

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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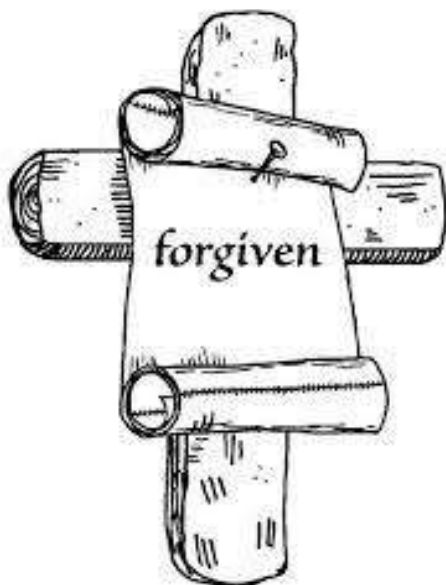
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Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

16th-17th September 2023

Speak, Lord, your servant is listening:
you have the message of eternal life.

FR JOE'S INDUCTION MASS

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

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

This is for all parish volunteers in a parish role that requires a DBS clearance. It will take place next weekend in the Cenacle on **Saturday 23rd September** from 9am to 12.30. Please email the office by **Thurs 21st Sept** to say that you plan to attend.

Spiritans Mission Appeal

This weekend [16-17th Sept] we welcome Fr Remigius Ndubuisi who will be making an appeal on behalf of the Spiritans to support their missionary work.

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 24th September for the first draw on 1st October.

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

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

03/09/23

C'tless: £ 128.00
Building fund £1000.00
Loose plate £ 328.21
Candles £ 10.65

Weekly S Orders: £700

10/09/23

C'tless: £ 143.00
200 club £ 100.00
Loose plate £ 230.76
Tea/coffee £ 13.05
Candles £ 14.80

Weekly S Orders: £700

PARISH PILGRIMAGE

Church Pilgrimage taking in Santiago De Compostela, Burgos, Avila and Segovia. Approx **£1340** [based on sharing a room]. More details on the posters in the narthex. Contact the parish office by phone or email by **17th Sept 2023** to register interest.

Information evening in the Cenacle on Monday 18th September @ 7pm for all those who have already expressed an interest and anybody who would like to know more.

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!

27th September is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul, the French 17th 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 is on 9 September.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

This week the lamp is lit for:

Mary P D RIP

Please remember her in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading directly follows last week's Gospel in which Jesus taught the disciples how to handle disputes and conflict within the Christian community. In today's reading Peter asks Jesus how many times one ought to extend forgiveness to another. Peter proposes a reasonable number of times, perhaps seven. Jesus replies by extending Peter's proposal by an enormous amount; not just seven times should one forgive, but 77 times. The parable of the unforgiving servant is Jesus' elaboration of his initial reply to Peter. Through the parable we come to understand the depths of God's mercy toward us and the results of our acceptance of God's forgiveness.

The king in the parable decides to settle accounts with his servants. We are told that one servant in particular owes the king an enormous sum of money. Despite the promise of the servant, it is unlikely that he would ever be able to repay the debt that he owes. The king is moved by the humility of the pleading servant and mercifully forgives the debt. Rather than displaying gratitude for this forgiveness, the servant confronts a fellow servant who owes him a small debt—a pittance when compared with the amount that was owed to the king. The unmerciful servant refuses the pleas of his fellow servant and sends the servant to prison.

A few other servants tell the merciful king about the actions of the unforgiving servant. The king punishes the servant because he refused to show the kind of mercy he had himself received from the king. Jesus concludes by indicating that this is how it will be with God and those who refuse to forgive one another.

There is a temptation to quantify forgiveness as Peter tried to do, but Jesus' point is that forgiveness is not about quantity—the number of times we extend forgiveness to another. In the parable the king's forgiveness is like God's forgiveness, and it transforms us, helping us to be as forgiving as God. The lesson is clear: If we hoard God's mercy while showing no mercy to others, we risk forfeiting the effects of God's mercy in our lives.

Mass intentions for Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th September 5.30pm
Sunday 17th September 10.00am

Year A

People of the parish
Patrick Rowe &
Timmie Buckley RIP

Monday 18th September No Mass
Monday of week 24 in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 19th September No Mass
Memorial of St Theodore of Canterbury, Bishop

Wednesday 20th September No Mass
*Memorial of St Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest,
Paul Chong Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

Thursday 21st September No Mass
Feast of St Matthew, Apostle, Evangelist

Friday 22nd September No Mass
Friday of week 2 in Ordinary Time

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 23rd September 5.30pm
Sunday 24th September 10.00am

Year A

People of the parish
Nicola Dominic RIP

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.