

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>h</sup> June 2023**

The spirit of truth will be my witness; and you too will be my witnesses.

Jn15:26,27

## SOLEMNITY OF SS PETER & PAUL

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June is the solemnity of Saints Peter & Paul and a holy day of obligation. There will be Mass at 9.15am led by the school and a sung Mass at 7.30pm in the evening.

## 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).

## THE CATENIAN ASSOCIATION:

Skittles evening on Fri 30 June at 7.00pm at Burghfield Sports & Social Club, RG30 3RS £5 pp. Food & drink from the bar. If you would like to join in, please contact Sean Walsh 07850 933647 [sean.walshx@icloud.com](mailto:sean.walshx@icloud.com)

## 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      |

## 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 help.

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEK

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

## THANK YOU

Glass Ensemble would like to thank the Parish for their warm welcome and appreciative attendance at the 'Of Prayers and Dreams' concert on Saturday 18 June.

The retiring collection for the church building fund raised £130. We'd love to sing at OLSA again!

## THANK YOU

to everybody who came to the Reading Catholic Schools reunion at St Anne's School and helped to make it such an enjoyable occasion.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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

## OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:

**Peter Lennon RIP &  
Pat Skidmore**

Please remember them  
in your prayers.



## Background on the Sunday Readings

In today's Gospel, Jesus shares his mission to proclaim the kingdom of heaven with his disciples. The signs of the kingdom's presence consist of the work that Jesus has already been doing: the sick are cured, lepers are cleansed, demons are driven out, and the dead are raised to life. The disciples are sent to continue doing the work that Jesus has begun. This is a moment of transition in Matthew's Gospel. The focus has shifted from the ministry of Jesus to the work of the community that he has inaugurated. More than any other Gospel, Matthew's Gospel elaborates on the work of the Church, which is to continue after Jesus' death and resurrection.

The Gospel reports that Jesus commissions twelve disciples. Many scholars believe that the twelve disciples symbolize the twelve tribes of Israel. It designates, therefore, continuity between Israel and the Church.

Matthew lists the names of the twelve disciples, as do Mark and Luke. Matthew also uses the word apostle when referring to the Twelve. The word apostle means "one who is sent." In this context, Matthew is calling attention to the mission that the twelve disciples are being given. They are sent by Jesus to proclaim the kingdom of heaven in word and deed.

As Jesus sent his disciples to continue his work and mission, so too the Church is sent by Jesus. The Church is his continuing presence on earth. Every member of the Church is sent by Jesus to contribute to this mission.

# Mass intentions for Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year A

|          |                       |         |                      |
|----------|-----------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Saturday | 24 <sup>th</sup> June | 5.30pm  | People of the parish |
| Sunday   | 25 <sup>th</sup> June | 10.00am | Fr Paul Martin       |

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June No Mass

*Monday of week 12 in Ordinary Time*

Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm Th'giv'g Our Lady & St Anne  
*Memorial of St Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop  
Doctor of the Church*

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Private intention  
*Memorial of St Irenaeus, Bishop,  
Doctor of the Church, Martyr*

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Private intention  
*Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul, Apostles [school attending]*  
[Holy day of obligation] 7.30pm Private intention

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 9.15am Private intention  
*Memorial of the First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church*

## 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      |

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.  
Everybody welcome.