

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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25th Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A
24th September 2023

JESUS CHRIST IS EXTRAORDINARILY GENEROUS

Christ himself is the generous landowner in this parable, and the lesson he wants us to learn is that his generosity goes beyond even our widest comprehension.

This is why in the First Reading God tells us that

"My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways."

To pay these hired workers a full day's wage for only a few hours of work is the epitome of generosity. There is no other reason for it; he does it simply because he is generous; he is deeply concerned about these men and capable of helping them.

Palestine's day laborers at that time had no steady work and no steady income.

They were hired on a day-to-day basis.

The workers still waiting to be given work late in the day were probably resigned to another hungry evening for themselves and their families.

Only a man with a truly generous heart would take the trouble to put them to work with only an hour remaining till sundown.

And only an extraordinarily generous man would pay them the full day's wage! That's Jesus!

Jesus Christ is extraordinarily generous;

the history of salvation is the story of his boundless giving.

First he gives life, then after Original sin he gives hope for salvation,

then with the Incarnation he gives redemption,

and finally, to those who faithfully work in his vineyard, he gives everlasting heavenly bliss.

And it doesn't stop there.

Strictly speaking, we deserve none of those gifts.

And yet, just as the landowner gave the laborers real work to do in his vineyard, even if the reward far outweighed the work,

Christ too allows us to make a real contribution to the eternal happiness of ourselves through prayer, self-sacrifice, and service.

Jesus Christ is a fountain of generous love.

SVP APPEAL

The SVP will be making an Appeal this weekend asking for help to identify Parishioners who maybe housebound, lonely or vulnerable, and would appreciate contact & visits from SVP Members.

Additionally, we would like to invite Parishioners to join the SVP and help expand our work in the Parish, and finally to ask for financial donations to help support our work. A collection will be taken following all Masses and for those parishioners preferring to give via contactless, the payment terminals will have the option for an SVP donation.

ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS

The Parish Answering machine is causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left. Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

Your Weekly Offering

A huge thank you for all your generosity. But could we ask your help with two things:

1. If you give in cash would you be able to give by either Standing Order or through one of the Card Debit machines. Why? Paying Cash in now is now done through the Post Office Counters for which we are charged by the Bank. The charges are steadily increasing (averaging £120 per month) and we would like to avoid your donation lining the pockets of the International Banking systems and Bankers' profits.
2. If you already give by Standing Order perhaps you could you review your amount and consider whether it is still a reasonable donation for the work of your church. All your donations go to the work and supporting of the Church. Thanks to the NHS and the number of funerals the priests are doing, they are completely self-funded!!

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.

PARISH JUMBLE SALE

The next parish jumble sale will be held on **Saturday 14th October** after which, all subsequent jumble sales will take place on the first Saturday of the month.

If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Chris Payne directly on 229517

Please Note: Do not leave items in the stairwell of the parish centre as they pose a hazard.

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

TOILET MISUSE!

The Toilets have been misused this week and left in a deplorable state with faecal material left on the floor. We kindly ask that any persons using the facilities treat them with the same respect you would your own.

Children should be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons

CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church (for use by parishioners and hall patrons) are available on request from the parish office.

THE LIGHT PROJECT RECOVERY FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

Caritas Hallam, dedicated to promoting well-being and good mental health, offers free counselling and support to those who have experienced Domestic Abuse including:

Individual Counselling (available online and in person).

Women's Well-being Programme: covering such issues as self-esteem & understanding the effects of stress.

Freedom Programme: for those who have experienced domestic abuse, (past or present).

All sessions will be delivered in an environment that is safe, caring and relaxed, at St Vincent's Mission Hub, from Tuesday, 10 October at 1.30pm. For more information, please contact Janet on 07927657462 or jkent@hallam-diocese.com

OCTOBER ROSARY

There will be an illustrated Rosary service at the Annunciation Church at 7pm each Monday in October commencing 2nd October and continuing 9th, 16th, 23rd and concluding on Monday 30th October. Participants, who wish, may place their prayer intentions in a basket as they arrive. This will be placed on the altar and intentions remembered in our Rosary prayer.

Everyone welcome, especially young people who are new to the Rosary.

For further information please contact Cath on 01246 203932

PARISH RETREAT AT ST BEDE'S CHURCH, ROTHERHAM

Throughout the year the Church encourages us to try to set aside time to reflect and pray, or simply to pause from our normal everyday routines. For many, this might include going away on a retreat; but this can be a big step for people and may be costly or just not practical.

Therefore, St Bede's Church will be holding an accessible retreat on 6th/7th October, where all are invited, along with their friends, family and others, to attend the whole retreat or simply a part of it, by dropping into church whenever they can over the two days.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office (Our Lady Queen of Peace)

Bible Study Group

There is a bible study group at St Joseph's Convent every Thursday morning at 10.30am. All are welcome.

Retreat for young women. The Call to Holiness.

21-22nd October 2023

The Daughters of Divine Charity will be holding a retreat for young women entitled "The Call to Holiness" at St Joseph's Convent, Newbold road.

The retreat starts at 9.30am on Saturday and finishes at 4.00pm on Sunday.

If you would like any further information please contact Sr Monika on matylda0109@gmail.com or Telephone 01246 230321

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 25th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Andrew Langen
Tuesday 26th September	9.30 Holy Spirit	Andrew Hammond
Wednesday 27th September St Vincent de Paul, Priest	<i>7.30am Royal Hospital</i> 11.00am Annunciation 7.00pm Annunciation	Graham J Moore Requiem Mass for Sue Hancock The Intentions of The St Vincent de Paul Society
Thursday 28th September	12.00noon	Liam Emma Nelis
Friday 29th September SS Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Federico Humar
Saturday 30th September St Jerome, Priest & Doctor of the Church VIGIL MASS	11.00am Convent <i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention <i>Confessions</i> Herbert Sykes
Sunday 1st October Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	The People of the Parish Mary Conway In Thanksgiving for Samuel Joseph Briscow