

# Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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

**15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June 2024**

St Martin's Catholic  
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Caversham Park Village  
RG4 6SS

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Primary School  
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Caversham RG4 5AA

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## Our Lady & St Anne's Church refurbishment project 2024

Please take a printed version of Fr Joe's talk about the work in the next few months to have at home as a reminder over the summer.

Details of opening/closing, where Mass will be held etc. will also be available on the website.



### OLSA 200 Club

Renewals are now due to join the 200 Club for June, July and August. Please contribute your £20 either by cash to the office or by bank transfer by Sunday, 23rd June at the latest. If you choose to transfer, please email the Parish Office to say you have done this. All details for payment are on the notice board in the narthex. If you have not yet joined, please do consider helping us raise funds for the Parish in this monthly draw. See Helen after 10am mass on Sunday or any of the stewards for details.

### Second Collection – Day for Life

A collection will be taken after both Masses this weekend [15-16<sup>th</sup> June] to support the work of Day for Life.

### Dates for your Diary

- ❖ 30<sup>th</sup> June, 10am Confirmation Mass
- ❖ 7<sup>th</sup> July, 4pm Glass Ensemble Concert



### WEEKLY INCOME 8-9<sup>th</sup> June

C'less:	£	85.00
Loose plate	£	494.48
Candles	£	31.58
Building fund	£	45.00
Shop 1-2 June	£	20.25
Shop 8-9 June	£	37.45
Tea/coffee	£	43.50
200 club	£	20.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	835.00



## Teddy Bear's Picnic at St Anne's School

All 3-4 year olds, you are invited to the Teddy Bears' Picnic. The event will be held on Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> July, from 2:15 to 3:15 pm in the EYFS garden area [access via the church carpark]. Please bring your picnic and teddy.



## GLASS ENSEMBLE SUMMER CONCERT

7<sup>th</sup> July, 4pm in church.

Glass Ensemble return for a sparkling concert of summer themed music accompanied by a talented harpist. Works include Ave Maris Stella, Summertime, Ergen Dada, and Elizabeth Poston's "An English Day-book". Tickets £12.50 (under-18s free) available after Mass from Maria. £15 on the door. Ticket includes delicious afternoon teas in Cenacle. Retiring collection for Launchpad, Reading.

## Saint Vincent de Paul Society



The SVP 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 & a chat or a regular phone call.

We are here for you and want to support you. Please contact Bev on [presidentB170309@svp.org.uk](mailto:presidentB170309@svp.org.uk) or Pam on [secretaryB170309@svp.org.uk](mailto:secretaryB170309@svp.org.uk).

The SVP work in the community and closely with other charities to offer support where needed.

Should you wish to make a donation please use the card reader at the back of church. Your continued support is much appreciated.



In Mark's Gospel, Jesus appears reluctant to reveal his identity as the Son of God. After performing miracles of healing, he warns those cured to tell no one (see Mark 1:44, 3:12, 5:43, 7:36, and 8:26). Also, when preaching, Jesus chooses to speak to the crowds in parables, leaving them to discern his message. Only to his disciples does he explain the parable's meaning, and he does this in private at a later time.

Today's Gospel Reading consists of two parables about seeds. In the first, Jesus tells those gathered that this is "how it is with the kingdom of God." A man scatters seed which over time sprouts and develops. Then when the grain is ripe, the man harvests his crop. The emphasis in the parable is on the seed, which seemingly has the power to grow on its own. In this it is like the Kingdom of God. While on earth, Jesus planted the seeds of the kingdom by his life, miracles, teaching, and suffering. However, the kingdom is not yet fully established. Although already present in Jesus and his group of twelve, it has yet to come to fruition; just as the seed in the parable needs time to grow, so does God's kingdom.

The second parable focuses on the tiny mustard seed. Though not the smallest of all seeds, it is most likely the smallest that a first-century farmer in Jesus' part of the world would have sown. Small as the mustard seed is, it develops into a tree. Though the mustard tree generally averages only nine to twelve feet in height, it has a wide expanse and provides a nesting place for birds. Just as the tree welcomes the birds, so is God's kingdom welcoming and open to many.

These parables help us discern something about the kingdom of God and our own faith. In God we live and move and have our being, but God is a mystery and his kingdom, though present, has not yet come into its fullness. Today, the Kingdom of God is present in the Church. The mission of proclaiming the Good News of the Kingdom given to the Apostles is now given to us. But just as seeds need time to come to fruition, so does the Kingdom of God. That is why in the Lord's Prayer, we pray, "thy kingdom come." We know that it will come in its fullness at the end of time. All we need is faith.



"The Church tells us that *"All citizens ought to be aware of their right and their duty to promote the common good by casting their votes."* CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul (SVP) have joined forces to launch 'A Year of Encounter'

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters>

You are invited to reach out to their local candidates to find out more about their views on issues that we care about. We would encourage you to raise concerns close to your heart that reflect our faith - ideally by writing to candidates, raising questions at local hustings or as even as local canvassers knock on your door. Thank you.

# Mass intentions for Week Eleven in Ordinary Time

## Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday	15 <sup>th</sup> June	4.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	16 <sup>th</sup> June	10.00am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Monday	17 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Private intention
Tuesday	18 <sup>th</sup> June	No Mass	
Wednesday	19 <sup>th</sup> June	6.30pm	Joan O'Hare RIP
Thursday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	9.15am	Private intention
Friday	21 <sup>st</sup> June	9.15am	Private intention
		[school attending]	

## Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Year B

Saturday	22 <sup>nd</sup> June	4.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	Kathleen Feeney & Michael Corbett RIP
Sunday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	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

Barbara & Ronald  
Turnock RIP

Please remember them 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.