



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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN EASTER: YEAR B
28th APRIL 2024:**

JESUS TRANSFORMS US FROM THE INSIDE OUT

History's greatest leaders influence people from the outside in. With their speech, their ideas, their example, and even their presence they move and motivate those around them, drawing others and stirring them to action.

Jesus Christ, however, goes much deeper, influencing us also from the inside out. He not only calls us from the outside, through the voice of the Church, the actions of Providence, and the example of his faithful disciples. But he also unites himself to us so intimately that his very life flows through our veins.

"I am the vine, you are the branches," he explains in today's Gospel.

Where does a vine stop and its branches begin?

Their union is too complete to tell.

The same sap gives life to the vine and to its branches.

Just so, grace is God's own divine life flowing through Christ and into us.

In this way, Jesus Christ stands alone among great historical figures.

Not only does he excel all others in their own game, but he plays in an entirely different league; he is a leader, but he is also the Lord. How grateful we should be that he has seen fit to make us branches of his vine!

And yet, as human beings we are a unique kind of branch.

We are responsible for keeping ourselves united to the vine.

And if we don't, Jesus makes it perfectly clear that we will not bear fruit; we will wither, die, and be burned.

So, the question arises:

how do we stay united to the vine, so that we can bear fruit and share in eternal life?

In today's Gospel, Jesus points out four ways to do just that.

NEW LECTIONARY AND PEOPLES MISSALS ADVENT 2024

As advertised previously; new lectionaries will be in use from Advent of this year. When our suppliers make these available, orders may be placed in advance via the piety stall. Please note: to avoid confusion and overstocking, payment will be required at time of orders being placed. Please check the newsletter for further updates.

JUMBLE SALE

The next jumble sale will take place on Saturday 4th of May.

Can we please ask that donations are brought into the hall on Friday 3rd May **only** and not before. Unfortunately, there is no-one available at the moment to pick up any donations you may have.

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

There will be a rosary service of prayer for world peace at 7pm each Monday in May starting on 6th May and continuing on 13th, 20th, and 27th May.

Each decade will be prayed in a different language.

If you would like to take part by leading a single decade in a different language, please sign up on the sheets at the back of church. Thank you.

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

CHILDRENS LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will begin again in the Parish Centre during 10 am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday from 21st April until 14th July (except 26th May). Just follow the Catechist as we process out from Church and know where to return to your family at the Offertory. More details on OLQP website or Liz Stead at olqpcouncil@gmail.com

PRAYING FOR OUR SICK

At present, there is a great number of our parish family suffering from illness and we ask that you keep them in your prayers; that they may feel the healing power of Christ and that they may be kept from pain.

Please be aware that requests to visit those who are housebound must come from themselves or their families so if you are aware of anyone in our congregation who requires the Blessed Sacrament at home, please encourage them to contact the parish office.

Similarly, if you are going into hospital, please do let the priests know – the ward is not responsible for contacting clergy on your behalf – please take one of the leaflets from the back of church if you are in any doubt as to the procedure.

CHESTERFIELD YOUTH

The next meeting is on 5th May at 3.00pm. The theme of the meeting is, *'Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us'*.

It is at St Joseph's Convent, 42 Newbold Road, S41 7PL Chesterfield. Ages:11-16 are invited. FAITH, FOOD AND FUN. For more information please contact: chesterfieldyouth@hallam-diocese.com

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.

HALL TOILETS

Over the past couple of Mondays, the toilets have been found to be in a terrible state following use at the weekend. Please make sure that you leave these toilets as you would like to find them. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied.
If this continues the toilets will be out of use.

CHESTERFIELD 50+ INSPIRED GROUP: OPEN MEETING

The Chesterfield 50+ Inspired group will be having an open meeting on Thursday 9th May from 10.15am – 12.30pm at Chesterfield Library. This month speakers include Paul Newsham, expert and lecturer in forensics, and Richard Ward from DCC who will be speaking on flooding issues. Refreshments will be served and a raffle drawn also.

ORGAN DAY THANK YOU

Thank you to those who attended last weekends Organ Open Afternoon. It was wonderful to see so many people, especially so many children, showing an interest in experiencing the Annunciation's magnificent instruments. If you would like to know more about the music in our parish including the choir or opportunities to learn more about and try-out the organs, please see Chris Phillips (organist) or contact the parish office.

LEAD THEFT

Recently a local 'opportunist' helped themselves to a vast amount of lead from the roof of the Annunciation Parish Centre *and* Church. Thanks to the new CCTV system, we have very clear footage of the individual and the police are involved. Should you see any suspicious activity around the churches and/or parish centre, please contact the police.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be NO public Mass on Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May

RETIRING COLLECTIONS

There will be a retiring collection following all Masses this weekend in aid of:

THE PRIESTS' TRAINING FUND

Unlike other areas of higher education, the cost of training priests falls entirely on the church and we therefore ask your generosity in supporting our future seminarians through their discernment and formation

There will be a second collection following all Masses next weekend in aid of

THE CAFOD SUDAN APPEAL

You can also donate using this link.

<https://cafod.org.uk/give/donate-to-emergencies/sudan-crisis-appeal>

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p align="center">Monday 29th April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin & Doctor of the Church</p>	<p align="center">1.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p align="center">Requiem Mass for Bernard Drew</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday 30th April</p>	<p align="center">12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p align="center">Richard Langen</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday 1st May</p>	<p align="center">7.30am Chesterfield Royal Hospital</p> <p align="center">9.30am Holy Spirit</p> <p align="center">12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p align="center"><i>6.00pm – finish</i> <i>Annunciation</i></p>	<p align="center">Private Intention</p> <p align="center">Intentions of Daniel Paul Prunty</p> <p align="center">Ashley Kent</p> <p align="center"><i>Confessions</i></p>
<p align="center">Thursday 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church</p>	<p align="center">9.50am Annunciation</p> <p align="center">12.00am Annunciation</p>	<p align="center">Requiem Mass Rosemary Johnson</p> <p align="center">Special Intention (TM)</p>
<p align="center">Friday 3rd May Saint Philip and St James, Apostles</p>	<p align="center">12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p align="center">Veronica Togher</p>
<p align="center">Saturday 4th May English Martyrs</p> <p align="center">Vigil Mass</p>	<p align="center">11.00am Convent</p> <p align="center"><i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p align="center">5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p align="center">Private Intention</p> <p align="center"><i>Rosary and Confessions</i></p> <p align="center">Pearl Newall</p>
<p align="center">Sunday 5TH May</p> <p align="center">SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR B</p>	<p align="center">8.30am Annunciation</p> <p align="center">10.00am Annunciation</p> <p align="center">5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p align="center">Giuseppe and Ida Acierno</p> <p align="center">The People of the Parish</p> <p align="center">The Gibbons Family</p>