

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

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A**  
**23<sup>rd</sup> April 2023**

**ADVENTURERS, QUESTS & OSKAR SCHINDLER**

A pilgrimage is like an adventure, because it is full of unforeseen surprises  
- both good and bad ones.

But it is also different from an adventure, because it has a purpose.  
Normal adventures are only for fun, but adventures that actually have a real purpose,  
a real meaning...well that's a quest!

Bilbo Baggins, in Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, went on an adventure.

Frodo Baggins, his nephew, in Tolkien's trilogy, *The Lord of the Rings*, went on  
a quest. He had a mission to accomplish.

The Christian life is a quest. Our mission is to defend and extend Christ's Kingdom.

Our Quest is to bring ourselves and as many others as we can safely to the  
Promised Land of Heaven.

If that's how we think about life, everything changes.

In the 1993 Academy Award winning film, *Schindler's List*, Oskar Schindler is a selfish  
businessman who, halfway through the Second World War turned his profitable  
factory into a very unprofitable cover operation to save Jews from execution.

At the end of the film, when the war is ending,

Schindler is standing with the people he has saved.

He looks around at their faces and then he starts to break down.

He holds up his watch and says that if he had sold it he could have saved another five  
people. He does the same with his cuff links.

Then he starts to list all the ways he could have saved more people if he had been  
less lazy and less self-centred just a little bit sooner.

He had discovered his mission, but he regretted that he hadn't discovered it sooner.

We too have a mission. We are on a meaningful journey, a pilgrimage.

Christ doesn't want us to have any regrets, and so he reminds us of this again today.

## **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023**

Dates for those enrolled on this year's First Holy Communion course are:

April: 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

May: 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

June: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

July: 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023**

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

Final Confirmation class is at 4.00pm at the High School on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April**. Attendance is compulsory

## **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!

## **MASS INTENTIONS**

May I once again take the opportunity to remind everyone who make requests for Mass Intentions.

1. Every attempt will be made to accommodate date and place requests but these are **NOT GUARANTEED** at all.
2. The further into the future you request a Mass intention the more likely it is to be displaced by Funerals, special events etc.
3. Due to the high number of requests for Christmas and Easter Masses these are always reserved to the Priest's Private Intentions.

## **MAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**

You are invited to come and pray for world peace each Wednesday in May at 7.00pm at the Church of the Annunciation. We will be using the World Mission Rosary where each of the five decades represents an individual continent, each with its own coloured beads. Each service will be based around a scripture reading of Mary with music, peace reflections and a single decade of the Rosary with each Hail Mary prayed in a different language.

If you would like to take part in any section, please sign up on the sheets on the Piety Stall. For more information, please see Cath Spooner or Irene O'Donnell

## **TEACHING VACANCIES AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

St Mary's Catholic High School seeks to appoint the following:

- Teacher of French/German
- Head of Design Technology
- Head of Food Technology and Child Development

Further details and application pack available from: [rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk](mailto:rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk)

## **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: If purchasing through the parish, payment must be made in advance.**

## **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.

## **PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2023**

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop Heskett will take place on Saturday, 22 July. A coach will leave Pond Hill, Sheffield at 8.00am, and there will be

an additional pick up at Handsworth. Cost is £22 for adults, and £11 for

students/children. Contact Joseph Durham for more information, 07939 152558 or

[joseph.durham52@gmail.com](mailto:joseph.durham52@gmail.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

## **RETIRING COLLECTION**

Next Sunday is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and following the tradition, a retiring collection will be taken in aid of:

*The Priests' Training Fund*

For parishioners who donate by contactless, an option for '*Priests Training Fund*' is available on the contactless payment terminals

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b> St George, Martyr, Patron of England</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Catherine Mary</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> April</b> St Mark, Apostle</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am Holy Spirit  12noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Private Intention TM  Beryl Innes</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Wednesday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel  12.00noon Annunciation  <b>1.30pm</b> <b>Holy Spirit</b>  <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Private Intention  Andrew Langen  <b>Requiem for Rosalie Villis</b>  <i>Confessions</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am Holy Family  12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yorkshire Brethren  Intentions of Debbie</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12.00noon Annunciation  <b>12.00noon</b> <b>Holy Family</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Maria &amp; Antonio Rosato  <b>Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Thomas Burke</b></p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Saturday</b> <b>29<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">St Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>VIGIL MASSES</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11.00am Convent  <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>  <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i>  5.00pm Holy Spirit  6.30pm Holy Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sr. Catherine Maguire  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  <i>Holy Hour and Confessions</i> <i>(pre-arranged)</i>  Kate Johnson  Ann Kelly</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Sunday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Fourth</b> <b>Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Year A</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  <b>12.00noon</b> <b>Annunciation</b>  5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">People of the Parish  Emilia del Prete  <b>Mass of Confirmation</b>  Souls in Purgatory</p>