

First Sunday of Advent, Year A
29th-30th November 2025



Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the
devil;
may God rebuke him,
we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the
heavenly host,
by the power of God,
cast into hell Satan and all the evil
spirits who prowl through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Parish Advent Carol Service

A time of spiritual preparation with Advent readings and carols to support us as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. **Thurs 18th December** in the church, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Followed by festive refreshments.



FLOWER FUND

A box for donations will be at the back of the church after all weekend Masses from next weekend up to Christmas. Many thanks for your generosity.

Big Christmas Clean

Wednesday 17th December, 10am – 1pm. Could you spare some time to help make the church beautiful to greet the birth of Jesus?



Christmas Mass Times 2025

Wednesday 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 5.00pm

Christmas Carols 7.30pm

Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm

Thursday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am

Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am



First Friday Soup

Everybody is welcome to share in a soup lunch in the Cenacle after 12 noon Mass on Friday 7th December.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2026



- Initial meeting for parents and children after 10am Mass on Sunday 7th December.
- Classes begin Wed 14th Jan 2026, 4.15 – 5.15pm in the Cenacle.
- First Holy Communion Mass 10am on 7th June 2026



The Saint Vincent de Paul Society The SVP



in partnership with the Weller Centre will be collecting selection boxes and Christmassy food treats during advent.

These items will be distributed in our local community to support families who are experiencing financial hardship.

Please put one extra item in your shopping and put a smile on the face of a child who would normally go without.

Thank you for your continued generosity and support.

Weekly income 22-23 November

Contactless:	£ 243.00
Candles	£ 62.00
Loose plate	£290.45
Catholic Youth Service	£183.30
Shrine offering	£ 20.00
SVP quiz	£130.00
Our Lady's Lamp	£ 10.00
Tea/coffee	£ 41.20
Shop – November	£155.50

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

St Anne's Catholic Primary School Christmas Fayre

18th December 3.30-5.30pm. Free entry.

Includes:



Santa's Grotto

Stalls and games

Festive refreshments

Tel: 01189375537

email admin@stannes.reading.sch.uk

website: www.st-annes.reading.sch.uk



Dates for your diary:

- Tamesis Chamber Choir
"Advent into Christmas"
Sunday 7th December
4-6pm, here at Our Lady
& St Anne church. Tickets
available at
[Tamesis Advent into
Christmas](#) or on the door
- **Christmas Clean** - Wed
17th December 10am-1pm
- **Parish Advent Carol
Service** Thursday 18th
December, 7.30pm with
festive refreshments

Youth Group Ten pin bowling trip



All young people Year 7-Year 11 are
invited to come bowling with our
church youth club on Sun 7 Dec.
5-7pm.

Cost £13.50 per person for 2 games
and a drink, at Bowl Central Reading
on Caversham Road. To secure your
place, please speak to a Youth Club
leader - Clare, Lucy, Rebecca or
Catherine - at Youth Club on Sunday
17 November 5-7pm (in the school
hall) or after Sunday mass.

- 7 Dec - Bowling (offsite)
- 21 Dec - Christmas party in the
school hall

Second Collection for Poor Parishes Fund

This will be taken at all Masses on
Sat 6th/Sun 7th December.

POPE LEO'S NOVEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

In November, we pray with Pope
Leo that those who are struggling
with suicidal thoughts will find the
support, care and love they need in
their community, and be open to
the beauty of life.

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Pendennis Avenue
Caversham Park Village
RG4 6SS

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957 4730

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Mass intentions

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Saturday 29th November

4.30pm

Confession

5.30pm

Tony Lundy RIP

Sunday 30th November

10.00am

People of the parish

Monday 1st December

9.15am

Hugh & Eileen Magee RIP

Tuesday 2nd December

No Mass

Wednesday 3rd December

6.30pm

Intentions of Elaine Layden

Thursday 4th December

9.15am

Friday 5th December

12 noon

[First Friday]

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Saturday 6th December

4.30pm

Confession

5.30 pm

Gerard Lawrence RIP

Sunday 7th December

10.00am

People of the parish

OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

Ronald Francis Pfeil

Please keep him in your prayers 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 Representatives are **Sue Houghton** and **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.