

Our Lady & St. Anne, Caversham

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Third Sunday of Advent, Year C

14th December – 15th December 2024

Christmas and Holy Door flower fund

A box for donations will be at the back of the church after all weekend Masses up to Christmas. This year we need an arch of flowers for the Jubilee Holy Door as well as the usual flowers.



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/smartieschalleng>

or by bringing the tubes of coins to our Children's Liturgy sessions in church.

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.

Weekly income 7th/8th Dec

C'less:	£209.00
Loose	£281.14
Building Fund	£ 60.00
Shop	£ 50.00
Candles	£ 15.00
Poor Parishes Fund	£227.36
Flowers Advent 1	£145.26
Flowers Advent 2	£109.22

Weekly S Orders: £820.00



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 to Building Fund.

St Anne's School



Christmas Fair
Monday, 16th December
Starts at 3:30pm to 5pm

There'll be fun games, tasty treats, Father Christmas and plenty of festive cheer—something for everyone to enjoy!



Carol Service in church
Tuesday, 17th December
Starts at 4:00pm to 5pm

Come and sing along (or just listen!) as the school gets into the Christmas spirit with some lovely carols.
We look forward to seeing you there!

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

200 Club



200 Club

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.

OFFICE CLOSURES

The office will be closed on Tuesday 17th Dec next week just for the day.

Christmas Closure

23rd Dec – 1st January

Office will re-open Thurs
2nd January



Dates for your diary:



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

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Mass intentions for the Third Week of Advent YC

Third Sunday of Advent

Year C

Saturday	14 th December	4.45pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Elizabeth & Nigel Fox RIP
Sunday	15 th December	10.00am	People of the parish
Monday	16 th December	No Mass	
Tuesday	17 th December	No Mass	
Wednesday	18 th December	6.30pm	Thg'v'vg Our Lady & St Anne
Thursday	19 th December	9.15am	Maria Angelica Ayala RIP
		7.30pm	Advent Carol service
Friday	20 th December	9.15am	Private intention
	[Mass will be in church. School end of term Mass]		

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Year C

Saturday	21 st December	4.30pm	<i>Confession</i>
		5.30pm	Penny Robertson RIP
Sunday	22 nd December	10.00am	People of the parish



OUR LADY'S LAMP

No dedication this week. The diary has plenty of vacancies 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.