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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
29th – 30th July 2023

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you
everything I have learnt from my Father.

Jn15:15

FR JOE'S INDUCTION MASS

This will be at 7pm on Friday 6th October.
Save the date!

ROCK N ALE 2023

The Rock 'n' Ale Festival is now into its 11th year. This year's event will be held on Saturday 2nd September and tickets are now on sale.

The event is a family event and not only generates funds for the Motor Neuron Disease Association but is also a major contributor to Parish income.

There will be a full bar provided by the Last Crumb, children's entertainment,

three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, a hog roast and vegetarian chilli.

Tickets are £13 for adults, £5 for under 16's and under 5's are free.

They can be bought after mass, by visiting www.facebook.com/rocknale or www.wegottickets.com/event/575697#tickets

PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Provisional Church Pilgrimage October 2024. Taking in Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Avila and Segovia. Details on the noticeboard. Contact the parish office by phone or email to register interest.

WORLD YOUTH DAY AT HOME

Not able to go to Lisbon for WYD?

Why not join in with a day of music, prayer, talks, activities and Mass on **Sunday 5th August 11am-5pm at Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place LONDON WC2H 7BX.** To take part register at: bit.ly/wydlondon.

CAFOD SEEDS FOR CHANGE

If you feel inspired to act following the 'Seeds for Change' talk, use the link on the Cafod website, <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system-to-email-the-World-Bank>. Ask your local MP to lobby government to push the World Bank to support policies that uphold farmers' rights to save, share and exchange their own seeds. For Reading East, incl. Caversham, this is 'mattroddampcasework@parliament.uk'

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

25/06/23

C'tless: £103.00

C'less Building fund
£ 3.00

Shop £ 6.00

Loose plate £252.76

Weekly S Orders: £600

02/07/23

C'less: £ 235.00

Shop £ 10.00

Loose plate £ 260.01

Peter's Pence £ 180.32

Weekly S Orders: £600

09/07/23

C'tless: £ 123.00

Shop £ 11.50

C'less candles £ 6.00

Loose plate £250.43

Stella Maris £236.12

Weekly S Orders: £600

16/07/23

C'less: £ 148.00

Loose plate £ 404.95

Candles £ 32.24

Weekly S Orders: £600

CHILDREN NEEDING THE LOO DURING MASS

For everybody's safety, parents should accompany any child who needs to use the restroom during Mass. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S COLLEGE, Reading seeks a part-time Chaplain (Lay or Religious) from Sep 2023. Info at

<https://www.sjcr.org.uk/vacancies/>



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:
the souls of the faithful departed
Please remember them
in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Today's Gospel concludes with a curious statement about the scribe who understands the kingdom of heaven. Here a metaphor is offered: this scribe is like the head of a household who "brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The scribes referred to here are experts of Mosaic law. It is possible that Jesus is here instructing the early Christian community on how to proceed in the interpretation of Jewish law with respect to Jesus' "new" teaching. Jesus' teaching about the kingdom of heaven does not replace the Jewish tradition; it interprets it in a different light.

Mass intentions for Seventeenth Week in Ordinary Time

| Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time | | | Year A |
|---|------------------------|---------|------------------------------|
| Saturday | 29 th July | 5.30pm | Margaret Saucell RIP |
| Sunday | 30 th July | 10.00am | People of the parish |
| Monday | 31 st July | No Mass | |
| <i>Memorial of St Ignatius of Loyola, Priest</i> | | | |
| Tuesday | 1 st August | 7.30pm | Th'giving Our Lady & St Anne |
| <i>Memorial of St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori Bishop, Doctor of the Church</i> | | | |
| Wednesday | 2 nd August | 9.15am | Tom Leonard RIP |
| <i>Wednesday of week 17 in Ordinary Time</i> | | | |
| Thursday | 3 rd August | | |
| <i>Thursday of week 17 in Ordinary Time</i> | | | |
| Friday | 4 th August | 9.15am | Private intention |
| <i>Memorial of St John Mary Vianney, Priest</i> | | | |
| Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord | | | Year A |
| Saturday | 5 th August | 5.30pm | David Day RIP |
| Sunday | 6 th August | 10.00am | People of the parish |

Rosary before Saturday evening Mass.
Everybody welcome.

The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **Julia Feeney**. They can be contacted at: sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.