

Easter Sunday & Second Sunday of Easter, Year B
30/31st March & 6th/7th April 2024



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Confirmation Preparation 2024

The first session of preparation will be on Sunday 7th April after the 10am Mass. After that, sessions will be on Wednesdays from 4.30 – 5.30pm.

If you missed the initial meeting but would still like to join with the preparation please come to the session on Sunday 7th April.

EASTER COLLECTION

Traditionally this forms part of the parish priest's income. Please take an envelope or donate on the machine.

Thank you to everybody who has helped to prepare for the church for the Easter liturgies.



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.

Welcoming or taking up the bread and wine



There is now a rota for both Sat eve and Sun morning. Speak to Julia or Lex if you think you could help on a particular date. Guidance provided and everybody welcome.

WEEKLY INCOME 23rd-24th Mar

C'less:	£	150.00
Loose plate	£	423.15
Candles	£	29.85
Shop	£	49.39
Cathedral Maintenance	£	5.00
Building Fund	£	20.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	835.00

Saint Vincent de Paul Annual Statement



➤ The food bank donations have supported over 50 local families with essential provisions. We thank you for your continued donations.

➤ A very successful Curry Night was held. The money raised was spent on basic mobile phones for essential communications with very vulnerable homeless individuals.



➤ We held a cake sale in the Cenacle, all donations were spent on school uniforms, equipment and travel costs for 10 Indian children. This enabled them to attend school and gain an education.

➤ An Afternoon Tea was organised for all parishioners. We had a lovely time. All funds raised were spent on clothing for the homeless. We provided men's underwear, socks and donated toiletries.



➤ Berkshire Women's Aid Our work with this charity enabled us to support a domestic abuse victim with furniture and household equipment.

➤ We held a Pie and Pea supper recently. Money raised from this event will be used to support families that are financially struggling at St Anne's Primary School.



➤ The weekly Lenten soup lunches have once again been popular. All donations will be used to support charities in our community.



➤ We are Twinned with two Indian Conferences and sponsor two students in further education. This three year sponsorship allows them to gain a fulfilled education and subsequently find skilled work.

Piety Stall on a Saturday evening

We would love to have a regular presentation of piety stall products at the Saturday evening mass and I'm looking to have a team of 4 people on a rota.

If you would like to know more and have a little Del Boy charm I'd love to have a chat with you. Please call me
Margaret 07789776327
Thank you



CTC Champions Holiday Club



29th July - 2nd August, 10am-3pm in St Anne's school. For youngsters 5-11yrs. Bookings now open at <https://buytickets.at/churches-togetherincavershamholidayclub> £27 for a whole week of fun if booked before 1st May.



Kathleen and Owen Kearns RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kathleen and Owen, recently deceased, and for those who mourn them.

Funerals have already taken place.

Parish Office will be closed for a week following Easter Sunday. Re-open Monday 8th April.



Today we begin the Easter Season, our 50-day meditation on the mystery of Christ's Resurrection. Our Gospel today tells us about the disciples' discovery of the empty tomb. It concludes by telling us that they did not yet understand that Jesus had risen from the dead. Thus, the details provided are not necessarily meant to offer proof of the Resurrection but invite us to reflect upon a most amazing gift, that is faith in Jesus and his Resurrection.

Each of the four Gospels tells us that Jesus' empty tomb was first discovered by women. This is notable because in first-century Jewish society women could not serve as legal witnesses. Her statement is telling. She assumes that Jesus' body has been removed, perhaps stolen. She does not consider that Jesus has been raised from the dead.

Simon Peter and the beloved disciple race to the tomb, presumably to verify Mary's report. The beloved disciple arrives first but does not enter the tomb until after Simon Peter. This detail paints a vivid picture, as does the detail provided about the burial cloths. Some scholars believe that the presence of the burial cloths in the tomb offers evidence to the listener that Jesus' body had not been stolen (it is understood that grave robbers would have taken the burial cloths together with the body). Our Easter faith is based on their witness to both the empty tomb and their continuing relationship with Jesus—in his appearances and in his gift of the Holy Spirit.

Mass intentions

Easter Sunday

Sat 30th March

8pm Private intention

Sun 31st March

10.00am People of the parish

Mon 1st April 10.00am

Michael Kelly RIP

Tues 2nd April 9.15am

Peter Lennon RIP

Wed 3rd April No Mass

Thurs 4th March 7.30pm

Paul Phillips RIP

Fri 5th April 12 noon

Barbara Currie RIP

Second Sunday of Easter

Saturday 6th April

4.30pm *Confessions*

5.30pm Martin & Bridget Gaughan RIP

Sunday 7th April

10.00am People of the parish

Monday 8th April 9.15am

Colin Clark RIP

Tuesday 9th April No Mass

Wednesday 10th April 6.30pm

Tina Colehan

Thursday 11th April 9.15am

Kevin White RIP

Friday 12th April No Mass

Third Sunday of Easter Year B

Saturday 13th April

5.30pm People of the parish

Sunday 14th April

10.00am John Eppstein RIP

Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Sat Mass, approx. 4.45pm. Everybody is welcome.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication for two weeks

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.