

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year C 12th – 13th April 2025



- **Big clean** – the big clean to prepare the church for Easter will take place on **Mon 14th April**. All welcome.
- **Grand Easter Draw** – tickets available from this weekend onwards. Cash only please.



HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMES 2025

Palm Sunday	12-13 th April	5.30pm & 10am	
Maundy Thursday	17 th April	7.30pm	Mass of the Last Supper
		11.45pm	Night prayer
Good Friday	18 th April.	10.00am	Children's Stations of the cross
		12 noon	Stations of the Cross [no soup]
		3.00pm	Good Friday Liturgy
Holy Saturday	19 th April	10.00am	Easter Basket blessing
		8.00pm	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter
Easter Sunday	20 th April	10.00am	Solemnity of the Resurrection of the Lord



Big Clean for Easter

Come one and all, dusters at the ready to spruce up the church for Easter on Monday 14th April after Mass. All welcome.



Children's Liturgy Good Friday Session

Join us in church at 10am on Friday 18th April for a special Good Friday session. There'll be a variety of crafts and activities, followed by refreshments. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

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.



Second Collection 18th April [Good Friday]

As is traditional, a collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Holy Places at the solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday afternoon.



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.



Confessions during Holy Week

Fr Joe is available to hear confessions:

Monday 14th April after Mass until 10.30am

➤ Wednesday 16th April after evening Mass

➤ Thurs 17th April before Mass from 7pm

Weekly income 5th/6th April

C'less:	£162.00
Loose	£301.89
Flowers Lent 5	£ 56.12
Sanctuary stars	£100.00
Tea/coffee	£ 60.60
Candles	£ 47.70
Shrine donation	£ 10.00
200 club	£ 80.00
Cathedral Maintenance	£154.93
Building Fund	£ 30.00

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 14th April - Big Clean
- Sun 8th June - 10am First Holy Communion Mass
- Wed 25th June - 6.30pm Confirmation Mass



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Mass intentions for Holy Week YC

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord Year C

Saturday	12 th April	4.45pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Peter French RIP
Sunday	13 th April	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	14 th April	9.15am	
		Confessions after Mass until 10.30am	
Tuesday	15 th April	No Mass	
Wednesday	16 th April	6.30pm	
		Confessions after Mass	

Sacred Paschal Triduum

Thursday	17 th April	7.30pm	
[Maundy Thursday]		Confessions before Mass.	
		11.45pm	Night prayer
Friday	18 th April	10.00am	Children's Stations of the Cross
[Good Friday]		12noon	Stations of the Cross [no soup]
		3.00pm	Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday	19 th April	10.00am	Blessing of Easter Baskets
		8.00pm	People of the parish
Sunday	20 th April	10.00am	Steve Dale RIP

Year C



OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for
Beatriz Anciaes

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 or alternatively the Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240/ safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk if you have any concern.