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

16/04/23	23/04/23
C'tless: £ 73.00	C'less: £115.00
Loose plate £257.02	Loose plate £318.68
Holy Places £447.00	Candles £ 62.89
Our Ladys Lamp £10	Cotham total £ 527.70
Weekly S Orders:£590	Weekly S Orders: £590

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.

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 in leading a new group.

Still looking for volunteers.

COTHAM ENSEMBLE

Thank you to everybody who worked so hard to arrange this musical evening and to those who bought a ticket.

A grand total of £527.70 was raised for the building fund.

READING SCHOOLS REUNION

A re-union is being planned for former pupils of the Catholic schools in Reading up to 1975, on Sat. 10th June, 6:30pm-midnight.

Venue: St Anne's School Hall, RG4 5AA.

Entry by ticket only, £15 to include buffet (please notify of any allergies to certain food) & a bar.

Some parking at St Anne's Church car park.

Contact: Gabriele Scicluna - tel 07778 340 444

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Ron Tyler - tel 07845 162 497

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

18th June Glass Ensemble Concert [choir] in church - featuring a member of our church choir

OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

Clara Bertolini

Please keep him in your prayers.



Background on the Sunday Readings

‘I am the gate’

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Gospel for each yearly cycle is always taken from St John, chapter 10, where Jesus speaks of himself as a Good Shepherd.

In today’s Gospel (Year A), Jesus is comparing and contrasting himself with those religious leaders who lack any real commitment or sense of responsibility to the ones in their care. The sheep do not recognise such leaders, but they do know, and are ready to follow, the Good Shepherd who alone enters by the gate. Jesus is warning his listeners to be discerning about those they listen to and those they follow.

The Psalm, ‘The Lord is my Shepherd’, tells us that God is always caring for us, as a shepherd cares for the sheep. In the First Reading, from the Acts of the Apostles, we hear Peter calling all to conversion, while the Second Reading is a reminder that when we do stray, we can always return to the Lord.

Today is also known as Vocations Sunday. So perhaps this week, I could ponder the following questions: On what am I spending my energies? Who do I listen to and follow? How am I giving witness to my faith? What contribution am I making to the building up of truth, love, justice and tolerance? How, and from where, do I hear the Good Shepherd in my daily life?

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

Mass intentions for Fourth Week of Easter

Fourth Sunday of Easter

		Year A	
Saturday	29th April	1.30pm	Wedding
		5.30pm	People of parish
Sunday	30th April	10.00am	Pat & Nancy Casey RIP
		12 noon	Baptism
Monday	1st May	No Mass	
	<i>Memorial of St Joseph the Worker</i>		
Tuesday	2nd May	7.30pm	Maria de Lourdes Osario RIP
	<i>Memorial of St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i>		
Wednesday	3rd May	9.15am	Th'gv'g Our Lady & St Anne
	<i>Feast of Ss Philip and James, Apostles</i>		
Thursday	4th May	9.15am	Tears of the Blessed Virgin Mary
	<i>Feast of the English Martyrs</i>		
Friday	5th May	9.15am	Private intention
	<i>Friday of the fourth week of Easter</i>	<i>[school Mass]</i>	

Fifth Sunday of Easter

		Year A	
Saturday	6th May	5.30pm	People of parish
Sunday	7th May	10.00am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

No Rosary for the next two weekends.