

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Fourth Sunday of Advent, Year C
21st December – 22nd December 2024

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus,
Mary and Joseph, Year C
28th December – 29th December 2024



Christmas Mass Times 2024

Tues 24th Dec – Christmas Eve

Vigil Mass (children's nativity) 5.00pm
Christmas Carols 7.30pm
Mass of Christmas Night 8.00pm
Incl. blessing and inauguration of Holy Door

Wednesday 25th Dec – Christmas Day

Mass of Christmas Dawn 8.00am
Mass of Christmas Day 10.00am

Confessions

23rd Dec after 9.15am Mass - 10.30am
24th Dec 4.30pm [before 5pm Mass]
24th Dec 7.30pm [before 8.00pm Mass]



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.

Holy Door

The Holy Door will be blessed and inaugurated before the Mass of Christmas night at 8pm.



Crib Offerings

Any offerings left at the crib will be donated to Friends of the Holy Land.



Message from Fr Joe re volunteers in the parish

My thanks to all those who give of their time and talents to support the life and work of our parish. We are blessed to have so many willing volunteers who assist in a variety of ways and I am deeply grateful to you all.

The Catholic Safeguarding Standards Agency (CSSA) has policies and procedures for the recruitment of volunteers which all parishes in England and Wales must comply with.

In our parish we already have robust procedures when recruiting those whose role is eligible for a **DBS check (Level 3)**

Adult altar servers; Bereavement support

Catechists; Chaperones; Children's liturgy; Eucharistic Ministers to the housebound; Sacristan; SVP; Youth Club leaders.

However, we now need to formalise procedures for those whose role **does not** bring them into direct contact with children, young people or vulnerable adults.

(Level 1 - volunteers who work behind the scenes):

Church cleaners; finance committee members; flower arrangers; gardeners; money counters; other jobs I may not be aware of.

(Level 2 - those who carry out a visible role):

Altar server when children or young people are not present

Choir; Music group; Minister of the Eucharist in church; Minister of the Word; Repository; those who serve tea/coffee after Masses; Welcomers

If your role is deemed Level 1 or 2, please contact the parish office by **Monday 30th December** to confirm your intention to continue with this role in 2025. You will then receive a basic registration form which asks for minimal details e.g. emergency contact.

As parish priest, it is my responsibility to oversee all those who undertake any role in the life of the parish. Therefore, if you wish to volunteer for a role in the future, you will need to meet with me in the first instance to discuss your application and I will signpost you to the next steps. These procedures are designed to ensure the safety and well being of all and I look forward to your continuing cooperation.

May God bless you and your work, Fr. Joe.

Please note that Masses between Christmas and New Year will be at 10am.

Weekly income 14/15th Dec

C'less:	£115.00
Loose	£244.18
Building Fund	£ 99.50
Candles	£ 55.63
Tea/coffee	£131.95
Flowers Advent 3	£186.35

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

200 Club

The Christmas draw will take place this weekend and then the end of Dec draw will be on 5th January.



Thursday Tea/Coffee

There will be no tea/coffee after Mass on

Thursday 26th December.

It will start again on Thursday 2nd January.

St Anne's School

May the celebration of the birth of Jesus bring you peace and joy. May the New Year bring you many blessings.

From Mrs Tobin and
St Anne's Catholic Primary School



St Anne's Catholic School
OPEN DAY



THURSDAY 9TH JANUARY
Morning - 9:15am-10:00am
Afternoon - 2:00pm-2:45pm

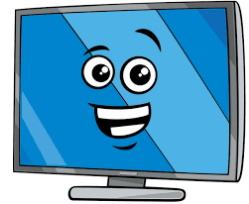
CONTACT US

 01189375537  admin@st-annes.reading.sch.uk

The poster features a yellow and blue color scheme. It includes a photograph of the school building and three circular inset images showing children in various school activities.

Youth Group

After the Christmas Eve 5pm and 8pm Masses, young people will be selling cakes and sweet treats to raise funds for a screen and speaker system for the cenacle - to be used for Youth Club but also for any other parish events.



Christmas office closure

Office closed 23rd Dec - 1st January.
Office will re-open Thurs 2nd January.



Dates for your diary:



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Pendennis Avenue
Caversham Park Village
RG4 6SS

Head: Mrs K Tilling
Contact:
admin@stmartins.reading.sch.uk

St Anne's Catholic
Primary School
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Caversham RG4 5AA

Head: Mrs Tobin
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Reading, RG30 3EP
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957 4730

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admin@hughfaringdon.org

Mass intentions for the next two weeks

Fourth Sunday of Advent YC

Sat 21st Dec 4.45pm Confessions
5.30pm Penny Robertson
RIP

Sun 22nd Dec 10.00am People of parish

Mon 23rd Dec 9.15am Private intention

Christmas Eve

[no morning Mass]

Tues 24th Dec 5pm People of parish
8pm Fr Tom Meagher RIP

Christmas Day

Wed 25th Dec 8am Christian Giblin RIP
10am Jackie Clyne RIP

Thurs 26th Dec 10am Thgvg Our Lady
& St Rita of Cassia

Fri 27th Dec 10am Maggie's intention

Feast of the Holy Family YC

Sat 28th Dec 4.45pm Confessions
5.30pm People of parish

Sun 29th Dec 10am Anne McCurry RIP

Mon 30th Dec 10am Private intention

Tues 31st Dec 10am Private intention

Wed 1st Jan 2025 10am Private intention

Thurs 2nd Jan 9.15am Ian Macdonald RIP

Friday 3rd Jan 12 noon Zygmunt
Powiecki RIP

The Epiphany of the Lord YC

Sat 4th Jan 5.30pm Private intention

Sun 5th Jan 10.00am People of the parish

OUR LADY'S LAMP 21/22nd December



The lamp is lit this
week for the priest and
people of the parish.

OUR LADY'S LAMP 28/29th December



The lamp is lit this
week for
Ian Macdonald RIP.

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.