

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

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**PARISH PRIEST**

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A**  
**12<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**THERMOMETERS VS. THERMOSTATS**

Just like many of you in your own homes, in the presbytery we are being more aware of our energy usage; and as I sat the other morning I found myself entranced by the thermostat as it clicked in to life – and as I willed the reading up towards the ‘target temperature’ I thought:

If we live our faith superficially, looking like a Catholic on the outside

only, our lives will never have the meaning or the power that they are meant to have.

We will end up just following the latest trends and fashions, never really having the stability or making the progress in life that Jesus wants us to.

But if we live our faith from the inside out, keeping Christ alive in our hearts, we will be able to help set the trends, not just follow them.

It's like the difference between a thermometer and a thermostat.

A thermometer merely tells what the temperature is in a particular area.

If your thermometer reads fifteen degrees and you place that thermometer in a room that is currently eighteen degrees, the thermometer will change to register whatever the room temperature is, and it won't be long before the thermometer reads eighty degrees.

It always changes according to its environment.

The thermostat, however, does just the contrary.

Instead of changing in accord with its environment,

it actually changes the environment in accord with itself - It adjusts the room temperature.

If the thermostat is set at eighteen degrees and the room is fifteen degrees, the temperature of the room will gradually change to conform to whatever the thermostat is reading.

The room will become eighteen degrees.

Thermometers passively reflect what's around them;  
thermostats actively affect what's around them.

If our hearts are truly Catholic, truly Christian, if they are filled with knowledge of God and with this grace, then we will be like thermostats.

But if our faith only goes skin deep, if we are only going through the motions of friendship with Christ, we'll just be like thermometers.

## **THE ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IS NOW CONTACTLESS**

Parishioners attending Sunday Masses at the Church of the Annunciation now have the option of making an offering via contactless payment. Initially this will be for weekly offertory donations but an option screen will be available as necessary to also allow donations for Easter, Christmas, Special Collection, Flowers etc.

Secure payment terminals are situated at the rear of the church and parishioners can opt for any amount of their choosing before simply tapping their card or mobile device. In addition, a donation portal is available on the website through which anybody may make a one-off donation.

When using the new payment terminals, after selecting a donation value an option button will show on screen Gift Aid YES/NO. If you are a tax payer and wish payments to be gift aided, the YES button will then invite you to complete basic details of Name/House number/Postcode/Email.

These should be completed **EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY A GIFT AIDER**. This is a one-off exercise and all future payments will generate Gift Aid for the Parish but you must continue to use the same payment card.

If you are unable to complete the Gift Aid information when first using the terminal, subsequent completion via the terminal or via our website

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when making a donation will backdate Gift Aid to your first payment.

For further information contact Peter Sharp, [pete@pasharp.co.uk](mailto:pete@pasharp.co.uk) or 01246 569417

**Please note: collection bowls will still be available for parishioners who prefer to donate by envelope or loose cash.**

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2023**

15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2023: £685pp for half board and all travel.  
*and*

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel.

Pilgrims placing a deposit before 31<sup>st</sup> January are eligible for a discount of £30pp.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:

07807955836 or [petesuemarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:petesuemarshall@googlemail.com)

## **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 1.00pm at the Olde House. Please note the change of time: this makes it possible for anyone wishing to attend the 12.00pm Mass to come afterwards for lunch and a 'warm up' at the Olde House.

For more information please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158

## **DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHES**

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO are holding LIFE LUNCHES. These sessions, held at Holy Spirit, church provide a warm space to meet with free/pay what you can refreshments, tea coffee, cakes.

Every Tuesday 10.30-2.00, soup and bread from 12.00 noon.

## **PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED**

The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace seeks to appoint a Parish Administrator to assist and support the work of the clergy.

Working hours are 9.30am – 3.00pm Monday – Friday (26 hours).

For job details and information on how to apply, please contact the Parish Office:  
annunciationchesterfield@gmail.com                      01246 232686

## **NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS WITH DRONFIELD PAGE**

To reflect better our Parish of three churches, our Parish Website now has a new address:

**[parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org](http://parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org)**

The old address will redirect to the new one so your bookmarks will still work. However, if you could update them and use this address when sharing it will help to better establish the new site.

There is also now a dedicated page on the website for  
The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield,  
with a brief history of the church and former parish.

## **WORKS ON THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH CENTRE**

Many people have been asking about the progress on the refurbishment of the Annunciation Parish Centre. As with most projects of this size there have been a couple of setbacks due to building regulations and the recent extraordinarily cold spell.

As of this moment we cannot be exactly sure when the hall will be returned to us, but it is hoped in the coming week we will have a clearer idea of the date on which we can reopen. Items for the jumble sale will be gratefully received in preparation for the sales restarting. If you have any items for the jumble sale please contact Chris on 01246 229517

## **FLAME 2023**

Join us on Saturday 4 March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, Flame Congress. There are a limited number of places available to young people aged 14+ priced £30 inc. travel.

For more information or to reserve a place, please contact [youth@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:youth@hallam-diocese.com).

## **DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING EVENT**

The annual diocesan Safeguarding event: 'Hidden Harms...from Social Distancing to Social Solidarity' will take place on Saturday 25 March, from 9.45am – 4.00pm at St. Joseph's, Wath-upon-Deerne, (there is a Mass of the Annunciation at 9.00am for those who wish to attend). The event is open to all safeguarding representatives, parishioners and volunteers. Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided.

To book a place contact Jo Pearson on 2566453 or [jpearson@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jpearson@hallam-diocese.com)

## **DIOCESAN FORMATION AND MISSION EVENT**

Diocesan Formation and Mission Event: A Day of Reflection at the Beginning of Lent with Fr Denis McBride CSsR, on Saturday, 4 March, at Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre, Sheffield, from 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Participants should bring their own packed lunch. You can book at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433)

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12noon Annunciation	Anne Lally
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b> Ss Cyril, monk, and Methodius, Bishop	9.30am Holy Spirit  12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention  Eve Charge
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel  <i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i>  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention  <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>  Special Intention  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am Holy Family  12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention  Andrew Langen
<b>Friday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12noon Annunciation	Eithne Wynne
<b>Saturday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>  VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent  4.30pm Holy Spirit  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	Mary Hudson  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Herbert Sykes  Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <b>Seventh Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time:</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Intercession of St Anthony  Maureen & Bernard Mannion  John & Leonie Rimmer