

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter, Year A**

**20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

I will not leave you orphans, says the Lord; I will come back to you, and your hearts will be full of joy.

Jn 14:18

## TRAVELLING STATUE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM

The statue arrives in the parish the week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> May and will be in the Shrine during the week. There will be an evening Mass in honour of Our Lady at 7.30pm on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## PARISH YOUTH GROUP

We are setting up a Youth Group! This will be a social space for children from Year 7 upwards. Our confirmation candidates will also be invited to join after their confirmation, even if they have a few months of Year 6 left!

It will run on the 3rd Sunday of every month, in the cenacle. We also hope to arrange trips once we get up and running. If you are an adult able to \*help\* us, we'd love to hear from you. Please speak to Clare after mass or contact her on 07900 582247. You will have to complete a safeguarding DBS check.

If you would like to \*attend\* our Youth group then watch this space. Details on how to register will be published soon!

## WORLD COMMUNICATIONS – 2<sup>nd</sup> COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

This year's World Communications Day is celebrated this Sunday, 21 May with a theme from Ephesians 4:15, Speaking with the heart - 'The truth in love'. In his message, Pope Francis stresses the need to listen before speaking truth with a pure heart to "see beyond appearances and overcome the vague din which, in the field of information, does not help us discern in the complicated world in which we live."

## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

23/04/23	07/05/23
C'tless: £140.00	C'tless: £100.00
Loose plate £362.68	Loose plate £447.80
Weekly S Orders: £600	Candles £ 43.00
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## REVIVE THE SINGING HEART OF ST ANNES SCHOOL

Do you play the piano?

St Anne's school are asking if there is anybody with half an hour a week to volunteer to lead a whole school session worshipping God through song.

This would involve teaching the children new worship hymns as well as some traditional hymns of the Catholic Church.

Ideally 9-9.30am one day a week but can be flexible if another time suits. The school would just dearly love to revive their singing heart.

Contact the school office by phone or email [admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk)

## PARISH MUSIC GROUP

After 25 years, the leaders of the music group are stepping down at the end of July and are looking for somebody to take on the leadership of the group. If you would like to know what this might involve, speak to Cathy or Chris after Mass. They are happy to support anybody who thinks this might be something for them.

**SCHOOL RE-UNION** for former pupils [up to 1975] of St Anne's, English Martyrs Primary, Hugh Faringdon and St Joseph's Convent on Sat 10th June, 6:30-midnight in St Annes School Hall.

Entry by ticket only, priced at £15 to include buffet (Please notify of any allergies to certain food). Contact: Gabriele Scicluna - tel 07778 340 444

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

11<sup>th</sup> June - First Holy Communion at 10am Mass

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> June - Confirmation Mass @ 7pm

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

15<sup>th</sup> July - talk from Launchpad about their work with the homeless.



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

**Cyril & Robina Turnock**

Please keep them in your prayers.

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## Background on the Sunday Readings

Today's reading is a prayer, which appears at the conclusion of Jesus' Last Supper discourse. At the end of the prayer, Jesus is arrested in the garden. The prayer might be read as Jesus' final commendation of himself to the Father. In the prayer, Jesus also expresses care and concern for his disciples.

Jesus' prayer reaffirms the complete union between Jesus and the Father. Throughout John's Gospel, Jesus has been presented as the Word, who pre-existed with the Father and was sent to do the Father's work on earth. In this prayer we learn that Jesus' life and ministry have been directed toward one purpose, revealing the Father. When this work is accomplished, Jesus is to return to the Father to be glorified. Regardless of what happens to Jesus, in John's Gospel, Jesus and the Father are in charge. Even in the description of Jesus' death, Jesus does not simply die but instead hands over his spirit.

In today's Gospel we also note the distinction found in John's Gospel between the world and the disciples. The disciples are in the world, but they are separate from it because they have been given to Jesus. They are chosen from the world to be in service to the world for its salvation. This salvation has been accomplished in Jesus because Jesus has revealed the Father to the world, but the disciples will be sent by Jesus to make both the Father and Jesus known to the world. Jesus' prayer is for the disciples' work in the world.

Taken from: Loyola press Sunday connection

# Mass intentions for Seventh Week of Easter

## Seventh Sunday of Easter

## Year A

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> May	10.00am	Terry Colehan RIP
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> May	9.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Rita of Cascia, Religious</i>			
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> May	No Mass	
<i>Tuesday of the seventh week of Easter</i>			
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> May	7.30pm	Private intention
<i>Wednesday of the seventh week of Easter</i>			
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Bede the Venerable, Priest Doctor of the Church</i>			
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> May	9.15	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Philip Neri, Priest</i> [school at Mass]			

## Solemnity of Pentecost

## Year A

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> May	5.30pm	Sheila Hill RIP
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	People of the parish

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.  
Everybody welcome.