



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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B  
28<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**FINDING JESUS TODAY**

This Jesus who saves is not a hero from the past, like Socrates or Julius Caesar. He is just as real, alive, and present today as he was in that synagogue almost two thousand years ago.

He is here in the Eucharist, in the tabernacle, every day and every night, as the sanctuary lamp reminds us.

Whenever we need to let the power of his grace fortify our tired and weak souls, we can do so right here.

And Jesus is present in the confessional, through the ministry of his priest. Whenever we need to be cleansed, forgiven, and healed by his grace, we can find him there, the very same Jesus who expelled demons and astonished the crowds.

And Jesus is also present in the Bible;

the only book in the whole world directly inspired by the Holy Spirit.

When our worried hearts need to hear his words of wisdom, we can find him there.

And Jesus is present among us in this liturgy,

because he promised that wherever two or three gather in his name, he will be there.

We believe these things with our heads, but do we believe them with our hearts?

When the Pope comes to visit a city or a town, everyone stops their normal activity and goes out to see him, to be with him.

And yet, the Pope is just the Vicar of Christ, Christ's second in command.

But we have Christ himself present in all these ways, all the time.

Today, as Jesus renews his commitment to us in this Mass,

let us renew our commitment to him.

Let's put our hopes for happiness, meaning, and fruitfulness in his saving grace, not in our efforts alone.

And this week, let us actively seek out his presence, so that he can make the difference he wants to make in our lives.

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

The monthly jumble sale will take place on next 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**

## **CHILDRENS 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.

## **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 7<sup>th</sup> 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!

## **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.

## **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 of The Blessed Sacrament on Sundays between the morning and evening Masses – rotas are available at the back of church.

Confessions will take place Wednesday mornings *and* evenings as well as Stations of the Cross - please see the notice below for details and sign-up information. Please don't leave confession to the last week of Lent: you may be very disappointed!!

## **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.

## **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

## **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.)

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, contact:

Dn. Pete Marshall: 07807955836 or petemarshall@googlemail.com

## **CHESTERFIELD CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT**

For ages 11 – 16 to come along for some joy and fellowship before we embark on our Lenten journey. Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 3.00pm – 4.45pm, St Joseph's Convent, Chesterfield.

For more information, please contact Sr. Mary John: maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

## **WE ARE BROKEN: AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED**

A retreat for women led by the Daughters of Divine Charity

17<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 9.00am – 5.00pm, St Joseph's Convent, 42 Newbold Road, S41 7PL

To register or for more information, please contact Sr. Mary John: maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

## **ANNUNCIATION REPOSITORY STALL**

As well as a wide selection of cards, Rosaries and gifts, the Annunciation repository stall now has *Catholic Truth Society Books* covering a range of topics including prayer,

Catholic life and identity, Missals, and Children's interests.

Please do peruse the stall in the narthex. Payments can be made by card using the contactless terminals and choosing the option for *Repository*

## **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 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit	Jean Railton
	12.00noon Annunciation	William Smith
<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b> Saint John Bosco, Priest	7.30am Chesterfield Royal	Private Intention
	12noon Annunciation	Living and Deceased members of The Yorkshire Brethren
	<i>6.00pm until finish</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	James O'Flynn
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	12.00noon Annunciation	Kieran Kevin Lawless
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>  Vigil Mass	11.00am Convent	Private Intention
	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Tony McGregory
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <b>FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B</b>	8.30am Annunciation	The People of the Parish
	10.00am Annunciation	Irene Connaughton (SVP)
	5.00pm Annunciation	Deceased members of the Platts and Molloy Families

There will be a retiring collection following all Masses this 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