

Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B  
27-28<sup>th</sup> April 2024



**Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham**

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## Welcome

Thank you to Fr Royston Price who will be celebrating Masses this weekend.



## April 200 Club

As Fr Joe is away this weekend, the 200 Club will be drawn on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May.



## Stephen Dale RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Dale and for his family and friends who mourn him. May he rest in peace.



The funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am.

## St Martin's Turns 50

St Martin's Catholic school in Caversham Park is turning 50 this year. In celebration the community are raising money towards an outdoor classroom. The children of this parish who attend the school will be doing challenges related to dancing, cycling and running, many with a theme of 50. If you would like to sponsor them please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmartins-2450>

## 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.

## Dates for your Diary

9<sup>th</sup> June, 10am First Communion Mass

30<sup>th</sup> June, 10am Confirmation Mass

7<sup>th</sup> July Glass Ensemble Concert

## WEEKLY INCOME 20<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup> April

C'less:	£	148.00
Loose plate	£	301.93
Candles	£	29.72
Clergy Training Fund	£	351.72
Our Lady's Lamp	£	30.00
Shop	£	45.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	835.00

## RIP Sister Anne



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Sister Anne who was well known in the parish and taught in St Anne's school for many years. She died recently in Limerick. Her funeral has already taken place and her ashes have been taken to the Carmelite Sisters in Belgium.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The Saint Vincent De Paul Society would like to hear from all parishioners in our community who live on their own or are lonely and would like a volunteer to visit on a regular basis for a cup of tea and a chat or a regular phone call.

Please call Bev Ryan on 07969884212 for more details.





## CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at [cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal](https://cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal). Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines so clean water can reach communities who need it.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



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## Champions Holiday Club



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



Today's reading from the Gospel of John is part of Jesus' discourse at the Last Supper. Recall that John tells the story of Jesus' Last Supper differently from the other Evangelists. In John's Gospel, the Last Supper begins with Jesus washing his disciples' feet. Jesus then provides them with a series of instructions. We call this section the Last Supper discourse or Jesus' farewell discourse. In these chapters of John's Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples

about the importance of following his example of love and service, about the gift they will receive when Jesus sends them the Holy Spirit, and about their relationship with Jesus and with the world. The Last Supper discourse concludes with Jesus' prayer for his disciples.

Today's Gospel reading is taken from middle of the Last Supper discourse. Jesus speaks about his relationship to his disciples. In his metaphor of the vine and the branches, Jesus is referencing the Hebrew Scriptures. In the Hebrew Scriptures, Israel is the vineyard, and Yahweh himself tends the vineyard. One of the primary themes of John's Gospel is to show Jesus to be the fulfillment of God's promises to Israel.

In this passage, Jesus teaches his disciples that his relationship with them will not end after his death; he will remain with them always. This unity between Jesus and his disciples is the basis for their ability to continue to do the work that he began. Similarly, Jesus' presence with us through the Gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to continue the work of love and reconciliation that he began.

Jesus also teaches his disciples about the importance of the words he has taught to them. Just as Jesus will remain in the disciples, so too will his words. We come to know Jesus through the Scriptures, the living Word of God. Our commitment to be Christ's disciples is sustained through God's Word. This commitment is also strengthened by our life of prayer and nourished by the Eucharist. Through the Eucharist, Jesus dwells in us, remains with us, and transforms us so that we might bear fruit in his name.

# Mass intentions for Fifth Week of Easter

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Saturday	27 <sup>th</sup> April	5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	28 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Monday	29 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass	
Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass	
Wednesday	1 <sup>st</sup> May	No Mass	
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> May	No Mass	
Friday	3 <sup>rd</sup> May	No Mass	

## Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Saturday	4 <sup>th</sup> May	4.30pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	Patrick Joseph Phelan RIP
Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup> May	10.00am	People of the parish

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



## OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

**Barbara Currie RIP**

**Please remember her in your prayers this week.**

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.