

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

22nd – 23rd June 2024

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Our Lady & St Anne's Church refurbishment project 2024

Please take a printed version of Fr Joe's talk about the work in the next few months to have at home as a reminder over the summer.

Details of opening/closing, where Mass will be held etc. will also be available on the website.



OLSA 200 Club

Renewals are now due to join the 200 Club for June, July and August. Please contribute your £20 either by cash to the office or by bank transfer by Sunday, 23rd June at the latest. If you choose to transfer, please email the Parish Office to say you have done this. All details for payment are on the notice board in the narthex. If you have not yet joined, please do consider helping us raise funds for the Parish in this monthly draw. See Helen after 10am mass on Sunday or any of the stewards for details.

Confirmation Mass next week



Youngsters will be confirmed at the 10am Mass on Sunday 30th June so please be aware that the church may be busier than usual.

Dates for your Diary

- ❖ 30th June, 10am Confirmation Mass
- ❖ 7th July, 4pm Glass Ensemble Concert



WEEKLY INCOME 15-16th June

C'less:	£ 221.00
Loose plate	£ 437.67
Candles	£ 18.44
Day for life	£ 148.89
Building fund	£ 28.00
200 club	£ 60.00
Weekly S Orders:	£ 765.00

No Mass on Monday 24th June

Fr Joe has to attend a compulsory safeguarding training day on Tues 25th June.

To fulfil his commitments to the marriage tribunal, he will need to leave on Sunday afternoon so there will not be Mass on Monday morning.



GLASS ENSEMBLE SUMMER CONCERT 7th July, 4pm in church.

Glass Ensemble return for a sparkling concert of summer themed music accompanied by a talented harpist. Works include Ave Maris Stella, Summertime, Ergen Dada, and Elizabeth Poston's "An English Day-book". Tickets £12.50 (under-18s free) available after Mass from Maria. £15 on the door. Ticket includes delicious afternoon teas in Cenacle. Retiring collection for Launchpad, Reading.

Saint Vincent de Paul Society



The SVP would like to hear from all parishioners in our community who live on their own or are lonely and would like a volunteer to visit on a regular basis for a cup of tea & a chat or a regular phone call.

We are here for you and want to support you. Please contact Bev on

presidentB170309@svp.org.uk or Pam on secretaryB170309@svp.org.uk.

The SVP work in the community and closely with other charities to offer support where needed.

Should you wish to make a donation please use the card reader at the back of church. Your continued support is much appreciated.



As is typical in Mark's Gospel, Jesus' disciples are frightened by the sudden storm; they do little to inspire confidence in the reader. Mark notes the contrast between the disciples' terror and Jesus' peace. Jesus is sleeping, untroubled by what is going on around him.

The disciples' words to Jesus are telling. They are familiar enough with Jesus to dare to wake him. Their words to him are words of reproach, questioning his care for them. A careful reader might wonder what the disciples expected Jesus to do. Are they more troubled by the storm or by Jesus' inattentiveness to their needs? How many of us have chided a family member or friend for not agreeing with our assessment of the severity of a situation?

Today's Gospel offers evidence of Jesus' power and authority as he calms the storm. In his day, power over nature was believed to be a sign of divinity—only God calms storms. Jesus' rebuke of the storm also echoes the rebuke he uses when he talks to and expels demons. In each situation, Jesus' power and authority is a sign of his divinity. Indeed, the disciples are left wondering about Jesus' identity at the conclusion of today's Gospel. They see before them a human being who acts with the authority and power of God. The disciples' uncertainty about Jesus' identity is a recurring theme in Mark's Gospel.

This Gospel is a metaphor for our lives. We are in the boat, the storms of life are raging around us, and like the disciples, we may believe that Jesus is unconcerned, or “sleeping.” We hope that we will be as familiar with Jesus as his disciples. If we feel that Jesus is sleeping, are we comfortable enough to wake Jesus and present him with our needs? Jesus does not chide his disciples for waking him. Instead he chides them for their lack of faith, for their lack of perspective. When we bring our worries to God in prayer, we might just begin to learn to see things from God's perspective.



"The Church tells us that *"All citizens ought to be aware of their right and their duty to promote the common good by casting their votes."* CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul (SVP) have joined forces to launch 'A Year of Encounter'

<https://cafod.org.uk/campaign/uk-general-election-2024-a-guide-for-catholic-voters>

You are invited to reach out to their local candidates to find out more about their views on issues that we care about. We would encourage you to raise concerns close to your heart that reflect our faith - ideally by writing to candidates, raising questions at local hustings or as even as local canvassers knock on your door. Thank you.

Following the talks at the masses of the weekend of 15th, 16th June, CAFOD and the St Vincent de Paul society are encouraging you to raise concerns and questions that reflect our Catholic faith, especially around domestic and global poverty. Here is the link to the SVP handy tool to automatically create the email to your local candidates based on your postcode. Together we CAN make a difference. Thank you for your support. <https://act.svp.org.uk/page/151684/action/1>



Mass intentions for Week Twelve in Ordinary Time

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Saturday	22 nd June	4.45pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> Kathleen Feeney & Michael Corbett RIP
Sunday	23 rd June	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	24 th June	No Mass	
Tuesday	25 th June	No Mass	
Wednesday	26 th June	6.30pm	Kazimierz Dubaj RIP
Thursday	27 th June	9.15am	Thgvg Our Lady & St Anne
Friday	28 th June	9.15am	Private intention

Solemnity of SS Peter & Paul

Year B

Saturday	29 th June	4.45pm 5.30pm	<i>Confessions</i> People of the parish
Sunday	30 th June [Confirmation Mass]	10.00am	Patrick Ryan RIP

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



OUR LADY'S LAMP

John Rapple

Please /Ofremember 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.