



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

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR B
25th February 2024**

CARRYING ONE ANOTHER'S CROSSES

This balance between the Cross and the Resurrection, sorrow and joy, helps make sense out of a lot of confusing aspects of the spiritual life.

Since both are necessary for our growth in holiness, just as sunlight and darkness are both necessary for the growth of plants, God allows us to experience both, in accordance with the timing that he deems best.

In the Resurrection moments, God grants us exceptional clarity and satisfaction in our Christian journey.

But we do have a habit of holding on to those good feelings as if they were God himself.

We echo Peter's comment in today's Gospel:

"Lord it is good for us to be here! Let's just put up some tents and never leave!"

But earth is not heaven, and God loves us too much to let us settle for anything less than the fullness of his friendship.

And so, he leads us down from our high mountains and walks with us to Calvary, letting us share the weight of his cross.

On mountaintops he strengthens our hope, but with crosses he strengthens our love, as we learn to cling to him more than to his gifts.

And that's what Christian wisdom is all about.

What can we do to speed up our Christian wisdom learning curve?

The easiest way is to work together.

If we decide never to let those around us carry their crosses alone, then we can be sure someone will do the same for us.

By carrying each other's crosses, we combine the joy of Christian charity with the pain of our earthly exile - keeping perfectly in mind both the cross and the Resurrection.

As Jesus comes to us in this Mass to help us carry our crosses, let us promise him that we will do the same for those around us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will take place every Wednesday during Lent at the Annunciation Church at 11am and 7pm, and also at Holy Spirit Church every Sunday at 3.00pm.

This year we will be using St Alphonsus version of the Stations.

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 2nd MARCH 2024

The monthly jumble sale will take place on Saturday 2nd March the Parish Centre. Chris and the volunteers will be setting up and taking donations on Thursday and Friday

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

CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY TOOK PLACE ON FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY.

Please make your donations to CAFOD using the Gift-Aid envelopes at the back of Church or the contactless payment terminals at the Annunciation Church.

Alternatively, donations can be made directly to CAFOD using their website.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This year is prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine (before October 7th, 2023), and is entitled **“I beg you, bear with one another in love”**.

It is to be held on Friday 1st of March.

There are 3 services here in Chesterfield as follows:

10.30 a.m. – St Paul's Church, Churchside, Hasland

10.30 a.m. – St John's Church, Littlemoor, Newbold

2.30 p.m. – Holy Trinity Church, Newbold Rd.

Please consider supporting any of the services if you can as we pray for peace in the middle East.

PARISH YOUTH GROUP

Dear young people aged 11-16, join us for some faith, food and fun!

The next monthly youth group meeting at 3.00 – 4.45pm on **3rd March** at the Convent.

For info contact: chesterfielddiocese@hallam-diocese.com

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is on **Tuesday 5th March** at 1pm at the Olde House.

To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Friday 1st March if you are planning on coming. For further information please contact:

Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. Thank you!

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Support Group on the first Wednesday of each month between 10am till 12pm. The next meeting takes place on **Wednesday 6th March** 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 prayer for our departed loved ones and for ourselves.

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

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.

DARE TO SAY COURSE

The *Dare to Say* course which is based on the Our Father and everyday problems, is a national Lenten initiative initiated by The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and intended to be run in all parishes.

The Course will be given in the Parish Hall from 7 – 9pm beginning *this* Thursday 29th February and continuing weekly on 7th, 14th, 21st March, and after Easter on the 4th and 11th April.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church to participate or if you would like to be a leader. Course books are available from the Sisters for Leaders.

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.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for primary school children, and younger with an adult, 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 or OLQP website.

ANNUNCIATION REPOSITORY STALL

As well as a wide selection of cards, Rosaries and gifts, the Annunciation repository stall now has prayer books, including for use in Lent from the Catholic Truth Society (CTS). Please do peruse the stall in the narthex. Payments for items can be made both by cash or by card using the contactless terminals and choosing the option for *Repository*.

ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: OPPORTUNITES

Geography apprentice teacher, required for September 2024, for Geography graduates wishing to undertake apprenticeship teacher training at the High School.

Further details & application pack available from Mrs Gilding – rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk

DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR?

The Diocesan Communications group would like to broaden its membership so that it is more representative of people from all over the diocese. The group currently meets monthly for approx. one hour. If you have any skills or experience in journalism, website development or social media content generation and are willing to share your knowledge and experience we would love to hear from you.

Contact Arthi Fernando communications@hallam-diocese.com for more information or to express your interest in joining the group.

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

<p>Monday 26th February</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>St Veronica Intentions</p>
<p>Tuesday 27th February</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Holy Face of Jesus Intention John Phynn</p>
<p>Wednesday 28th February</p>	<p>7.30am Chesterfield Royal <i>11.00am Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm Annunciation</i> <i>7.00pm Annunciation</i></p>	<p>Private Intention <i>Stations of the Cross</i> John Joseph Crawford <i>Confessions</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Thursday 29th February</p>	<p>11.30am Chesterfield Crematorium 12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Funeral Service for Iris ‘Peggy’ Thomas Intentions of George Shirley</p>
<p>Friday 1st March St David Bishop, Patron of Wales</p>	<p>10.30am Annunciation 12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Requiem Mass Tony Lynden Hall Maria Sporton</p>
<p>Saturday 2nd March Vigil Mass</p>	<p>11.00am Convent <i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Private Intention <i>Rosary and Confessions</i> Yorkshire Brethren</p>
<p>Sunday 3rd March THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>11.00am-4.30pm Annunciation</i> <i>3.00pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>George & Bernadette McLintock Mary Belcher <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> <i>Stations of the Cross</i> The People of the Parish</p>