

# Second Sunday of Advent, Year A

## 6-7<sup>th</sup> 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.

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> 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 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 5.00pm

Christmas Carols 7.30pm

Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm

### Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am

Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

### Confessions

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec after Mass up to 10.30am

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec after Mass up to 10.30am

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Dec 4.30pm before 5pm Mass

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026, 4.15 – 5.15pm in the Cenacle.

➤ First Holy Communion Mass 10am on 7<sup>th</sup> 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: 17<sup>th</sup> 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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Dates for your diary:

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

### Second Collection for Poor Parishes Fund

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

### Youth Group Ten pin bowling trip



- **21 Dec** - Christmas party in the school hall

### 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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## Mass intentions

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Saturday	6 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Gerard Lawrence RIP
Sunday	7 <sup>th</sup> December	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	8 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Thksgvg Our Lady & St Anne
Tuesday	9 <sup>th</sup> December	No Mass	
Wednesday	10 <sup>th</sup> December	6.30pm	Joe Forde RIP [recently deceased]
Thursday	11 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	
Friday	12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.15am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP

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Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup> December	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30 pm	Sean & Eileen Mackey RIP
Sunday	14 <sup>th</sup> December	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](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.