

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Twentysixth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

30th Sept-1st October 2023

If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him.

PARISH PILGRIMAGE 2024

Would you still like to go? Would any family or friends like to join you?

The deadline has been extended to Sunday 8th October. Return a form (at the back of the church) with £100pp deposit to the parish office. Cheque or transfer accepted.

Rest In Peace

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ❖ **John Lyttle** - funeral here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Friday 6th October @ 10.30am
- ❖ **Frank Jennings** - former parishioner whose funeral is at English Martyrs, Reading on Thursday 12th October at 10.30am. May they rest in peace and those who mourn them find comfort.

DAY FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Sat, 14th Oct 9.45am-3.00pm @
St Michael's RC Church Sonning
Common RG4 9SU

An opportunity for spouses to remember their wedding day and reflect on their marriage journey together.

The day will be led by couples from St Michael's and St Anne's using words, images and music. Drinks will be provided. Bring your lunch.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

10/09/23

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

Weekly S Orders: £700

17/09/23

C'tless: £ 171.00
Loose plate £ 179.92
200 club £ 610.00
Spiritans £ 371.93
Candles £ 15.30

Our Ladys Lamp £20

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!

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 was on 9 September.

RETURN OF 200 CLUB

The first draw will be 1st October after Sunday morning Mass in the cenacle. Winners to be announced in next week's newsletter.

VACANCIES AT ST ANNES SCHOOL

Teaching Assistant and After School Club Assistant required. If interested, download an application pack from: www.st-annes.reading.sch.uk. Poster on the noticeboard.

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:
For anybody who is lonely

Please remember them in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

The context for today's Gospel is the mounting tension between Jesus and the Jewish religious leaders. Jesus has entered Jerusalem and overturned the money changers' tables in the Temple. Jesus has caught the attention of the religious authorities; the chief priests and elders question Jesus about the source of his authority. Jesus refuses to name for these religious leaders the source of his authority. Instead, he questions the priests and elders through the parable we hear in today's Gospel. The answer given by the religious leaders is correct, but it convicts them for their failure to heed the call of John the Baptist and for their inability to recognize the Kingdom of God.

The situation Jesus poses is rather straightforward. Given the same task by their father, one son asserts his disobedience in words, but then obeys in his actions; the second son obeys with his words, but disobeys in his actions. The question that Jesus poses is pointed and direct: Which son did what the father wanted? All would agree that "actions speak louder than words" and that even if his words were disobedient, the son who did the work as ordered did the father's will.

Jesus' conclusion is also direct. The chief priests and elders, the ones who speak most often about God, did not act accordingly. They did not respond to the message of repentance announced by John the Baptist with a change of heart. Instead, John's message was heeded by those one would not expect to repent—tax collectors, prostitutes, and other sinners. Because of their actions, these sinners will enter the Kingdom of God ahead of the religious leaders.

Jesus could ask us the same question. Do our words indicate our obedience to God? If not our words, do our actions? God desires a full conversion of heart, that our actions (and our words as well) will give evidence of our love for God.

Mass intentions for Twenty-sixth Week in Ordinary Time

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	30 th September	5.30pm	Edith Bermingham RIP
Sunday	1 st October	10.00am	People of the parish
		12 noon	Baptism
Monday	2 nd October	9.15am	
	<i>Memorial of the Holy Guardian Angels</i>		
Tuesday	3 rd October	No Mass	
	<i>Tuesday of week 26 in Ordinary Time</i>		
Wednesday	4 th October	7.30pm	
	<i>Memorial of St Francis of Assisi</i>		
Thursday	5 th October	9.15am	
	<i>Memorial of St Faustina Kowalska</i>		
Friday	6 th October	10.30am	Requiem- John Lyttle
		7.00pm	Induction Mass

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	7 th October	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	8 th October	10.00am	Rosaleen Ryan 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.*