

Third Sunday of Advent, Year A

13-14th December 2025



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.

Christmas Offering



The Christmas offering traditionally goes to the parish priest. Please take an envelope home with you and return it over any of the Christmas Masses. Also available on the contactless machine.



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?



Parish Administrator Update

As you are all aware, Lis is retiring at the end of the year. I'm pleased to announce that, following interviews, an appointment has been made. The successful candidate will be starting in mid-January. More information will follow in the new year. Please note, Lis' last day in the office will be Thurs. 18th December. We are planning to have a farewell gathering to thank her for all her service in the new year. All parishioners welcome to attend and more information will be in the newsletter in January.

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 6-7 December

Contactless:	£ 183.00
Loose plate reported next week	
Building Fund	£ 30.00
Poor Parishes collection	£184.53

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

POPE LEO'S DECEMBER PRAYER INTENTION

In December, let us pray with Pope Leo for Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, to be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

Chaperoning at 10am Sunday Mass

There is always an additional adult with the servers before and after Mass. The Sunday morning team needs more volunteers. The role does require a DBS check. If you think you could help, please email

sg.ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk for more information.

Youth Group Ten pin bowling trip



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

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Pendennis Avenue
Caversham Park Village
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St Anne's Catholic Primary
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Mass intentions

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Saturday	13 th December	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Sean & Eileen Mackey RIP
Sunday	14 th December	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	15 th December	No Mass	
		4.00pm	School carol concert
Tuesday	16 th December	No Mass	
Wednesday	17 th December	6.30pm	Maria Angelica Ayala RIP
Thursday	18 th December	9.15am	Joe Forde RIP
		7.30pm	Advent Carol Service
Friday	19 th December	9.15am	Hugh & Eileen Magee RIP
		[end of term Mass]	

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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Saturday	20 th December	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30 pm	People of the parish
Sunday	21 st December	10.00am	Deceased of the Lloyd family

OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

Sean and Eileen RIP



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.