

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

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**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A**  
**16<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

**CHRIST RESPECTS OUR FREEDOM**

Christ's words have power.

Immense crowds press upon him as he teaches.

The crowd was so big, Jesus actually got into a fishing boat and used the lake as his speaking platform, so that he could address everyone gathered on the shore.

Crowds like this hung on his every word wherever he went.

He could easily have turned them into a revolutionary army and manipulated them for any number of purposes. But instead, he simply invites them to change their hearts.

Jesus truly is the Lord, but he refuses to bully us into following him.

He is the "sower" of the parable, spreading God's Word and announcing God's invitation, but never forcing hearts to welcome it.

This combination of eagerness to win over disciples, but respect for his listeners' freedom is especially evident in Jesus' use of parables.

A parable is a simple comparison between a hard-to-understand divine truth; a truth about God and his plan of salvation, and a well-known earthly reality.

Some interpreters say that Jesus used these stories and comparisons to conceal his meaning from his opponents...but there is also another way to look at it.

Sometimes people don't want to accept the plain truth, because it means they have to change.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus taught the plain truth.

But many didn't accept it. So now he takes a more roundabout way to convince them.

The parables offer his listeners a chance to accept certain truths in the abstract, before seeing how they apply to them personally.

It's a way of sneaking uncomfortable truths through his listener's mental defence mechanisms, penetrating indirectly the minds that have closed themselves to his direct proclamations.

Jesus always respects our freedom,

but he never gives up on convincing us to use that freedom well.

# **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: DATE FOR THE DIARY**

**Saturday 23rd September 2023.**

**Mandatory Safeguarding Training for  
All Parishioners who hold or will hold a DBS certificate  
issued to parish volunteers.**

**More details to follow or email [safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com)**

## **PARISH CENTRE MANAGER**

The Parish Priest and Finance Committee seek to appoint a Manager to oversee the bookings, activities, and maintenance of the newly-refurbished Parish Centre. (yes, it is nearing its completion).

The position is 10 hours per week which is flexible as the role requires.

For a full job description please contact the Parish Office and to apply please send a CV with a cover letter to the Parish Office

## **PARISH CENTRE TOILETS**

The Parish Centre Toilets nearest the church are now open for use.

**The rest of the centre remains closed to all parishioners as work continues.**

All children under the age of 10 must be accompanied when accessing the toilets.

We hope this will stop people using the alley behind the hall and Queens Street houses as a urinal!!!

## **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE**

For those interested in making the Pilgrimage to Walsingham next Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July, please note there will now be pick up points at the following times/locations.

Killamarsh 7.10am, Dinnington 7.40am, Oldcotes 8.00am.

Further details for Chesterfield Pilgrims can found on the notice board at the Church of the Annunciation.

Please contact Marian Johnson for further information: 07990 588083.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023**

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

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:  
07807955836 or [petesuemarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:petesuemarshall@googlemail.com)

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16 to 23 October.

For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at [joegmcnally@gmail.com](mailto:joegmcnally@gmail.com) or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

## **RED MISSIO MISSIONARY BOXES**

THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL BOXES AWAITING COLLECTION  
FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH.  
PLEASE COLLECT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

### **GIFT AID 2022/23**

As a result of this year's claims for Our Lady Queen of Peace, we will receive £26934 (£26076 for 2021/22). In addition, we will also receive £2715 for Small Plate collections.

The Diocese has provided individual letters for each parishioner who had a current Gift Aid Declaration for the tax year 2022/23. These confirm the amount given together with the amount of tax that we have been able to claim back. The letters also provide information for the ever-increasing number of those who pay tax at the higher rate and can claim additional valuable personal relief through their tax returns. These letters are now available for collection at the back of Annunciation (rear door) or will be posted out to individuals at Holy Family and Holy Spirit.

**Please note for Annunciation that the addresses shown may not have been updated from the date the original declaration was signed.**

Could we please ask that everyone in the scheme to collect their envelope and check their details. If these are incorrect or there is no envelope or if you are a tax payer and would like to join the scheme then please contact Peter Sharp Tel 01246 569417 or email [pete@pasharp.co.uk](mailto:pete@pasharp.co.uk). To join the scheme, you need to pay by standing order, offertory box (both of which can also be provided upon request) or via the contactless machines in Annunciation.

### **HOLY FAMILY MASS**

The final Mass at Holy Family will be celebrated on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

### **SUMMER COURSES AT STONEYHURST COLLEGE**

The Christian Heritage Centre (CHC) based at Stoneyhurst College, Clitheroe, is offering the following summer courses this year:

#### ***Catholicism and Contemporary Culture, 3rd-6th August***

Explore the themes of truth, reality and sacramentality, and the differences in the Catholic and secular conceptions of these. The course will be of particular support to teachers of RE, catechists and those working with youth and young adults.

#### ***Human Nature, Gender and Identity, 25th-28th August***

This course will explore how Thomas Aquinas's anthropology provides the framework for the Church's understanding of what and who the human person is. The course will be of particular interest to those teaching theology in secondary and higher education and those providing training and CPD to other educators and catechists.

For more information or to make a booking please see the poster at the back of church

### **WATCH AND PRAY**

*Watch and Pray* is a collection of prayers, hymns and readings collated by the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ for use by students of Mount St Mary's College.

The published book is now available to buy both from the college website: [www.msmcollege.com/shop](http://www.msmcollege.com/shop) or by placing an order through the Parish Office.

Copies of *Watch and Pray* are priced at £10 each

**Please note: payment must be made in advance**

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Intentions of the D'Orio Family
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit	Ged Lawless
	12.00noon Annunciation	Pat Savage
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital	Private Intention
	12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention
	<i>6.00pm - finished Annunciation</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	9.30am Holy Family	Janina Posluszny
	12.00noon Annunciation	Peter Strelley
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>11.00am Holy Family</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Zaira Mastin</b>
<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>  VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i>	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>
	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
	<i>5.00pm Holy Family</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
	6.30pm Holy Family	Pat Edwards
<b>Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>  <b>Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation	Private Intention (G & M)
	10.00am Annunciation	Olivia Kelly
	5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish