



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

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**PARISH PRIEST**

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A**  
**12<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**DRINKING FROM THE WELL OF PRAYER**

Christ wants to make this difference in our lives, just as he did with the Samaritan woman.

How can we help him?

We can make a daily trip to the well.

The well where the Samaritan woman encountered Jesus is a symbol of prayer.

When we pray, we draw from the well of God's grace, wisdom, and love,  
refreshing and nourishing our souls.

In the First Reading, St Paul explains that with the coming of Christ and the New  
Covenant, this well of grace has been placed inside of our own hearts.

This is why Christians can persevere in what is right even against all odds,  
can stay strong and joyful even in life's deserts.

St Paul writes:

*"And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our  
hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us."*

We all pray, but we can all learn to pray better.

We all believe in Christ, but we can all develop a closer friendship with him.

That's what prayer is all about.

And developing that closer friendship is the secret to experiencing  
the transformation Christ can make in us and through us.

A Christian should begin every day with a conversation with Christ  
- even if it's only five minutes.

And a Christian should end every day with a conversation with Christ.

Our souls are thirsty, and Jesus is waiting at the well of prayer,  
thirsting to satisfy our thirst as only he can.

Today, he will prove his love again by giving himself in this Mass.

When he does, let us thank him for the gift of his saving friendship,  
and let us promise him that we won't let our selfishness or laziness cause that friendship  
to die of thirst.

## **LENT CONFESSIONS**

When the Diocese of Hallam was founded in 1980 there were 117 priest and 65 Parish Churches. Now only 27 active priests and 52 churches (this includes all our brother priests from other countries).

This year we don't have the help of priests to provide a Penitential Service.

May we make a real appeal that you?

**DO NOT leave your confession until the last minute.**

Confessions will be available every Wednesday and more times in Holy Week for those who work.

Please help us help you!

## **EASTER MUSIC**

If you would like to be involved in the Easter Choir, please let Chris Phillips know in advance, and put these rehearsal dates in your diary (both in church):

- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm to 9pm
- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 7.30pm to 9pm

Singing the music for the Easter Vigil service (8pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April) will involve attendance and a commitment to practice (with the music and recorded accompaniments I will provide) between rehearsals.

If you are interested in singing, or have any questions, please let Chris Phillips know by email [chris@phillips.cc](mailto:chris@phillips.cc) or call/message on 07702 043080.

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023**

Sixteen candidates have still not submitted their homework.

Could these submit their homework as soon as possible.

The closing date will be Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March

in preparation for classes beginning during that week.

If not received by this time we will assume that the candidate has decided to withdraw from the programme.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023**

Please will all Catechists for Confirmation contact Father Adrian to finalise dates for Confirmation classes.

Confirmation classes are as follows:

4.00pm at the High School Drama Hall on  
Wednesdays 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> March and 19<sup>th</sup> ad 26<sup>th</sup> April.

Attendance is compulsory

## **DRONFIELD PIE 'N' PEAS**

On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April the Cow Shed Café in Dronfield will be hosting a pie and pea supper.

The cost is £10 per person - for more information or to book a place please contact:

Pat: 07941846035 or Hazel: 01246 569417

## **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March 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

## **PRAYER BOARDS**

Two new prayer boards are available in the porch, one for general petitions and the other to request prayer for the recently deceased. We ask that all prayer petitions are dated and removed after one month. If after that time the same prayer is still needed please make out a new request. This is to avoid an out of date backlog and to keep the prayer requests up to date. Thank you!

## **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)

## **LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023**

The Diocesan annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR will take place from: 30<sup>th</sup> June – 6<sup>th</sup> July. Cost: £840pp (excluding insurance)

Applications forms are available from the Parish Office:

please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

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

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>12.30pm Annunciation</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Albert Kershaw</b>
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit  9.30am Annunciation	Private Intention  Deceased members of the Doyle Family
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel  <i>11am – 11.45am Annunciation</i>  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm until finished Annunciation</i>	Yorkshire Brethren  <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>  Andrew Langen  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9.30am Holy Family  12.00noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving Intention  Anthony Goring
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March</b>  Feast of St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	9.00am Annunciation  <b>11.00am Annunciation</b>	Fr Geoffrey M Parfitt  <b>Requiem Mass for Peter Strelley</b>
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>  VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent  4.30pm Holy Spirit  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	Sr Catherine Maguire  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Cressida Brennan  Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)  Pat Mullins (SVP)
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>  <b>Fourth Sunday of Lent: Year A Laetare Sunday Mothering Sunday</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  <i>3.00pm Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish  Stephen Quinn  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  Shirley Gibbons

