

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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JESUS is the
BREAD OF LIFE



Whoever
Eats
This
Bread
Will
Live
Forever

18th & 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B
3rd/4th August & 10th/11th August 2024

Our Lady & St Anne Church



The carpet in the sacristy has been taken up this week. The broken Cotswold tiles on the shrine roof have been replaced.



The Rock 'n' Ale Festival



This is now into its 12th year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 7th September** and tickets are now on sale.

This family event generates funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and is also a major contributor to Parish income. This year all parish monies will go to the Building Fund.

A full bar is provided by the Last Crumb with children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, a hog roast and vegetarian chilli.

Tickets £15 adults, £5 under 16's & under 5's free.

Get one after Mass in the cenacle, by visiting

www.facebook.com/rocknale or
www.wegotickets.com/event/611520/

GIFT AID INFORMATION

You will have seen from Fr Joe's thank you letter last week that the parish benefits significantly from gift aided contributions.

If you think you might be eligible to gift aid your own contributions and want to get more information about gift aiding, a member of the parish finance team will be available after Saturday and Sunday Masses on 3-4 August and 10-11 August.

Thank you to everybody that already gift aid their contributions.

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

This is a holy day of obligation. There will be 3 opportunities to get to Mass:

- Wed 14th August @ 6.30pm
- Thurs 15th Aug @ 9.15am
- Thurs. 15th August @ 7.30pm - sung Mass.

WEEKLY INCOME 27-28 July

C'less:	£	154.00
Loose plate	£	313.71
Candles	£	49.40
Tea/coffee	£	29.71
Building Fund	£	15.00
Weekly S Orders:	£	795.00

RIP VIOLET GOLDEN

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Violet Golden. Her funeral will take place here in the church at 11am on Monday 5th August. May she rest in peace.






Saint Vincent de Paul

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 or Pam on secretaryB170309@svp.org.uk. The SVP work in the community and closely with other charities to offer support where needed.

Re-Union of First & Second generation Irish, Italian & Polish people whose families came to live in the UK after the Second World War.

To be held at St Annes School Hall, Washington Road, Caversham, Reading RG4 5AA on Sat 14 Sept, 6pm-11pm.

Bring your own food,  drinks & musical instruments to make for a jolly time. Max of 200 people. £5 entry at the door for Church & School funds. All are welcome. Contact Gabriele Scicluna:07778-340-444.

OFFICE CLOSURE

The office will be closed all of next week [5th - 9th August] and will re-open Mon 12th August.



Booking the Cenacle

The Cenacle is available to book for family events or meetings with up to 30 people. Not suitable for children's parties.

It is charged on an hourly rate of £20/hour for parishioners or £25/hour for non-parishioners.

Please contact the parish office ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk for details or to make a booking.



Today's Gospel contains four exchanges between Jesus and the crowd. In the first, the crowd, having followed Jesus to Capernaum, asks a very matter of fact question: "Rabbi, when did you get here?"

As the second dialogue begins, they ask: "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus replies that they must have faith in the one sent from God. But in the third dialogue, the crowd reveals their inability to see Jesus' true identity. They ask Jesus for a sign so that they might know that Jesus is from God. How strange this sounds since Jesus has just fed more than 5000 people. What more is expected?

But the crowd cannot see beyond the surface of the sign. Jesus wants the crowd to see beyond the surface to the One who provides true nourishment.

The conclusion of the dialogue reveals the crowd's blindness. They ask for what Jesus has just told them they have found: "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus answers plainly that he himself is the Bread of Life they seek. Jesus himself is the Bread of Life who will satisfy every hunger and thirst. This is the first of several such statements found in John's Gospel. We understand these better when we remember that God revealed his name to the people of Israel as "I am," as Yahweh. Jesus is now claiming this name for himself.

Mass intentions

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 3rd August

4.30pm *Confessions*

5.30pm Dec'd of Griffin family RIP

Sunday 4th August

10.00am People of the parish

12noon Baptism

Monday 5th August

11.00am Requiem – Violet Golden RIP

Tuesday 6th August

9.15am Deceased of Colehan family

Wednesday 7th August

9.15am Private intention

12 noon – wedding

Thursday 8th August No Mass

Friday 9th August No Mass

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 10th August

4.30pm *Confessions*

5.30pm People of the parish

Sunday 11th August

10.00am Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Monday 12th August

9.15am Private intention

Tuesday 13th August No Mass

Wednesday 14th August

[Vigil for Assumption of the Bl Virgin Mary]

6.30pm Private intention

Thursday 15th August

[Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary]

9.15am Private intention

7.30pm Int of Tina Colehan

Friday 16th August

9.15am Private intention

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time YB

Saturday 17th August

5.30pm Dec'd of Caruana family RIP

Sunday 18th August

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

4th August: Jacob Xavier RIP

Please remember him in your prayers.

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.