

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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St Joachim & St Anne, Year B

27th – 28th July 2024

Response to the Psalm:

The Lord God will give him the throne of his father,
David.

Dear Parishioner,

I hope this letter finds you well. I just wanted to say a big thank you on behalf of the Parish for your continued support of Our Lady and St Anne's Church.

I appreciate that over the last few years living costs have risen for everyone, but your continued financial generosity is enabling the church to be welcoming and vibrant, able to pay its way and support local initiatives such as St Vincent de Paul, Children's Liturgy and World Youth Day.

Many of you have Gift Aided your financial contributions to the Parish. This has enabled the Parish as a charity to be able to reclaim tax on your generous giving. In 2023 the Parish was able to reclaim £11,403.00 in Gift Aid.

As you know over the coming months a substantial renovation of the church will be undertaken and weekend Masses after Sunday 25th August 2024 will be taking place in St Anne's School Hall. I appreciate this will bring some challenges for all parishioners, but I hope you will continue to support our church.

Please know how grateful I am and that I am here for you too. If you want to get more involved in the church, have a coffee or tea after mass on Sunday morning or just have a chat. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Once again, thank you. Your generosity is a beacon of light and a testament to God's love. May you feel His grace and peace in abundance today and always.

God Bless

Father Joe

Our Lady & St Anne Church

The carpets to the St Anne's chapel and choir loft have now been taken up, and the sacristy and confessional carpets will follow in the next two weeks. Paint swabs have been placed on the east and south wall of the sanctuary and the sanctuary ceiling so that we can consider the final colours to be used - all the colours are from the colour palate of the Shrine to Our Lady. The Cotswold tiles on the shrine roof have been cleaned, broken ones removed for replacement and the guttering and edging strip removed for repair work.



The Rock 'n' Ale Festival



This is now into its 12th year. This year's event will be held on **Saturday 7th September** and tickets are now on sale.

It is a family event & generates funds for the Motor Neurone Disease Association and is also a major contributor to Parish income. This year all parish monies will go to the Building Fund.

A full bar is provided by the Last Crumb with children's entertainment, three live bands playing music from the last 30 years, a hog roast and vegetarian chilli.

Tickets £15 adults, £5 under 16's & under 5's free.

Get one after Mass in the cenacle, by visiting www.facebook.com/rocknale or www.wegotickets.com/event/611520/



SVP news: Cake Sale

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the parish community, over £180 was raised at the bake sale. Boxed and in-date cakes were taken to the Weller Centre so everything was used.



Thank you to everybody who organised the event and to Daisy & Aaron for their help on the day.

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.

WEEKLY INCOME 21-22 July

C'less:	£ 130.00
Loose plate	£ 252.14
Candles	£ 54.49
Building fund	£ 490.55
Tea/coffee	£ 111.11
Shop	£ 45.95
Weekly S Orders:	£ 765.00

Soup Lunch

There will not be a soup lunch on Friday 2nd August as there is a wedding at 12 noon.

There will be Mass at 9.15am.





Booking the Cenacle

The Cenacle is available to book for family events or meetings with up to 30 people. Not suitable for children's parties.

It is booked on an hourly rate of £20/hour for parishioners or £25/hour for non-parishioners.

Please contact the parish office ol.stanne.caversham@rcaob.org.uk for more details or to make a booking.

Re-Union of First & Second generation Irish, Italian & Polish people whose families came to live in the UK after the Second World War.

To be held at St Annes School Hall, Washington Road, Caversham, Reading RG4 5AA on Sat 14 Sept, 6pm-11pm.

Bring your own food, drinks & musical



instruments to make for a jolly time. Max of 200 people. £5 entry at the door for Church & School funds. All are welcome. Contact Gabriele Scicluna:07778-340-444.



July 26 as the feast of Ss. Joachim and Anne together dates only from the time of Vatican II. Before that, the feast belonged to Anne alone, who was more popular than her spouse. Veneration of St. Anne dates from the fourth century, while interest in St. Joachim didn't emerge until the 15th century. He didn't even get his own feast day until 1913.

In a time when children were considered a sign of God's favour, Joachim and Anne were mocked for being childless. Instead of becoming bitter, Joachim and Anne each prayed to God for a child; angels appeared to each separately and promised that they would conceive. The church honours Joachim and Anne for their role in God's plan for salvation. Their daughter, Mary, grew in grace and holiness under the loving care of her parents, who dedicated her to God's service from the time of her conception. Joachim and Anne are also honoured for their trust in God and their gratitude for his blessing in giving them a child.

Tradition says that Joachim and Anne both lived to see the birth of their grandchild, Jesus, and died of old age.

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Mass intentions for Week Seventeen in Ordinary Time

St Joachim & St Anne

Year B

Saturday	27 th July	4.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	Jackie Clyne RIP
Sunday	28 th July	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	29 th July	9.15am	Int. of Colehan family
Tuesday	30 th July	No Mass	
Wednesday	31 st July	6.30pm	Private intention
Thursday	1 st August	9.15am	Private intention
Friday	2 nd August	9.15am	Private intention
		12 noon	Wedding

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B

Saturday	3 rd August	4.45pm	<i>Confessions</i>
		5.30pm	Deceased of Griffin family
Sunday	4 th August	10.00am	People of the parish

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



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication 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.