

Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

6-7th December 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.

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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

Confessions

Mon 22nd Dec after Mass up to 10.30am
Tues 23rd Dec after Mass up to 10.30am
Wed 24th Dec 4.30pm before 5pm Mass
Wed 24th Dec 7.30pm before 8pm Mass

Mgr. Keith Newton will be principal celebrant for the 8pm Mass of Christmas Night.

First Holy Communion Preparation 2026

- 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.



200 Club Dec 25 – Feb 26

If you pay each quarter, subs are now due for the December to February 26 200 club.

Deadline: 17th December.

Weekly income 29-30 November

Contactless:	£ 240.00
Candles	£ 55.85
Loose plate	£261.25
Our Lady's Lamp	£ 10.00
Tea/coffee	£400.51
200 club	£20.00

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

St Anne's Catholic Primary School

- 11th Dec- EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 9.30am -Grandparents/ parish community/ younger sibling's welcome
- 12th Dec- Bambinella Mass @9.15 am Church- everyone welcome
- 12th Dec- EYFS/KS1 Nativity @ 2pm Grandparents/ parish community/ younger sibling's welcome
- 15th Dec - KS2 Carol service in church @4pm – everyone welcome
- 18th Dec- PSA Christmas Event @3.30pm- everyone welcome
- 19th Dec- End of term Mass @9.15am- everyone welcome

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Youth Group Ten pin bowling trip



- 21 Dec - Christmas party in the school hall

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Caversham Park Village
RG4 6SS

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Dates for your diary:

- **Christmas Clean** - Wed 17th December 10am-1pm
- **Parish Advent Carol Service** Thursday 18th December, 7.30pm with festive refreshments

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.

Mass intentions

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Saturday	6 th December	4.30pm <i>Confession</i>
Sunday	7 th December	5.30pm Gerard Lawrence RIP
Monday	8 th December	10.00am People of the parish
Tuesday	9 th December	9.15am Thksgvg Our Lady & St Anne
Wednesday	10 th December	6.30pm Joe Forde RIP [recently deceased]
Thursday	11 th December	9.15am
Friday	12 th December	9.15am Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

Third Sunday of Advent

	Year A
Saturday	13 th December 4.30pm <i>Confession</i>
Sunday	14 th December 5.30 pm Sean & Eileen Mackey RIP
	10.00am People of the parish



OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

the intentions of Eric and Elaine

Please keep them 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.