

# Parish of Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B**

**20-21st January 2024**

The kingdom of God is closer at hand: repent, and believe the Good News.

Mk 1:15

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Details of the dates for the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be announced in the near future.

The Confirmation Mass itself will be on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June.

## FRIDAY LENTEN SOUP LUNCHES

On Fridays in Lent, there will be a soup lunch in the Cenacle following the Stations of the Cross at 12noon. A meat free soup will be served with a bread roll. All donations to the SVP.

For this to happen we need a number of volunteers to do different things.

1. Could you make a soup [free of common allergens such as nuts and celery] for 20 people and bring it to church on Friday before the Angelus at noon? We need two meat free soups each week.

2. Could you come half an hour early and get the bowls ready, set the tables etc before Friday Stations?

Please help with planning by signing up for a particular date, especially for soup making. There is a list to sign up at the back of church.

## ACCOMMODATION NEEDED

Do you know of anybody with a 2 bedroom flat in Caversham to rent?

One adult, one young child [members of the parish] are looking to move into a child friendly environment. Modest monthly budget. If you think you can help contact [heidinorth11@gmail.com](mailto:heidinorth11@gmail.com)

## PIE AND PEAS SUPPER

Join us for an evening with friends, and an (optional!) Irish Sing-a-Long!

The SVP is holding a Pie & Peas Supper on **Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb** at **6.30pm** in the **Cenacle**. Cost is £10 per person which includes supper and a drink on arrival. BYO drinks for the rest of the evening. This event is just for grown ups so mums and dads can let their hair down, and you can catch up with friends old and new. Funds raised to be used to support good causes in our community, so your support is much appreciated.

Find us after masses on Saturday and Sunday to sign up, or you can call Pam on 07786 627364. We hope to see you there!  
Our Lady & St Anne's SVP Conference

## TUESDAY TEA & COFFEE



Why not come and have a chat and a cuppa at 9.30am on a Tuesday morning in the Cenacle?

Invite a friend. Everybody welcome.

## WEEKLY INCOME 13-14/01/24

C'less:	£	143.00
Loose plate	£	264.90
Candles	£	34.21
200 club	£	160.00
Our Lady's Lamp	£	10.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	829.00

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

10<sup>th</sup> Feb SVP Pie & Peas Supper

14<sup>th</sup> February Ash Wednesday

16<sup>th</sup> February First Lenten Stations of the Cross

16<sup>th</sup> February First Soup Lunch

9<sup>th</sup> March CAFOD Big Lent Walk

27<sup>th</sup> March Big Easter Clean

31<sup>st</sup> March Easter Sunday



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

Is lit this week for:

John Rapple - for healing.

Please remember him in  
your prayers

## Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we begin a continuous reading of Mark's Gospel that will carry us through this segment of the liturgical season of Ordinary Time.

The Gospel of Mark does not begin with a narrative about Jesus' birth. Instead, Mark begins by reporting on the preaching of John the Baptist. John is described as the voice in the wilderness sent to prepare the way of the Lord. Immediately after describing the work of John the Baptist, Mark reports on Jesus' baptism and his temptation in the desert. Jesus' public ministry begins after the arrest of John the Baptist. Mark wants his readers to understand the important connection between the end of the ministry of John the Baptist and the beginning of Jesus' own ministry.

As we learn at the beginning of today's Gospel reading, Jesus preaches the Kingdom of God in continuity with the preaching of John the Baptist. Like John the Baptist, Jesus' pronouncement of the kingdom is a call to repentance. Yet Jesus' preaching is greater than John's. Jesus begins the time of fulfilment; the Kingdom of God is already here. This will be demonstrated again and again, both in Jesus' words and in the actions that follow. Jesus' healings and forgiveness of sins are signs of the Kingdom of God that he announces in his teaching.

In contrast to last week's Gospel, in Mark's Gospel Jesus takes the initiative in calling his first disciples. As mentioned last week, it was more typical of first-century rabbinical schools for students to seek out rabbis, asking to be their disciples. In Mark's Gospel, Jesus breaks with this tradition and invites his disciples to learn from him. Jesus is said to have first called four fishermen—Simon, Andrew, James, and John. Simon and Andrew are brothers. Jesus promises that he will make them "fishers of men." James and John are also brothers. Mark does not report Jesus' words of invitation to them, but he does report that they left their fishing immediately; their father, Zebedee, was left behind in the boat.

Mark's Gospel is told with a great sense of urgency and immediacy. Jesus is a person of action, and events occur in rapid succession. We see this in today's Gospel. Time is of the essence; the fishermen immediately put aside their livelihood to become Jesus' disciples. The Kingdom of God is here and now. The time of fulfilment is at hand. How might our lives be different if we more fully shared this sense of the immediacy of God's kingdom?

# Mass intentions for Third Week in Ordinary Time

## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year B

Saturday	20 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30pm	Stephen & Teresita Roberts
Sunday	21 <sup>st</sup> January	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	22 <sup>nd</sup> January <i>Memorial of St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr</i>	9.15am	Thgiving Our Lady & St Anne
Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup> January <i>Tuesday of the third week in Ordinary Time</i>	No Mass	
Wednesday	24 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Memorial of St Frances de Sales, Bishop Doctor of the Church</i>	6.30pm	Mary Panakkal RIP
Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Feast of the Conversion of St Paul, the Apostle</i>	9.15am	Neville O'Farrell RIP
Friday	26 <sup>th</sup> January <i>Memorial of Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops [KS2 at Mass]</i>	9.15am	James O'Sullivan RIP

## Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Year B

Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> January	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> January	10.00am	Canon Giles Goward RIP



The rosary is prayed before Saturday evening Mass.  
Everybody is welcome, come down to the space in front  
of the Shrine.

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.