

**The Parish of**  
**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**  
**CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD**

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**Palm Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2024 Year B**  
**&**  
**Holy Week 2024**

**THE MOMENT OF TRIUMPH:**

Jesus entered Jerusalem as a Jewish king arriving for his coronation.

Passover was the traditional day for Jewish kings to be crowned.

When entering a city, the king would ride a donkey—the traditional royal mount  
(horses were only ridden by a conqueror entering a vanquished city).

According to tradition, the Messiah would come from the east, from the direction of the Mount of Olives. Jesus entered Jerusalem with a large crowd of pilgrims coming from Galilee for the feast of Passover. Many in Galilee already considered Jesus to be the Messiah and when they saw all this, they began to proclaim him Messiah and cover the road with palm branches and their cloaks for him to ride over.

Jesus clearly entered Jerusalem as the Messianic king riding to his coronation.

Unlike the Apostles, we know what kind of kingdom Jesus is preparing.

In spite of the glory of his entrance into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday,  
it will be a kingdom of struggle and sacrifice.

It will be a kingdom that will never be fully accepted by this world.

In spite of its many members, it will remain invisible without borders or territory,  
because it is a kingdom that exists in peoples' hearts.

The Apostles weren't ready for this, so they failed when Jesus was crowned on Good Friday.

If we are looking for a kingdom of this world, we will fail too.

*Jesus, we long to remain in the glory of Palm Sunday, to enjoy being a citizen of a kingdom of this world. But that is not the kind of kingdom you offer. Your kingdom opposes the glory of this world and so it will always be opposed. Please help me to love and desire to be a member of your kingdom because, in the end, your kingdom is much better than the world's, in spite of the difficulties I encounter.*

Amen

**May we wish you all a Holy and Prayerful Triduum  
and may God Bless you always.**

## **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 also 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.

Yellow envelopes will also be available at the back of our Churches for Easter Offerings.

These can be used for BOTH gift aid and non-gift aid offerings.

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](mailto:pete@pasharp.co.uk)

## **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.

## **BIBLE ALIVE**

Please help yourself to a free copy of Bible Alive from the back of Church this weekend.

## **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

The Novena of the Divine Mercy devotion begins on Good Friday and concludes on Divine Mercy Sunday.

Novena leaflets for this devotion are available on the piety stall priced at 30p each.

## **GOOD FRIDAY WALK OF WITNESS**

Organised by Churches Together in Chesterfield will depart from Town Hall at 11am

## **JUMBLE SALE**

The next jumble sale will take place on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April.

## **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 6<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> April at 1pm at the Olde House. To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April if you are planning on coming.

For further information please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158 or on the Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. Thank you!

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

The next meeting takes place on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> April in the parish centre. Anyone who has been bereaved is invited to come along. There will be 2 sections to each meeting: an informal social gathering with a cup of tea/chat. This will be an opportunity to share with others who have also been bereaved and are grieving.

The second section will be a short prayer service, where we will pray for our departed loved ones and for ourselves.

## **PARISH OPEN MEETING: THE FUTURE SHAPE OF OUR DIOCESE**

There will be an Open Parish meeting on **Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April at 7.00pm** in the Parish Centre main Hall to discuss the Bishops Pastoral letter and the questions which were given out on the Third Sunday of Lent. Please make this a date in your diary and take part in the discussions about the way forward for our parish in the future.

## **INTRODUCTION TO TAIZÉ**

**THURSDAY 18<sup>th</sup> APRIL 7.00PM (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE)**

In preparation for our first *Taizé Evening Prayer* in the parish to be held in Church on the eve of Corpus Christi (Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> June) why not come along to the Annunciation Parish Hall on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> 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; and watch a short audio-visual presentation on the community.

## **RACE NIGHT**

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> 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 event 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](mailto:amarshall@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk) with your name and the number of tickets you require.

## **PARISH SOCIAL**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:olqpcouncil@gmail.com)

## **PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS**

Our newly refurbished Parish Centre is available for bookings – parties, meetings, conferences with use of kitchen, Wi-Fi, screens and projectors, and sound system.

Should you wish to book the Parish Centre for an occasion please contact

Vincent Payne on 07742509514

## **WARM SPACES AND LIFE LUNCHESES**

Warm spaces and Life Lunches at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield every Tuesday.

Tea, coffee, cakes, and biscuits served from 10.30am - 2.00pm.

Homemade fresh soups served from 12.00noon - 1.30pm.

## **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 [minimum] 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.

## **DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:-**

Have you considered travelling on the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes in this Year of Prayer?

All are very welcome to join Bishop Ralph, clergy, and parishioners from around the diocese on the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes. This takes place Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024

The organisers ask anyone who is interested to send their Booking Forms in as soon as possible so that plans can be made. Any outstanding information can follow later.

Booking forms available to download at [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com).

Enquiries 01302 247910 or 07724 650066. Fare £879pp - 6 nights Full Board (excl. Ins.) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes

## HOLY WEEK LITURGY TIMES

<b>Monday of Holy Week</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>12.00noon</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Confessions 11.00am – 12.00pm</i>  <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>12.00noon</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Confessions 11.00am – 12.00pm</i>  <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> March	11.00am St Marie's Cathedral  <b>7.00pm</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	Mass of Chrism  <i>Confessions 6.00pm – 7.00pm</i>  <i>Private Intention</i>
<b>Holy Thursday</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>7.00pm</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<b>MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b> <i>Watching until 11.00pm</i>
<b>Good Friday</b> Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>3.00pm</b> <b>Holy Spirit</b>  <b>3.00pm</b> <b>Annunciation</b>  <i>5.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>	<b>LITURGY of the PASSION</b>  <b>LITURGY of the PASSION</b>  <i>Syro-Malabar Rite</i>
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March <i>Clocks go forward</i>	<b>7.00pm</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<b>SOLEMN EASTER VIGIL</b> <b>People of the Parish</b>
<b><i>EASTER SUNDAY</i></b> Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> March  <b><i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i></b>	<b>8.00am</b> <b>Annunciation</b>  <b>9.30am</b> <b>Annunciation</b>  <b>9.30am</b> <b>Holy Spirit</b>  <b>11.00am</b> <b>Annunciation</b>  <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>  <b>5.00pm</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	People of the Parish  Private Intention  Private Intention  Private Intention  <i>Syro-Malabar Rite</i>  Private Intention

**CLOCKS GO FORWARD ON EASTER SATURDAY NIGHT  
 INTO EASTER SUNDAY**