

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**The Transfiguration of the Lord, Year A**

**5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

This is my Son, the Beloved: he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.

Mt 17:5

## 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 Neurone 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.wegotickets.com/event/575697#tickets](http://www.wegotickets.com/event/575697#tickets)



## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

23/07/23

C'tless: £ 88.00

Building fund £ 10.00

Loose plate £247.44

Candles £ 46.90

Weekly S Orders: £600

30/07/23

C'less: £ 125.00

Loose plate £ 182.08

Candles £ 24.07

Weekly S Orders: £600

## PROPOSED PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Provisional Church Pilgrimage  
15 -21<sup>st</sup> October 2024. Taking in Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Avila and Segovia. £1200-£1350 depending on numbers. More details on the noticeboard. Contact the parish office by phone or email by 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 to register interest.

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Kathleen Kearns. Her funeral will take place at **St Michael's Church**, Sonning Common on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August at 11am.

## 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'

## 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:  
**Geoffrey Bradbury RIP**  
Please remember him  
in your prayers.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's liturgy invites us to celebrate the feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord. This feast calls to our attention the importance of this event in Jesus' life, further affirmed by its report in each of the Synoptic Gospels: Matthew, Mark, and Luke. In Cycle A, the reading for this feast is taken from the Gospel of Matthew. The Transfiguration occurs after Peter confesses his belief that Jesus is the Messiah and after Jesus predicts his Passion. In each of these Gospels, a discussion of the cost of discipleship precedes the Transfiguration.

In each Gospel, Jesus takes three of his disciples—Peter, James, and John—to a high mountain. While they are there, Elijah and Moses appear and converse with Jesus. Elijah and Moses are both significant figures in the history of Israel. Moses led the Israelites out of slavery in Egypt and received from Yahweh the Ten Commandments. Moses represents the Law, which guides the lives of the Jewish people. Elijah is one of the most important prophets of Israel who helped the Israelites stay faithful to Yahweh, and some believed that Elijah's return would signal the coming of the Messiah for the Jewish people. The appearance of these two figures from Israel's history indicated Jesus' continuity with the Law and the prophets. They also reveal that Jesus is the fulfillment of all that was promised to the people of Israel.

Upon witnessing Jesus' Transfiguration and seeing Jesus with Elijah and Moses, an awestruck Peter offered to construct three tents for them when a voice from Heaven affirms that Jesus is "my beloved Son" and commands the disciples to listen to him. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, Jesus instructed the disciples to keep secret what they had seen until after "the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." Until they witnessed Jesus' Passion and Death, the disciples could not possibly understand what he meant by being "raised from the dead." We, however, have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of the Transfiguration Gospel, we see an anticipation of Jesus' Resurrection, a foreshadowing of Christ's glory in Heaven, and the promise of our own resurrection.

# Mass intentions for Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time

| The Transfiguration of the Lord   |                         |         | Year A                          |
|---|-------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| Saturday  | 5 <sup>th</sup> August  | 5.30pm  | David Day RIP                   |
| Sunday  | 6 <sup>th</sup> August  | 10.00am | People of the parish            |
| Monday  | 7 <sup>th</sup> August  | 9.15am  | Private intention               |
| <i>Memorial of St Sixtus II, Pope and Companions, Martyrs</i>                     |                         |         |                                 |
| Tuesday   | 8 <sup>th</sup> August  | No Mass |                                 |
| <i>Memorial of St Dominic, Priest</i>   |                         |         |                                 |
| Wednesday   | 9 <sup>th</sup> August  | 7.30pm  | Bill Broughton RIP              |
| <i>Feast of St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross<br/>[Edith Stein] Virgin, Martyr</i> |                         |         |                                 |
| Thursday  | 10 <sup>th</sup> August | 9.15am  | Private intention               |
| <i>Feast of St Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr</i>                                       |                         |         |                                 |
| Friday  | 11 <sup>th</sup> August | 9.15am  | Mary Withers<br>[née Cross] RIP |
| <i>Memorial of St Clare, Virgin</i>   |                         |         |                                 |

| Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time |                         |         | Year A               |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------|----------------------|
| Saturday                           | 12 <sup>th</sup> August | 5.30pm  | Gerard Semple RIP    |
| Sunday                             | 13 <sup>th</sup> 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](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.