

# Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent, Year C

5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

# Lent



- **Flower collection** – the basket for the flower fund will be out each weekend of Lent. Thank you for your generosity.
- **Big clean** – the big clean to prepare the church for Easter will take place on **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> April**.
- **Grand Easter Draw** – tickets available from this weekend onwards. Cash only please.



## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMES 2025

<b>Palm Sunday</b>	12-13 <sup>th</sup> April 5.30pm & 10am
<b>Maundy Thursday</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> April, Mass 7.30pm Night prayer @ 11.45am
<b>Good Friday</b>	18 <sup>th</sup> April. Children's Stations of the cross 10am Stations of the Cross at noon [no soup] Good Friday Liturgy 3pm
<b>Holy Saturday</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> April Easter Basket blessing 10am Easter Vigil <b>8pm</b>
<b>Easter Sunday</b>	20 <sup>th</sup> April 10am



## Sanctuary Stars

The display has now been taken down but if you would still like a star, please ask in the shop.



## Sunday Missals with new readings

Would you like to buy a missal containing all the new readings?

There have been a few requests for the new edition of the Sunday missal. If you wish to order one, let whoever is manning shop Saturday evening or Sunday morning have your details. I'm hoping I can sell them for £22, and they appear to come in blue or red so please state your preference.

## Easter basket blessing

Many parishioners have asked about the significance of the Blessing of Easter baskets which is of significant importance in Poland and many Eastern European countries. The contents of the basket include: beautifully decorated hardboiled eggs, meat (normally smoked sausage and ham), salt, horseradish, sourdough bread (unleavened), butter and Babka (a plain yeast cake), in the shape of a Lamb.



- ❖ Eggs symbolise life and Christ's resurrection.
- ❖ Bread is symbolic of Jesus.
- ❖ Lamb represents Christ.
- ❖ Salt represents purification.
- ❖ Horseradish is symbolic of the bitter sacrifice of Christ.
- ❖ Meat symbolises great joy and abundance.

The basket of food is blessed in Church on Easter Saturday and remains untouched until Sunday Morning, eaten as breakfast, and shared with family and friends. So really, it's far more than just a simple Easter basket tradition.

Please bring your families and baskets for a lovely Service and Blessing which will take place on **Saturday 19th April at 10am** at Our Lady and St. Annes.

## Volunteer forms



Thanks to all volunteers who have confirmed their willingness to continue serving our parish. If you have not yet received a brown envelope from

Fr. Joe, please ask him for it at the end of Mass this weekend. Completed forms should be returned to the parish office by Sunday 6th April.

## Second Collection 5-6 April



This weekend there will be a collection for Cathedral Maintenance after both Masses. Thank you for your contributions.



## Easter Offering

Traditionally the Easter collection goes directly to the parish priest as part of their annual income. Please collect an envelope on your way out or you can give on the contactless machines.

## Weekly income 29<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> March

C'less:	£193.00
Loose	£241.55
Flowers Lent 4	£ 67.26
Sanctuary stars	£210.00
Tea/coffee	£ 12.00
Candles	£ 71.15
Shop March	£261.73

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

## St Anne's Catholic Primary School

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of the staff and pupils at St Anne's Catholic Primary school, we would like to wish you all a very happy and blessed Easter. May this special season bring you peace, joy, and renewed hope.

Wishing you and your families a wonderful Easter!

Kind regards,

Mrs Tobin



### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP would like to hear from all parishioners and relatives in our community who live on their own are in care homes or hospital and would like a volunteer to visit on a regular basis.

A friendly face, 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:

president B170309@svp.org.uk

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



Dates for your diary:

- Fridays during Lent - Stations at 12noon followed by soup lunch
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Big Clean
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> June - 10am First Holy Communion Mass
- Wed 25<sup>th</sup> June - 6.30pm Confirmation Mass



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## Mass intentions for the Fifth Week of Lent YC

### Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Year C

Saturday	5 <sup>th</sup> April	4.45pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	Paul & Brendan O'Rourke RIP
Monday	7 <sup>th</sup> April	No Mass	
Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	
Wednesday	9 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	In thanksgiving
Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	Private intention
Friday	11 <sup>th</sup> April	9.15am	
		12noon	Stations of the Cross followed by soup lunch

### Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

### Year C

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> April	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Peter French RIP
Sunday	13 <sup>th</sup> April	10.00am	People of the parish



### OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for  
Aaliyah Santos – in thanksgiving.  
Please remember her in your prayers.

Evening Prayer  
before Saturday  
Mass, approx.  
4.45pm.



Everybody is welcome.

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.