

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Second Sunday of Advent, Year C 7th December – 8th December 2024

Response to the Psalm:

What great deeds the Lord worked for us!

Indeed we were glad.



Advent Carol Service



A time of spiritual preparation with Advent readings and carols to support us as we watch and wait for the coming of the Kingdom of God. **Thurs 19th December** in the church, at 7.30pm. All welcome. Followed by festive refreshments.



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

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]

Children's liturgy smarties appeal for CAFOD

The Children's Liturgy team gave out smarties tubes on the first Sunday of Advent. We'd be super grateful if the children could fill their Smarties tubes with any pennies they earn from helping out at home during Advent! Money raised will go to CAFOD and the children will discuss what CAFOD can do with the money raised on Sunday 22nd December.

Money can be donated at

(<https://www.justgiving.com/page/smartieschallenge>) or by bringing the tubes of coins to our

Children's Liturgy sessions in church.

Cafod World Gift Catalogue



Stuck for what to give loved ones who need no more 'stuff'? Want to bring the true meaning of Christmas into people's lives with your gift? From a bee hive to a goat that keeps on giving, Cafod World Gifts will delight the people you give them to and transform the lives of families, and with no landfill!

Pray for peace

Several staff members at a CAFOD partner operating within Gaza have tragically been killed. These were people who had been tirelessly carrying out vital humanitarian work and promoting peace for many years. Please pray for all those who have lost loved ones, have been injured and displaced, and live in fear as the violence continues.

“They will hammer their swords into ploughshares and their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, no longer will they learn how to make war.” Isaiah 2:4

Christmas flower fund

A box for donations will be at the back of the church after all weekend Masses up to Christmas. Thanks for your generosity.



Weekly income 30th Nov/1st Dec

C'less:	£181.00
Loose	£422.62
Building Fund	£ 95.00
Shop	£ 36.95
Candles	£ 28.85
200 club	£200.00
Teas/coffee	£ 85.15

Weekly S Orders: £820.00

First Holy Communion 8th Dec

Those wanting First Holy Communion in 2025 should meet Cathy in the church after 10am Mass with their child/ren.



Parish Christmas Tree Stars

The Christmas trees have been ordered and will be installed in the church for the third weekend of Advent. There will be three trees this year. The third tree will stand at the entrance to the shrine of Our Lady of Caversham and will carry the memorial stars on which parishioners can write the names of loved ones they wish to be remembered and prayed for. The stars are available now from the Parish shop or the cenacle for a minimum donation of £2. All monies received will go to the Building Fund.



Second collections for the rest of the year



➤ 7-8 Dec Poor Parishes Fund



Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

The Saint Vincent Society will be collecting Christmas Selection Boxes from now and all through Advent. These will be distributed by The Weller Centre to under privileged children in our local community. Thank you for your continued generosity.



St Anne's School

Final open day Tues 10th Dec@ 9.30am



We would like to say thank you to everyone who supported our recent Mini

Vinnies fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, we raised an impressive £65.50. This contribution will go directly towards Make a Wish charity, helping to bring joy to those in need.

The Mini Vinnies are proud to continue the mission of helping others, and your support makes this possible. We couldn't do it without you—thank you for being part of this!

From St Anne's Mini Vinnies



200 Club

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Payments are now due for the next round of the 200 Club (Dec-Feb 2025) for those who have not set up an automatic payment.

The deadline has been extended to 15th December. Use <surname200> as reference if you are paying electronically.

Rome Pilgrimage

Yes, it will be going ahead.

Nov 24 - 28 2025.

Booked with Tangney Tours.

A few rooms left. Contact Kevin on khfrnutt@gmail.com. Details at the back of the church.



OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed 9th & 10th December next week.

Dates for your diary:

➤ **Advent Carol Service:** 19th December @ 7.30pm



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Mass intentions for the Second Week of Advent YC

Second Sunday of Advent

Year C

Saturday	7 th December	4.45pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Evlyn Novel RIP
Sunday	8 th December	10.00am	People of the parish
		12 noon	Baptism
Monday	9 th December	9.15am	Zygmunt Powiecki RIP
Tuesday	10 th December	No Mass	
Wednesday	11 th December	6.30pm	Private intention
Thursday	12 th December	9.15am	Private intention
Friday	13 th December	9.15am	Kathleen Walker RIP
	[Mass will be in church. School Bambellina Mass]		

Third Sunday of Advent

Year C

Saturday	14 th December	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Elizabeth & Nigel Fox RIP
Sunday	15 th December	10.00am	People of the parish



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication this week. The diary is clear so contact the office if you would like the candle for somebody.

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 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.