

Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year B

4th – 5th May 2024



Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Ascension of the Lord

Thursday 9th May is the solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord and a holy day of obligation. There are 3 opportunities to get to Mass – Wednesday evening @ 6.30pm, Thursday morning @ 9.15am when the school will attend and a sung Mass @ 7.30pm on Thursday evening.

Stephen Dale RIP

 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Stephen Dale and for his family and friends who mourn him. May he rest in peace. The funeral will take place here at Our Lady & St Anne's on Friday 10th May at 10.30am.

Dates for your Diary

- ❖ Sunday 19 May 5pm –  Youth Club Latin American evening
- ❖ 9th June, 10am First Communion Mass
- ❖ Sunday 17 June 5pm – Youth Club vs Dads Father's Day sports evening 
- ❖ 30th June, 10am Confirmation Mass
- ❖ 7th July Glass Ensemble Concert 

WEEKLY INCOME 27th-28th April

C'less:	£	242.00
Loose plate	£	238.88
Candles	£	29.72
Clergy Training Fund	£	2.00
Shop	£	39.75
Weekly S Orders:	£	835.00

Weekday Teas & Coffees



The last Tuesday gathering will be Tuesday 7th May. Starting Thurs 16th May teas and coffees will move to be after the 9.15am Mass each week.

April 200 Club

As Fr Joe is away this weekend, the 200 Club will be drawn on Sunday 5th May.

200 Club



St Martin's Turns 50

St Martin's Catholic school in Caversham Park turns 50 this year. In celebration, the community are raising money towards an outdoor classroom. The children of this parish who attend the school will be doing challenges related to dancing, cycling and running, many with a theme of 50. If you would like to sponsor them please visit <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/stmartins-2450>

Second Collection

A second collection will be taken next weekend for Catholic Communications– 11-12th May.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Thank you for your support of The Weller Centre foodbank. They are in need of more contributions. Anything that you can give that is long life eg tins of fruit or veg, pasta, cereals, dry goods would be gratefully received. Thanks for your help in advance.





CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal

Millions of families in Sudan, forced to flee their homes amid conflict, now face yet another urgent crisis – extreme hunger. Please give to CAFOD's Sudan Crisis Appeal at cafod.org.uk/sudanappeal. Your donation will help CAFOD's partners to support more families with food packages and emergency cash payments as well as rebuilding water pipelines.

Thank you for your generosity and prayers.



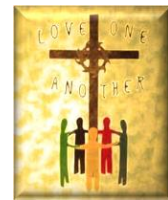
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Champions Holiday Club



29th July – 2nd August, 10am-3pm in St Anne's school. For youngsters 5-11yrs. Bookings now open at <https://buytickets.at/churchestogetherincavershamholidayclub> £27 for a whole week of fun if booked before 1st May.

For the 6th Sunday of Easter Year B, the readings offer rich insights into love, inclusion, and divine friendship. Each theme is closely connected with how believers are called to live and interact in light of God's love.



- **God's impartial love:** God shows no partiality among people; His love is for all, as shown when the Holy Spirit fills everyone listening to Peter, regardless of being Jew or Gentile. This teaches us that God's love transcends human boundaries, inviting all into His divine family.
- **Power of divine love:** The second reading tells us that God is the essence of love itself, and loving others is how we truly know God. This emphasizes that love is not just a human emotion but a reflection of the divine presence within us.
- **Commandment of love:** Jesus commands His disciples to love one another as He has loved them. This directive is rooted in His own obedience and love for the Father, highlighting love as the fundamental principle of Christian life.
- **Sacrifice as true love:** Jesus speaks about the greatest love being shown when one lays down their life for their friends. This underlines the sacrificial nature of true love, exemplified by Jesus' own life and death.
- **Friendship with God:** Elevating His followers from servants to friends, Jesus shares divine truths with them. This shift illustrates the deep, personal relationship God seeks with us, based on transparency and mutual love.
- **Promise of answered prayers:** Jesus assures that requests made in His name will be granted. This not only shows the power of prayer but also the confidence we can have in God's responsiveness to our needs.

These themes each point back to the fundamental truth that God is love, and our lives should reflect this reality.

Mass intentions for Sixth Week of Easter

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Year B

Saturday	4 th May	4.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	Patrick Joseph Phelan RIP
Sunday	5 th May	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	6 th May	10.00am	Terry Colehan RIP
Tuesday	7 th May	No Mass	
Wednesday	8 th May	6.30pm	Thygy Our Lady & St Anne
Thursday	9 th May	09.15am	Billy Flynn RIP
	<i>Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day</i>	[whole school]	
		7.30pm	Clair Lee RIP
Friday	10 th May	10.30am	Requiem – Steve Dale RIP

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Year B

Saturday	11 th May	4.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	People of the parish
Sunday	12 th May	10.00am	Mary Panakkal RIP

Evening Prayer followed by the rosary is prayed before Sat Mass, approx. 4.45pm. Everybody is welcome.



OUR LADY'S LAMP

Lit this week for:

Paul Phillips RIP

Please remember him in your prayers this week.



The Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance and the National and Archdioceses policies & procedures at all times. Our Parish Safeguarding Representative is **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.