

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2023

Open our heart, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son.

Ac16:14

## ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY

Fr Joe celebrates his ordination anniversary on Thursday of this week. Do come and observe it with him. There will be hymns at the evening Mass on Thursday [7.30pm] followed by drinks and nibbles in the Cenacle.

## LAUNCHPAD PRESENTATION

Launchpad is a local charity supporting the homeless in Reading. On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July, they will give a presentation in the Cenacle at 7pm highlighting the work that they do and how you can get involved. It is a free event [incl. wine & nibbles] with donations to Launchpad on the evening. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church or contact the office by email if interested.

## FIRE MARSHAL

Are you calm and able to think straight in an emergency situation? Would you be able to communicate with others in an effective way?

We are looking for volunteer fire marshals at each Mass. Training would be provided. If you are interested or would like to know more, please contact the office on [ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk)

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL [SVP]

### CIRDIC TOILETRIES DONATIONS

In support of CIRDIC the SVP is organising a collection of much needed men's toiletries including shower gel, roll-on or stick deodorants and shampoo. There will be a box at the back of church alongside the box for food bank donations. The generosity of our community is much appreciated so a huge thanks for your continued help.

## SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEK

A collection for Peter's Pence, which supports the Pope's charitable works and the Holy See, will be taken at all Masses this weekend, 1-2 July.

## THE POPE'S PRAYER INTENTION FOR JULY

In his intention for July, Pope Francis followed his intention for families by urging all Catholics to pray for those living through old age.

*"Let us pray for the elderly, that they may become teachers of tenderness so that their experience and wisdom may help young people to look towards the future with hope and responsibility."*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

11/06/23	18/06/23
C'tless: £ 73.00	C'tless: £ 140.00
Shop £ 13.00	C'tless Building fund £230
Loose plate £453.37	Shop £ 5.00
Candles £ 23.30	C'tless candles £ 5.00
Weekly S Orders: £600	Loose plate £ 572.02
	Glass Ensemble £ 130.00
	Weekly S Orders: £600

## OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:  
**God's blessings for the family  
& friends of Monika**

Please remember them  
in your prayers.



## Background on the Sunday Readings

Today's Gospel is the conclusion of the instructions and consolations that we have heard Jesus offering to his disciples during the past few weeks. In this passage, Jesus summarizes both the costs of discipleship and its rewards. Once again our understanding of the Gospel is strengthened by considering the context in which it was written and the perspective of Matthew's audience.

The conditions of discipleship outlined in Matthew's Gospel may appear harsh. Yet they underline for us a truth—choosing anything with one's whole heart has consequences. Choosing life with Christ means that every relationship we have must be understood from a new perspective. For many in Matthew's community, this choice brought division to their family. Jesus further emphasizes that nothing should take precedence over our commitment to God, not even family. While familial ties are essential, discipleship demands an unwavering dedication to God's kingdom. This teaching underscores the radical call to discipleship, where our love for God should surpass any earthly attachments. By prioritizing our devotion to God above all else, we open ourselves to a deeper relationship with Him and allow His grace to guide our every action.

Jesus prepares His disciples for their mission of spreading the Good News to the world. He speaks of prophets and the rejection they often face, foreshadowing the challenges the apostles will encounter in their ministry. Like the prophets of old, the apostles are called to proclaim the truth fearlessly, even in the face of adversity.

Today's Gospel also highlights for us the importance of hospitality in the Christian life. To welcome another in Jesus' name is to extend hospitality to Jesus himself. We have many opportunities in our daily life to reach out to others, to be a welcoming presence and a sign of God's love.

# Mass intentions for Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	1 <sup>st</sup> July	12.30pm	Wedding
		5.30pm	Mrs Margaret McCarthy RIP
Sunday	2 <sup>nd</sup> July	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	3 <sup>rd</sup> July	No Mass	
<i>Feast of St Thomas, Apostle</i>			
Tuesday	4 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Memorial of St Elizabeth of Portugal</i>			
Wednesday	5 <sup>th</sup> July	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Anthony Mary Zaccaria, Priest</i>			
Thursday	6 <sup>th</sup> July		
<i>Optional memorial of St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr</i>		7.30pm	In thanksgiving
Friday	7 <sup>th</sup> July	9.15am	Private intention
<i>Friday of week 13 of Ordinary Time</i>			

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	9 <sup>th</sup> July	10.00am	Tony McAdden RIP

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.  
Everybody welcome.