

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Fourth Sunday of Easter, Year C

10th – 11th May 2025



RIP

Please pray for the repose of the souls of:

- ❖ Anne Healy whose funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Monday 12th May at 10.30am.
- ❖ Michael Sarson whose funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Friday 30th May at 10.45am.
and
- ❖ Lucy Maskowska whose funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Monday 2nd June at 10.30am.

May they rest in peace and rise in glory.



Youth Club Improvements



After listening to feedback from our young people and their parents we are making some improvements to our Youth Club!

Young people who are in Year 6 and above are welcome to attend (no need to wait for your confirmation). From 4 May, we will meet every *two* weeks on the first and third Sunday of each month. We will alternate between the cenacle and St Anne's school hall. The school hall will allow us to play more sport and games as part of our activities.

We will also be publishing our planned activities, which come from suggestions from our young people. See the Dates for the Diary section of the newsletter for these.

It's easy to start, just bring a parent or carer to sign you in the first time that you come along; then come to see your friends or make new ones. The next Youth Club is in St Anne's school, **Sunday 18 May, 5pm to 7pm**. We hope to see some new faces there!

Saint Vincent de Paul Society

The SVP would like to say a huge thank you to all parishioners who attended the Friday soup lunches throughout Lent.



The figure raised was £452.00 which will be used to support charities within our local community.

As and when the money has been distributed, we will communicate with you the charities that have benefitted.

The SVP will be holding a cake sale on **Sunday 11 May** after mass.

Donations of cakes would be gratefully received.

Save the date. The SVP are organising an Afternoon Tea on **Saturday 21 June**.

The event will be before mass at 4pm.

Every one is invited.

More details to follow.

Weekly income 3rd/4th May

C'less:	£105.00
Loose	£153.84
Candles	£ 24.33
Building Fund	£ 10.00
Shrine donation	£ 5.00
Shop - April	£339.02

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

Set in a moment of tension and conflict in John's Gospel, today's Gospel reading is Jesus' answer to the question, "Are you the Messiah?" Jesus responds by saying, in essence, "If you have to ask, then you are not one of my sheep." Then Jesus asserts his unity with the Father. At the conclusion of these words, John reports that the Jews intend to stone Jesus for blasphemy, but he escapes arrest.

We may be less familiar with the metaphors of sheep and shepherd than those to whom Jesus spoke. The image of Jesus as Good Shepherd and the community of followers as his sheep has endured over the centuries as a primary image in our faith tradition. Its power to describe the relationship between Jesus and his followers transcends direct experience with sheep. The image speaks to us about the protection, security, and care that shepherds represent for their sheep.

Today's Gospel speaks powerfully about the familiarity and intimacy between Jesus and his disciples, expressed as recognizing and knowing another's voice. Today's Gospel also speaks to the relationship between Jesus and the Father. In the Gospel of John, Jesus identifies so closely with the Father that he tells us that they are one—not just close, but actually one. To know Jesus is to know the Father. Jesus doesn't just bring us closer to the Father, Jesus puts us directly into contact with God the Father, removing all distance between us. Our relationship with Jesus is an invitation to share in the life of God.

Dates for your diary:

- 18th May - Youth Club (in St Anne's school hall) Games and Hot Dogs
- 1 June - Youth Club (in the cenacle) Ask the Priest and Pizza
- Sun 8th June - 10am First Holy Communion Mass
- Wed 25th June - 6.30pm Confirmation Mass



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Mass intentions

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Year C

Saturday	10 th May	4.45pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	11 th May	10.00am	Int of Bev Ryan
Monday	12 th May	10.30am	Requiem – Anne Healy RIP
Tuesday	13 th May	No Mass	
Wednesday	14 th May	6.30pm	
Thursday	15 th May	9.15am	Thg'ving Our Lady & St Anne
Friday	16 th May	9.15am	

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Year C

Saturday	17 th May	4.45pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30 pm	People of the parish
Sunday	18 th May	10.00am	Int. Agnes Burleigh



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No request this week.

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.