

Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
21st-22nd October 2023

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

WELCOME to Fr Royston who is offering all Masses this weekend.

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Kidmore End – 2pm, Sunday 12th November.

Henley Road – 2.30pm, Sunday 12th November. Please note change of time from previous years. This is to allow for more blessings to be in daylight.

FAIR TRADE MARQUEE SALE

Thurs. 19th – Saturday 21st October
10am – 4pm @ 97 South View Avenue
(come round the side of the house)

Beautiful and unique crafts from around the world.

Crafts from Pamcrafts in aid of Launchpad.

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SECOND COLLECTION APF MISSIO

A collection will be taken after both Masses next weekend [28-29 Oct] to support the work of Missio. Gift aid envelopes are available this weekend.

WEEKLY PARISH INCOME

08/10/23

C'tless: £ 173.00
Loose plate £ 318.91
Tea/coffee £ 75.80
200 club £ 40.00

Weekly S Orders: £700

15/10/23

C'tless: £ 65.00
Loose plate £ 348.15
Fr Hudson £ 132.62
Candles £ 45.20
Our Lady's Lamp £10

Weekly S Orders: £700

PARISH MASS FOR THE RECENTLY BEREAVED 2023

This year the Mass for the recently bereaved will take place on Thursday 23rd November at 7.30pm.

Details to follow.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SUPPORT

The First Holy Communion team are looking for new helpers/catechists. Are you a Catholic who communicates well with children and enjoys working as part of a team? The meetings are usually on a Wednesday afternoon, dates yet to be decided.

The role requires DBS clearance.

If you think this might suit you, please contact Fr Joe at ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk for further discussion about the role.

CLOCKS CHANGE NEXT WEEKEND

Clocks will go back an hour at 2am next Sunday 29th October.

Wishing everybody a safe and fun-filled half term.

OUR LADY'S LAMP



This week the lamp is lit for:
In thanksgiving for a wedding anniversary.

Background on the Gospel Reading

In today's Gospel Jesus and the religious leaders in Jerusalem continue their tense exchange of questions and challenges. At this point the disciples of the Pharisees, together with the Herodians, try to entrap Jesus by their question about the payment of taxes.

Matthew sets up an unusual partnership between the Pharisees and the Herodians. The Herodians were supporters of Herod Antipas, a Jewish political leader who collaborated with the Romans. Such collaboration would have required a compromised observance of the Mosaic Law. The Pharisees, on the other hand, taught scrupulous observance of the Mosaic Law and opposed Roman occupation. Herodians favoured the payment of taxes; the Pharisees opposed it. The Herodians and the Pharisees approach Jesus, asking that he take sides in their dispute. If Jesus answers with the Pharisees, he shows himself to be an enemy of Rome. If he answers with the Herodians, he offends popular Jewish religious sensibilities.

Jesus' response to this attempt to trap him exposes the guile of his questioners. From his first words to them, Jesus shows that he is very much aware of what they are trying to do. He asks to see a Roman coin, which is readily provided to him. It may have come from the hand of a Herodian, but the Pharisees show themselves to be quite willing to accept this compromise. Jesus has already exposed the Pharisees as hypocrites.

Jesus takes his response one step further. He asks that his questioners examine the coin. Agreeing that it is Caesar's image on the coin, Jesus tells them that it must belong to Caesar. Avoiding the question of lawfulness altogether, Jesus answers their question with simple logic. Then, going further still, Jesus tells them that their obligation is to pay to God that which belongs to God.

Jesus' response to the Herodians and Pharisees suggests the ethic that Christians ought to adopt. It reminds us of the importance of keeping things in their proper perspective. Do we attach ourselves to worldly things at the expense of the love and honour that we owe to God?

Mass intentions for Twenty-ninth Week in Ordinary Time

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	21 st October	5.30pm
Sunday	22 nd October	10.00am

Year A

Richard O'Brien RIP
People of the parish

Monday 23rd October No Mass

Memorial of St John of Capestrano, Priest

Tuesday 24th October No Mass

Memorial of St Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop

Wednesday 25th October No Mass

Wednesday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Thursday 26th October No Mass

Memorial of St Cedd, Bishop

Friday 27th October No Mass

Friday of week 29 in Ordinary Time

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

Saturday	28 th October	5.30pm
Sunday	29 th October	10.00am

People of the parish

Linda & Hugh Gough 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.