



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

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B  
14<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**JESUS CHRIST AND THE MEANING OF LIFE**

History's great philosophers and religious leaders have given various answers to humanity's central question: *What is the meaning of life?*

But only Jesus Christ has given us the complete answer.

And he gives it in today's Gospel passage.

He is about thirty years old, and the time has come for him to leave behind his simple life as a carpenter in Nazareth and take up his public ministry of preaching to the crowds and training his twelve apostles.

And where does he go to find those apostles?

To John the Baptist, who had been preparing his own disciples to recognise and welcome the Messiah.

So, as Jesus walks along the bank of the River Jordan, John the Baptist points at him and tells his two disciples that he is the One, the Lamb of God, the Messiah.

John and Andrew can barely believe their ears; they decide to check out this new Rabbi.

Jesus hears them approaching, turns around, looks them in the eye, and asks:

*"What are you looking for?"*

It's the key question.

In other words, where are you searching for meaning in your life?

Struck by the simplicity and warmth of Jesus' greeting, and maybe surprised by the question, they just say, *"Teacher, where are you staying?"*

Maybe without realising it, they have given the perfect answer:

*"Jesus, we are looking for you; we want to stay with you."*

A smile spreads over Jesus' face, and he says to them, *"Come, and you will see."*

He invites them to walk with him, to follow him, to be his companions

- and that is Christ's answer to the question of life's meaning.

The meaning of life is not a thing to be possessed, or an abstract doctrine to be understood.

The meaning of life is a relationship to be lived out: it is a personal friendship with Jesus Christ.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy for primary school children, and younger with an adult, begins again this Sunday 14th January at 10am Mass and continues every week until 24th March. Just follow the Catechist out into the parish centre and know where your family are sitting when we return to Church at the Offertory.

More details from Liz [olqpcouncil@gmail.com](mailto:olqpcouncil@gmail.com) or OLQP website.

## **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

Each Sunday following 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre - Please do join us.

Any help is greatly appreciated - if you would like to help out please let us know.

## **NEW ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

If your child would like the opportunity to serve at Mass there will be a New Altar servers training session on Saturday 20th January at 10am.

## **OPEN INVITATION TO A CHOIR PRACTICE**

Since Covid a lovely group of singers has come together to sing the music at 10am masses and at major feasts. This is an open invitation to come along to one or two open choir practices and see whether you would like to join us. These practices not for particular services; they are to learn some repertoire which is enjoyable as well as being usable throughout the year.

Wednesday 24th Jan 7pm to 8.30pm in church (Lady Chapel)

Wednesday 7th Feb 7pm to 8.30pm in church (Lady Chapel)

The car park side door will be open. Just turn up before 7pm.

More details from Chris Phillips (07702 043080 or [chris@phillips.cc](mailto:chris@phillips.cc))

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & NEW MINISTERS**

There will be a morning of recollection and training for Extraordinary Ministers on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2024 10.00 – 12.00noon in the Parish Centre.

Please make a note in your diaries.

## **JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

The next jumble sale will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the Parish Centre.

If you have any donations, especially clothes, or if you would like to help out please contact Chris on 01246 229517

## **BEWARE: LENT 2024 IS FAST APPROACHING**

Please be aware that Lent (and subsequently, Easter) fall very early this year.

Ash Wednesday falls on 14<sup>th</sup> February and Easter Sunday is 31<sup>st</sup> March.

It *almost* justifies the sale of Easter eggs on boxing day...but not quite!

In Lent there will be Exposition on Sundays between the morning and evening masses, Confessions and Stations of the Cross on Wednesday mornings and evenings. Keep a look out for the rotas to sign up. Please don't leave confession to the last week of Lent.

You may be very disappointed!!

## **PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS**

Our newly refurbished Parish Centre is available for bookings – parties, meetings, conferences with use of kitchen, Wifi, presentation tools and soundsystem.

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

Vincent Payne on 07742509514

## **APPEAL FOR READERS AT THE SUNDAY 8.30am MASS**

From January 2024, there will be just three readers – Ministers of the Word – to fulfil this valuable ministry at the 8.30am Mass on Sundays.

If you have been thinking about offering your services, please would you consider now doing so? Full support will be given.

If you feel able to join this small group, please contact either of the priests in the sacristy, or the parish office on 01246 232686, or Janet Dillon on 01246 567005. Thank you.

## **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.

## **MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGES 2024**

the dates for the 2024 pilgrimages are:

19<sup>th</sup> June to 26<sup>th</sup> June - cost £794 per person half board (excl. ins.)

*and*

2<sup>nd</sup> October to 9<sup>th</sup> October – cost £749 per person half board (excl. ins.) .

Early booking discount- £30 (before 1<sup>st</sup> Feb). Single room suppl. - £150.

Flights from East Midlands Airport.

For more information, please contact Dn. Pete Marshall:

07807955836 or [petemarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:petemarshall@googlemail.com)

## **A THANK YOU FROM THE FOODBANK**

In the past year, **Our Lady Queen of Peace** has been a source of abundant blessings, contributing **2208.41** kilograms of food donations. This generous offering translates into more than **5258** nourishing meals for our neighbours facing adversity. Thanks to the collective efforts of charitable and philanthropic organisations like **Our Lady Queen of Peace**, we were able to weigh in an incredible **53,600** kilograms of food donations in 2023. This profound total contribution translates into approximately **5360** emergency food parcels containing nutritious meals and essential items for those in need. Your dedication to addressing hunger with a spirit of love and service has brought comfort and sustenance to hundreds of souls.

## **YOUR COLLECTION OFFERING**

**Are you Giving in Cash?**

**Could you give that amount with your Debit Card using the Contactless machines at the Back of Annunciation Church?**

**Even better by weekly or monthly Standing Order?**

*Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card. Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.*

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Gillian Gibson
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit	Sam Barry
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>  St Anthony, Abbot	7.30am Chesterfield Royal  12noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm until finish</i>	Private Intention  Gioconda Rosella  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Repose of the Souls of John and Ellen Lowry
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Pauline Bristowe
<b>Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>  Vigil Mass	11.00am Convent  5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention  The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 21st January</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Intentions of Fr Adrian  Recovery of Mike Scott  Forgotten Souls