

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Parish Office Hours: **CLOSED UNTIL 9.00am MONDAY 8th APRIL.**
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Easter Sunday 31st March 2023 Year B 2024

Defeat the Darkness

Mary Magdalene went to the tomb early, “while it was still dark.”

Today those who attend the 8.00am mass will indeed come to the church while it still dark as the clocks go forward. We too are called to wake up early, while it is still dark. We are not to linger in our beds, but to love and serve the Lord now.

St. Paul told the Romans, “It is the hour now for you to awake from sleep. For our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed; the night is advanced, the day is at hand. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light”.

(Romans 13:11-12).

Our Catechumens were received last night. Their journey began in September as the dark nights drew in. They journeyed through the darkness and have come into the light of Christ, the Light of Easter, the Light of Spring. The New beginning for the dormant creation.

While it is Easter Sunday, and the world seems fresh and pure and joyful for them and indeed all of us, the works of darkness continue. The darkness lurks, but we are called to confront it, not alone, but with the power of the risen Christ: “...draw your strength from the Lord and from his mighty power. Put on the armour of God so that you may be able to stand firm against the tactics of the devil” *(Ephesians 6:10-11)*. Christ our Light has defeated the ultimate effects of darkness, but we must do our part to dispel “this present darkness” around us, armed with the Holy Spirit of truth, righteousness, and faith and compelled by the Gospel of peace *(Ephesians 6:12-17)*.

Let us pray for them, that the Risen Christ may always illumine their lives with His love and mercy and make them good and effective spreaders of the Good News and the resurrection of Jesus from the Dead.

May we wish you all a Holy and a Happy Easter
and may God Bless you always.
Alleluia!!!

NEW LECTIONARY AND PEOPLES MISSALS ADVENT 2024

In 2011 we were finally given the New Missal for Mass in English. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales and Scotland now have the New Revised Lectionary of Readings approved by the Vatican and it will be released in October of this year in preparation for use at the beginning of Advent. All previous Missals will be redundant as all the scriptures have been revised according to the ESV. of the Bible. Please see the website for further details and pre-orders can be made after Easter.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES AND GIFT AID

Boxes of envelopes for 2024/25 are now available at the back of Church.

Please collect your own box, and for Annunciation only please check that your address details are correct. If not, then please record the amended details on the sheet provided.

Please remember to put the box number as well as your name and address. For cost saving purposes, a small number of envelopes in the range 100-150 have been renumbered and amendments made to our Gift Aid records where appropriate.

If you use the envelope scheme, then you do not commit to giving a set amount each week.

If you pay tax and have not completed a Gift Aid form, then these are available from the contact below. The Parish gains an extra 25p for every £1 that you give under the envelope scheme or by bank standing order payments.

Gift Aid monies are a very important source of funds for us providing income of £29000 in 2023/24.

You only need to sign your name on the envelope if you wish it to be gift aided.

For missing/new boxes or other queries, please contact:

Peter Sharp (01246 569417) or pete@pasharp.co.uk

WOMENS RETREAT: WE ARE GIVEN

The next session in the women's retreat is entitled "We are given" will be held at St Joseph's Convent, Newbold Road on Saturday 6th April 9am - 5pm.

Please see the poster at the back of Church for more details

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 9th April at 1pm at the Olde House.

To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Friday 5th April if you are planning on coming.

For information, please contact Irene O'Donnell 07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 10th April in the parish centre.

Anyone who has been bereaved is invited to come along.

INTRODUCTION TO TAIZE

THURSDAY 18th APRIL 7.00PM (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)

In preparation for our first "Taize Evening Prayer" in the parish to be held in Church on the eve of Corpus Christi (Saturday 1st June) why not come along to the Annunciation Parish Hall on Thursday 18th April at 7.00pm to hear John-Charles Tanner and John Rivers, two of our church musicians, talk about meeting Brother Roger, the Founder and First Prior, at Taizé, their experience of leading Taizé worship groups

RACE NIGHT

On Friday 26th April, 7:15 – 10:15pm at Annunciation Parish Centre St Mary's school will be holding a race evening to support young people going on the Lourdes Pilgrimage. This even is a Ticket only event (includes a slice of pizza and a drink); £5 for adults, £2 for under 18s (must be accompanied by a responsible adult). Bring your own drinks and plenty of cash to bet on the races! For tickets, please email amarshall@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk with your name and the number of tickets you require.

PAYING FOR VOTIVE CANDLES????

We have been carrying out an audit on several areas of the parish, one being Votive Candles at the various shrines. Since Christmas less than half the Votive Candles used have been paid for.

This is not acceptable or sustainable. Votive candle are 20p each. Please remember to pay for the candles you light either in cash or on the card machines at the rear of the church.

CATHOLIC YOUTH EVENT: HE IS RISEN...ALLELUIA!

An opportunity for the youth of our parish (11 – 16years) to celebrate the joy of Easter through Faith, Food and Fun! Sunday 14th April from 3pm – 4.45pm, St Joseph's Convent, Newbold Road.

Please contact: chesterfieldyouth@hallam-diocese.com

EASTER WEEK MASS TIMES

Monday 1st April Easter Monday	12.00noon Annunciation	Steven Langen
Tuesday 2nd April Easter Tuesday	9.30am Holy Spirit	Thanksgiving for Layla Francis Marie
Wednesday 3rd April Easter Wednesday	12.00noon Annunciation	Josephine Mary Armitage
Thursday 4th April Easter Thursday	12.00noon Annunciation	Marilyn Di-Oreo
Friday 5th April Easter Friday	12.00noon Annunciation	Andrew Scott
Saturday 6th April Easter Saturday	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Thomas Kevin Flanagan
Sunday 7th April <i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Second Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Czeslaw Pietrzyk Elsamma Mathew <i>Divine Mercy Devotions With Benediction</i> People of the Parish

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Yellow envelopes are available at the back of our Churches for Easter Offerings.
These can be used for BOTH gift aid and non-gift aid offerings.

MASS TIMES

Solemnity of the Annunciation Monday 8th April Patronal Feast Day	12.00noon Annunciation	John and Beryl Innes
Tuesday 9th April	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Adrian Philip Hobson Marie Taylor
Wednesday 10th April	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass Patrick Heston
Thursday 11th April Saint Stanislaus, Bishop and Martyr	12.00noon Annunciation	Marina Kerr
Friday 12th April	12.00noon Annunciation	Recovery after operation
Saturday 13th April	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Margaret & Roy Benson
Sunday 14th April Third Sunday of Easter	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Dorothy Huntingdon The People of the Parish <i>Polish Mass</i> Eustace Family

PARISH SOCIAL

On Saturday 27th April 7.00 – 10.30pm at Annunciation Parish Centre the Parish council will be holding a parish social event. There will be a chance to share your talent at an “open mic” (music, song, poetry, dance). Shared supper. Please email the parish council with your request for a “spot” and say how many adults/children will be coming with you.

Or just let us know that you are coming to enjoy the evening! £2 adult, £5 family.

More details from Liz olqpcouncil@gmail.com