



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

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**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B**  
**21<sup>st</sup> January 2024**

**The Christian View of History**

Jesus' first words in Mark's Gospel are mysterious. He tells us: "The time has come."

In some translations of scripture, he even calls it *the time of fulfilment*.

What does this mean?

It means that when Jesus Christ came onto the scene,  
it was a turning point in the history of the world.

This is because Jesus ushers in the third age of human history.

The first age was the era of creation.

During this period, mankind lived in the fullness of communion with God.

It was when Adam and Eve lived in paradise and in unspoiled friendship with God.

This ended with original sin and the subsequent fall from grace: evil entered the world.

Then the second age began, the age of the Promise.

God promised Adam and Eve that he would send a Saviour to free the human family from  
domination by the devil (Cf. Genesis 3:15).

In this second age God gradually prepared the world, through the education of his chosen  
people, Israel, for the arrival of Jesus Christ.

With him, the third age began, the "time of fulfilment,"  
fulfilment of the promise of salvation.

In this age, the Christian age, God actually entered into time and space in order to rescue  
it from sin and destruction.

He did so at first through the Incarnation, and he continues to do so through the activity of  
the Church, which is gradually expanding into every corner of the globe.

At the end of this third age, Christ will come again, ushering in the fourth and final age,  
the age of glory, when evil, death, and sorrow will be banished from his Kingdom forever.

If we see things from the perspective of these four stages of history, it fills us  
with wisdom, interior peace, and a sense of purpose, because things make sense.

But do we look at things this way?

## **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))

## **CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP**

A group of people have expressed the desire to form an additional group of instrumentalist musicians and singers of all ages, who could play piano, violin, flute, guitars etc. These would serve the Mass with recourse to the more contemporary hymns and Mass settings available in the "Laudate" hymn book which we use. If you'd like to join this new initiative, please email the parish office with your name address and telephone number and details of what you would like to offer (ie. Sing or play and what instrument.) Thank you!

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy for primary school children, and younger with an adult, begins again this Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January at 10am Mass and continues every week until 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## **PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS**

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

Should you wish to book the Parish Centre for an occasion please contact Vincent Payne on 07742509514

## **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.

**THE MORNING WILL BEGIN WITH HOLY MASS CELEBRATED AT 10.00AM**

## **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

## **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

There will be a meeting of the reconvened Bereavement Support Group on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am till 12pm. The first meeting takes place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 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 and a concluding short prayer service where we will prayer for our departed loved ones and for ourselves.

## **WARM SPACES AND LIFE LUNCHES**

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

## **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.

## **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.

## **LENT 2024 IS FAST APPROACHING!**

Lent 2024 begins with Ash Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February and Easter Sunday is 31<sup>st</sup> March.

In Lent there will be Exposition on Sundays between the morning and evening Masses – rotas are available at the back of church.

Confessions and Stations of the Cross on Wednesday mornings and evenings.

Please don't leave confession to the last week of Lent: you may be very disappointed!!

## **PALM DONATIONS**

We would welcome all donations of palms from last year's Palm Sunday Mass so that these may be burned and the ashes anointed for use on Ash Wednesday

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 11.00am and 7.00pm.

This year we will be using St Alphonsus Liguori version of the Stations. Copies will be available at the back of Church. Please sign up on the rota sheets at the back of Church if you wish to lead ONE of Station of the Cross services.

Two leaders would be good. Confessions will be heard during Stations of the Cross.

## **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 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<i>No Public Masses</i>	
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit  12.00noon Annunciation	Joseph and Martha Lowry  Forgotten Souls
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>  St Francis de Sales, Bishop & Doctor of the Church	7.30am Chesterfield Royal  12noon Annunciation  6.00pm <i>until finish</i>	Private Intention  Claire Muhley: Thanksgiving  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>  Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle	<b>10.30am Annunciation</b>  12.00noon Annunciation	<b>Funeral Service of Josephine Duxbury</b>  Andrew Scott
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>  Saint Timothy and Saint Titus	12.00noon Annunciation	Ann Langen
<b>Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b>  Vigil Mass	10.00am Annunciation  11.00am Convent  5.00pm Holy Spirit	Special Intention  Private Intention  Thomas Flanagan
<b>Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  3.00pm <i>Annunciation</i>  4.00pm <i>Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Annunciation	Jackie and John Lister  The People of the Parish  <i>Polish Mass</i>  <i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i>  Bob Cordell

There will be a retiring collection following all Masses next weekend in aid of  
**Racial Justice Sunday**  
*A Racial Justice* option is available on the contactless payment terminals at the  
 Annunciation Church for those who prefer to donate by card