

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

**23<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Blessings on the King who comes, in the name of the Lord!

## FR JOE'S INDUCTION MASS

Fr Joe will be formally inducted into the parish by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick at 7pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October.

Mass will be followed by a buffet in the Cenacle. It would be lovely to see as many people as possible there.

To help with catering, please sign up on the list at the back if you intend coming.

## WELCOME TO FR TIMOTHY FORD

We welcome Fr Timothy who is celebrating both Masses this weekend.

## CATHOLIC EVANGELISATION & MISSION

Second collection taken after both Masses this weekend for the work of Catholic Evangelisation.

## RETURN OF 200 CLUB

£20 for 3 months, draw to take place last Sunday of each month. Some money goes out as prizes, the rest goes into parish funds. Forms available in the narthex, return to parish office by 24<sup>th</sup> September for the first draw on 1<sup>st</sup> October - NEXT WEEKEND.

The more people take part, the better the prizes. 😊

## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

10/09/23	17/09/23
C'tless: £ 143.00	C'tless: £ 171.00
Loose plate £ 230.76	Loose plate £ 179.92
Candles £ 14.80	200 club £ 610.00
Tea/coffee £ 13.05	Spiritans £ 371.93
200 club £ 100.00	Candles £ 15.30
	Our Ladys Lamp £20
Weekly S Orders: £700	Weekly S Orders: £700

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY [SVP]

Please join us after mass on **Sunday 1 October** in the Cenacle for tea and cake, and find out a little more about St Vincent de Paul and Blessed Frederik Ozanam. Prayer cards dedicated to St Vincent de Paul are available to join in our prayer and celebration. We look forward to seeing you there!

27<sup>th</sup> September is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul, the French 17<sup>th</sup> century priest known as the patron of Catholic charities for his work among the poor and marginalized. The SVP conference of Our Lady & St Anne strives to provide community support through befriending people in our community and assistance for families such as our foodbank drive. While celebrating St Vincent de Paul we also remember the founder of the SVP Society, Blessed Frederik Ozanam, who's feast day was on 9 September.



## SEASON OF CREATION

[Join the river of justice and peace: visit the Season of Creation website](#)

Our prayers must call for justice not only for human beings, but for all creation. In covenant with peace, we are called to consider our ecological impact and to change our attitudes and actions.

## OFFICIAL MASS COUNT

This will be taken at all Masses for the next four weekends.



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week the lamp is lit for:

**Mary P D RIP**

**[repeat as it wasn't lit last week]**

Please remember her in your prayers.

## Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel, Jesus moves from Galilee to teach in Judea where he is sought out by great crowds and tested by the Pharisees on issues such as marriage and divorce. Jesus also encounters a rich young man who is unable to accept Jesus' demand that he leave his possessions to follow him. Jesus' response to the rich young man sounds very much like the conclusion we will find in today's Gospel: the first will be last and the last will be first.

On the surface, the parable of the workers in the vineyard appears to be an offense to common sense. Those who work a longer day ought to be paid more than those who work just an hour or two. When viewed in this way, the landowner seems unfair. That is because we are reading into the parable our own preconceived notions of how fairness and equality should be quantified.

A close read shows us that the landowner paid on the terms that were negotiated. The landowner, it seems, has acted completely justly. The parable goes beyond that, however, and we come to see that the landowner is not simply just, he is exceptionally just. He is radically just. He has given those who laboured in the field for a full day their due pay. But he has also given a full-day's wage to those who worked only a single hour. No one is cheated, but a few receive abundantly from the landowner just as we receive from God more than what is merely justifiable or due. God, like the landowner, is radically just and abundantly generous. The workers who complain are made to look foolish as they lament the fact that the landowner has made all workers equal. Indeed, what more could one ask for than to be treated as an equal at work or anywhere else?

The parable reminds us that although God owes us nothing, he offers abundantly and equally. We are occasionally tempted to think that our own actions deserve more reward, more of God's abundant mercy, than the actions of others. But God's generosity cannot be quantified or partitioned into different amounts for different people. When we think that way, we are trying to relate to God on our terms rather than to accept God's radically different ways.

# Mass intentions for Twenty-fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	23 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	24 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Nicola Dominic RIP
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 25 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of Ss Cosmos &amp; Damian</i>			
Wednesday	27 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Vincent de Paul, Priest</i>			
Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Feast of St Wenceslaus, Martyr</i>			
Friday	29 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Feast of Ss Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels</i>			
Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm	Edith Bermingham RIP
Sunday	1 <sup>st</sup> October	10.00am	People of the parish
		12 noon	Baptism

The Rosary is prayed in front of the Shrine  
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.