

Fifth Sunday of Lent (21st – 22nd March 2026)



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.

Lent



- **Fridays during Lent** – Stations of the Cross at 12 noon, then soup lunch.
- **Big clean** – the big clean to prepare the church for Easter will take place on **Mon 30th March**. You are welcome to come to help!
- **Flower collection** - the basket for the flower fund will be out each weekend of Lent. Thank you for your generosity.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER TIMES 2026

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| Palm Sunday | 28 th -29 th March | Masses 5.30pm & 10am |
| Maundy Thursday | 2 nd April | Mass 7.30pm, watching the altar of repose until 11:45pm night prayer |
| Good Friday | 3 rd April | Children's Stations of the cross 10am Stations of the Cross at noon [no soup] Good Friday Solemn Liturgy 3pm |
| Holy Saturday | 4 th April | Easter Basket blessing 10am Easter Vigil 8pm |
| Easter Sunday | 5 th April | 10am |

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Second Collection

21st -22nd March - collection for Cathedral Maintenance after both Masses.



3rd April (Good Friday) – As is traditional, a collection will be taken for the upkeep of the Holy Places at the solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion on Good Friday afternoon.

Thank you for your contributions.

CAFOD

CAFOD Family Fast Day:

Thank you for your generous contributions with the Family Fast Day envelopes and card donations, and going without so that others may be able to put food on the table. The total raised with Giftaid was £595.49.

“Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me”(Mt 25:40). #26

CAFOD Big Lent Walk:

Our incredible Reading Catholic community, very much spearheaded by St. Anne's, raised a staggering total with Giftaid of £4123.25, defying the odds yet again by beating last year's total (by £57!). Most importantly, CAFOD estimates that our efforts will provide sufficient funding for complete water and sanitation systems for approximately 6 rural communities in the poorest parts of the world. We can feel very proud of this incredible effort. Thank you so much for your donations and the gift of your time and energy.

It is Christ's Love that sends us forth; His love makes us servants; His love that opens our eyes to the wounds of others (Pope Leo XIV, Dilexit te)



Children's Liturgy Good Friday Session

Join us in church at 10am on Friday 18th April for a special Good Friday session. There'll be a variety of crafts and activities, followed by refreshments. All welcome; activities will be aimed at children of primary school age.

Easter Offering



Traditionally the Easter collection goes directly to the parish priest as part of their annual income. Please collect an envelope on your way out or you can give on the contactless machines.

Confessions during Holy Week



Fr Joe is available to hear confessions:

- Monday 30th March after Mass from 9:45am until 10.30am
- Wednesday 1st April from 6pm before mass till evening Mass
- Thurs 2nd April before Mass from 7pm

Weekly income 14th – 15th Mar

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| Contactless: | £ 248.00 |
| Candles | £ 13.00 |
| Loose plate | £ 356.25 |
| 200 Club | £ 105.00 |
| Building Fund | £ 3.00 |
| Shop - February | £ 138.05 |

Weekly Standing Orders: £820.00

Parish 200 Club

WANTED!

New members to join our Parish 200 Club in aid of the Building Fund. The draw takes place after mass on the last Sunday of the month and you could win £50, £30 or £20 each month. It is only £20 to cover 3 months ~ March, April and May. Details and new member forms are on the notice board in the narthex. If you pay by bank transfer or via the Dona machine, please let Carol in the Parish Office know (ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org. uk), speak to one of the stewards or message me via the WhatsApp groups.

All **renewals** need to be made by **Wednesday, 25th March** please.

Thank you for your continued support. Helen

St Anne's RC Primary School warmly invites parishioners to join us for a number of upcoming Lenten and Easter events. Our Year 3 Easter Play will take place on Monday 23rd March (afternoon) and Thursday 26th March (morning), with both performances open to parents and parish members.

As always, we are very grateful for the continued support and prayers of our parish community. These shared moments of worship, reflection and celebration mean a great deal to our children and staff, and we very much value the partnership between the parish and St Anne's RC Primary School. We look forward to welcoming you into school over the coming weeks.

Mrs Tobin. the Head Teacher

Confirmation Mass on Tuesday 2nd June

Lessons would start from
Wednesday 15th April at 5pm.

Young people in Yr. 6 or above who would like to be confirmed please contact the office at ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk or Cathy Freddi at cmfreddi@talktalk.net by end of March.

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Mass intentions

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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| Saturday | 21 st March | 4.30pm | Year A <i>Confession</i> |
| | | 5.30 pm | Guisi Guarino RIP |
| Sunday | 22 nd March | 10.00am | People of the parish Baptism of Eliza Lafferty |
| Monday | 23 rd March | 9.15am | |
| Tuesday | 24 th March | No mass | |
| Wednesday | 25 th March | 6.30pm | |
| Thursday | 26 th March | 9.15am | |
| Friday | 27 th March | 9.15am | St Anne's Primary School end of school term mass deceased members of Family Solus and family Chwalinskich RIP |
| | | 10.30am | Funeral mass of Zofia Lyttle |
| | | 12.00 noon | Stations of the Cross followed by soup lunch |

Palm Sunday/ Passion Sunday

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| Saturday | 28 th March | 4.30pm | Year A <i>Confession</i> |
| | | 5.30 pm | People of the parish |
| Sunday | 29 th March | 10.00am | Henry Dubaj RIP |

RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Zofia Lyttle who died recently.
Funeral here in church on Friday 27th March @10.30am.
May she rest in peace and those who mourn her find comfort.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication 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.