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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

3rd-4th February 2024

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
anyone who follows me will have the light of life.

Jn 8:12

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 30th 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.

WEEKLY INCOME 21-22/01 & 27-28/01/24

C'less 27-28/01:	£	149.00
Loose plate 20-21/01	£	315.27
Loose plate 27-28/01	£	226.35
Candles combined	£	65.80
Tea/coffee combined	£	53.00
SVP pie/peas supper	£	50.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	829.00

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.

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 10th Feb at 6.30pm** in the **Cenacle**. £10/person - includes supper and a drink on arrival. BYO drinks for the rest of the evening. This event is just for grown ups (18+) 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

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 10th Feb SVP Pie & Peas Supper
- 14th February Ash Wednesday
- 16th February First Lenten Stations of the Cross
- 16th February First Soup Lunch
- 23rd February Family Fast Day
- 9th March CAFOD Big Lent Walk
- 27th March Big Easter Clean
- 31st March Easter Sunday



OUR LADY'S LAMP

Is lit this week for:
Intentions of the Mee family
Please remember them
in your prayers.

Background on the Gospel Reading

Today we continue to read from Mark's Gospel, learning more about the ministry of Jesus. Jesus cured Simon's mother-in-law, and she immediately began to serve Jesus and his disciples. Jesus also cured many others who were brought to him, healing their illnesses and driving out demons. As we will see throughout Mark's Gospel, Jesus did not permit the demons to speak because they knew his identity and would have revealed it to those who were present.

On the morning after this busy day, Jesus retreated in prayer, but was pursued by Simon and others who brought news that many people were looking for him. At this point in Mark's Gospel, we begin to see a distinct role for the inner circle of Jesus' disciples—they act as intermediaries between Jesus and the people. Jesus reports to his disciples that they need to leave Capernaum to preach in other places.

Today's Gospel completes a picture of Jesus' ministry: preaching, curing the sick, driving out demons, and then moving on to continue this work in another place. Mark's Gospel tells us that Jesus did this throughout Galilee.

Jesus' compassion and healing of the sick is a sign of the Kingdom of God. The Church continues to extend Christ's healing presence to others in its ministry to the sick. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the Church prays for spiritual and physical healing, forgiveness of sins, and comfort for those who are suffering from illness.

In today's Gospel we also notice the importance of prayer in Jesus' daily life. Jesus rose early in the morning, removed himself from the crowds, and went to a deserted place to pray. When the disciples found him, he told them that it was time to move on. We believe that in his prayers Jesus found guidance and direction from God. We also bring our decision-making to God in prayer, asking for his guidance and direction in our lives.

Mass intentions for Fifth Week in Ordinary Time

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	3 rd February	5.30pm	David Mott RIP
Sunday	4 th February	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	5 th February	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Agatha</i>			
Tuesday	6 th February	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Miki & Companions</i>			
Wednesday	7 th February	No Mass	
<i>Wednesday of week 5 in Ordinary Time</i>			
Thursday	8 th February	No Mass	
<i>Memorial of St Josephine Bakhita</i>			
Friday	9 th February	No Mass	
<i>Friday of week 5 in Ordinary Time</i>			

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	10 th February	5.30pm	Int. Patty & Mike Naxton
Sunday	11 th February	10.00am	People of the parish



Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Saturday evening Mass, starting approx. 4.45pm. 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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.