

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Solemnity of St Joachim & St Anne, Year A**

**22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2023**

They looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit  
rested upon them.

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## FR JOE'S INDUCTION MASS

This will be at 7pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.facebook.com/rocknale) or [www.wegottickets.com/event/575697#tickets](http://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.

## 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 5<sup>th</sup> August 11am-5pm** at **Notre Dame de France, 5 Leicester Place LONDON WC2H 7BX.**

You will need to register to take part at: [bit.ly/wydlondon](http://bit.ly/wydlondon).

## CAFOD SEEDS FOR CHANGE

If you feel inspired to act following the 'Seeds for Change' talk, please use the link on the Cafod website, <https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/fix-the-food-system-to-email-the-World-Bank>.

Please 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, which incorporates Caversham, this is [mattroddampcasework@parliament.uk](mailto:mattroddampcasework@parliament.uk)

## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

25/06/23	02/07/23
C'tless: £103.00	C'tless: £ 235.00
C'less Building fund £ 3.00	Shop £ 10.00
Shop £ 6.00	Loose plate £ 260.01
Loose plate £252.76	Peter's Pence £ 180.32
Weekly S Orders:£600	Weekly S Orders: £600

09/07/23	16/07/23
C'tless: £ 123.00	C'tless: £ 148.00
Shop £ 11.50	Loose plate £ 404.95
C'less candles£ 6.00	Candles £ 32.24
Loose plate £250.43	Weekly S Orders: £600
Stella Maris £236.12	
Weekly S Orders:£600	

## CHILDREN NEEDING THE BATHROOM DURING MASS

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



### OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week's lamp is lit for:  
**Peace for the whole world**  
Please remember this  
in your prayers.

Today we honour the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the grandparents of Jesus. Their names are not recorded in the Gospels but first come to us from a mid-second-century apocryphal document called the Gospel of James. Though this “gospel” has been determined to be inauthentic, it is the earliest record we have of the Blessed Mother’s parents. At the very least, we can presume that their names are correct: Joachim and Anne.

According to those traditions, Joachim was a very wealthy and generous man. He and his wife, Anne, however, were childless until they were advanced in years. One day, before Anne conceived the Blessed Virgin Mary, Joachim arrived at the Temple to make an offering. It was rejected by a man named Rubim, most likely a Levitical priest, because Joachim was childless. “It is not right for you first to bring your offerings, because you have not made seed in Israel.” Children were exceedingly important at that time; to be childless was understood as disfavour from God.

Distressed, Joachim left the Temple and studied the Scriptures to see if he could find anyone of importance who, like he and Anne, were childless. When he came upon Abraham, he recalled that Abraham was only given a child in his old age. Rather than returning home to Anne, Joachim embarked on a forty-day period of fasting and praying in the desert, beseeching God for a child.

Anne, for her part, also went to pray, asking God for a child. As she prayed, an angel appeared to her and said, “Anne, Anne, the Lord has heard your prayer, and you shall conceive, and shall bring forth; and your seed shall be spoken of in all the world.” An angel also appeared to Joachim and said, “Joachim, Joachim, the Lord God has heard your prayer. Go down hence; for, behold, your wife Anne shall conceive.” Nine months later, Anne bore a daughter, and the couple named her Mary. Because of a vow they had made, when Mary was only three, Joachim and Anne brought her to the Temple where she took up residence until it was time for her to be married. She was educated by the priests and holy women and spent her days in prayer and union with God.

Regardless of the authenticity of the legends about Saints Joachim and Anne, we know for certain that the Blessed Virgin Mary had parents. They loved her, raised her, and offered her to God. Today they are saints under the names of Joachim and Anne, and the faithful continue to seek their intercession. They are especially called upon for their intercession for grandparents. In fact, on a spiritual level, just as the Blessed Virgin Mary can be seen as our spiritual mother, so also Saint Joachim and Anne can be seen as our spiritual grandparents in the order of grace.

# Mass intentions for Sixteenth Week in Ordinary Time

## St Joachim & St Anne

## Year A

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> July	5.30pm	Int. Maureen Lennon
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> July	10.00am	People of the parish

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> July No Mass

*Monday of week 16 in Ordinary Time*

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> July No Mass

*Feast of St James, Apostle*

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July No Mass

*Wednesday of week 16 in Ordinary Time*

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July No Mass

*Thursday of week 16 in Ordinary Time*

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July No Mass

*Friday of week 16 of Ordinary Time*

## Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year A

Saturday	29 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30pm	Margaret Saucell RIP
Sunday	30 <sup>th</sup> July	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](mailto:sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk) or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concern.