



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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B  
3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024**

**TWO METHODS FOR CLEANSING THE SOUL**

Jesus wants our friendship, because the only place we can find the fulfilment and satisfaction we yearn for is in communion with God.

In fact, He wants this for us so much, that sometimes He goes to extreme measures in order to cleanse the temple of our hearts.

Many times, this is why he permits suffering in our lives.

When we suffer, we are forced out of our comfort zone;  
we learn our limitations;

we discover that the promises of this world's politicians, advertisers, and self-help gurus just don't hold up under pressure.

When that happens, we can become more open to hearing God's voice, to stop pretending that we don't really need God and start leaning more completely on God.

But Jesus doesn't want to have to resort to extreme measures all the time:

He gives us another option, an ongoing opportunity for us to work with him in cleansing out the temple of our hearts...it's called confession.

The sacrament of reconciliation is a voluntary cleansing of the temple.

As Christians, our hearts are the real temple of God  
the Holy Spirit and the Blessed Trinity dwell within us.

But our sins and selfish actions and habits can turn that temple into a place of confusion, noise and tension, instead of one where we encounter God and discover his love.

Whenever we make a good confession, we give Jesus free entrance into our hearts, so that he can cleanse them, and fill them up again with the light and strength of his friendship.

Jesus wants to lead us to the meaning and fulfilment we long for.

Today, as we continue with this Mass,  
let us promise that we will give him the chance to do so.

### **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.

### **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 is **this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March** at the Convent.

For info contact: [chesterfielddiocese@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:chesterfielddiocese@hallam-diocese.com)

### **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

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

To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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 *this Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 pray 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

### **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 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: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*.

### **FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS**

on 17<sup>th</sup> March there will be a second collection following all Masses in aid of

### **Hallam Support for Life**

. Donations can be made using the collection bowls or using the contactless machines.

## **EASTER FLOWERS**

As we continue through Lent, many of our congregation volunteers are well underway with preparations for Holy Week and Easter; among whom are our hard-working florists.

However, they cannot create their beautiful displays without your kind donations.

The contactless terminals have an option for Easter Flowers and collection baskets will be out on Sundays 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> March

## **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 continuing *this* Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March and then also 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> March and after Easter on the 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please note: those unable to attend last week's session are most welcome to still attend.

## **WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A YOUTH MINISTRY LEADER IN THE LAKE DISTRICT?**

Castlerigg Manor (Diocese of Lancaster Retreat Centre) are looking for a Programme Leader to join their youth ministry team. The work involves working on retreats in the heart of the Lake District, and occasionally working on outreach visits around the area.

The post is residential and comes with a salary package in the range of £26-28k, made up of paid salary, accommodation, food etc. Would suit somebody with youth ministry experience perhaps recently graduated. Interested – [jack@castleriggmanor.co.uk](mailto:jack@castleriggmanor.co.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](mailto:communications@hallam-diocese.com) for more information or to express your interest in joining the group.

## **SONGS OF PRAISE**

On behalf of Christians together in Chesterfield, you are invited to a celebratory Songs of Praise (local style) at Central Methodist Church, Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm. The Service will feature:

- The Papal Encyclical on climate change.     Mission and outreach in Romania.
  - Talk on The Revised English Hymnal, Published November 2023.     Taizé chant
  - Reflections on our Ash Wednesday visitation to the *Walking Men* memorial in Markham Vale
- Refreshments will be served following the event.*

## **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 4<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Leonardo Sousa
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Recovery St Francis  Carlo Bettaccini
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Chesterfield Royal  11.00am <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation  6.00pm <i>Annunciation</i>  7.00pm <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  Andrew Scott  <i>Confessions</i>  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	The Solari Family
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Andrea Fleming
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Vigil Mass	4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	<i>Rosary and Confessions</i>  The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B LAETARE SUNDAY</b>  <b><i>Mothering Sunday</i></b>	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 11.00am - 2.30pm <i>Annunciation</i> 3.00pm Annunciation 3.00pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	Bill Smith  Gail Mallender  <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>  Polish Mass  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  Maxy Eustace

### 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