

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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*For where*  
TWO OR THREE  
**GATHER**  
IN MY NAME  
*I am with them*  
Matt 18:20

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

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

Your word is truth, O Lord:  
consecrate us in the truth.

## FR JOE'S INDUCTION MASS

Fr Joe will be formally inducted to 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.

## SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

This is for all parish volunteers in a parish role that requires a DBS clearance. It will take place in the Cenacle on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September from 9am to 12.30. Please email the office to let them know that you will attend.

## Spiritans Mission Appeal

Next weekend [16-17<sup>th</sup> Sept] Fr Remigius Ndubuisi 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 24<sup>th</sup> September for the first draw on 1<sup>st</sup> October.

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

## WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

27/08/23

C'tless: £ 108.00  
Loose plate £ 195.09  
Candles £ 18.40  
Tea/coffee £ 42.70

Weekly S Orders: £700

03/09/23

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

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 17<sup>th</sup> Sept 2023 to register interest.

**Information evening in the Cenacle on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 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!

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 is on 9 September.

## YOUTH CLUB NIGHT

For 11-16 year olds [accompanied by parent/guardian].

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September 5pm - 7pm  
Come and see what it's all about.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

**no dedication this week**

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel reading is taken from a chapter of Matthew's Gospel, which is sometimes called the "discourse on the Church" or the "church order" discourse. In this part of Matthew's Gospel, Jesus speaks more directly about matters of Church discipline and order. In today's reading we find one of only three instances in which Jesus uses the word church in Matthew's Gospel. In Matthew's record of Jesus' teaching, we can hear echoes of the kinds of issues faced by the early Christian community.

In the first part, Matthew addresses the Christian community's concerns about rank. Jesus responds to the disciples' question about who is greatest in the kingdom of heaven. Jesus indicates that those who wish to enter the kingdom of heaven must be like children, and he cautions those leaders who might lead these "little ones" astray. He also responds with the parable of the lost sheep, indicating how God will seek out and bring back those "little ones" who have strayed.

In today's Gospel reading, Matthew 18:15-20, Jesus addresses a common occurrence in the Christian community: a dispute between two members of the Church. Jesus outlines a procedure for settling such matters fairly. The victim should privately address the offender and attempt to resolve the dispute without outside involvement. If that fails, then the victim should bring two or three witnesses and confront the offender again. If the dispute is still unresolved, the matter should be brought to the attention of the entire community. If the offender refuses to adhere to the reparations prescribed by the community, then Jesus suggests that the offender may be expelled from the Church.

Jesus does not discourage disagreement within the community of the Church; he acknowledges the reality of conflict and error and offers his disciples a means for addressing such matters. It is in the conclusion to this teaching that the message of hope is found: Jesus is present with the community and will guide the community in its relations. If decisions are taken in prayer, then the community can be assured of God's assistance.

# Mass intentions for Twenty-third Week in Ordinary Time

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm	Katheryn Rogan RIP & deceased of Anderson family
Sunday	10 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am 12.30pm	People of the parish Baptism
Monday	11 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Monday of week 23 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of the Most Holy Name of Mary</i>			
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St John Chrysostom, Bishop Doctor of the Church</i>			
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross</i>			
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> September	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows</i>			

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time			Year A
Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup> September	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	17 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00am	Patrick Rowe & Timmie Buckley 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](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.