



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

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A
26th February 2023**

CLEARING THE AIR WITH CONFESSION

One thing that can blind us to Christ's saving truth and make us vulnerable to the "bread-alone" temptation, is self-deception: We don't like to face up to our weakness.

We don't like to take full responsibility for our sins,
for our habits of selfishness and our reluctance to change.

And so, we deceive ourselves, making excuses.

Maybe we put too much blame on someone else for our faults - passing the buck.

Maybe we try to convince ourselves that because we're not
murderers or terrorists, we're perfect saints.

Maybe we just block out the voice of conscience
and don't think about the unreformed parts of our life.

The Church is too good of a Mother
to be satisfied with this kind of spiritual immaturity.

She has us begin every Mass the same way:

"I confess to almighty God... that I have sinned through my own fault..."

God already knows our weakness and our sins. He knows how much
they obstruct our spiritual progress,

and how much we need his grace to overcome them.

That's why we have confession in which we can take full, personal responsibility
for the times we have misused God's gifts.

In confession we experience God's forgiveness personally, one-on-one, audibly.
Many of us already know this, and we use the great gift of confession frequently.

But we also know plenty of people who don't

- and they are suffering deeply on the inside because of it.

Maybe a word of encouragement, an invitation, a sharing of experiences from us is all
God needs to bring them back and give them a fresh start.

Jesus wants to nourish our souls with his truth this Lent. Let's help him out. Let's do
the one thing that he can't do for us: take a step in his direction,
and help someone else do the same.

Please see the notice overleaf regarding confessions and plan your accordingly

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!

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

LENT/EASTER GUIDE BOOKS

The piety stall at the Annunciation is presently stocked with copies of *Walk with me (Lent edition)* and *My Day by Day (Easter edition)* which are designed to aid us on our journeys through the forthcoming liturgical seasons. Both priced at £1

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 3rd MARCH 2023.

"I have heard about your faith".

This year, the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan.
There are 3 churches in Chesterfield hosting the services as follows:

10.30 a.m. – Hasland Baptist Church, Eyre St, Hasland.

10.30 a.m. – Storrs Rd Methodist Church.

2.00 p.m. – Annunciation RC church, Spencer St.

Please be aware that because of the ongoing refurbishment works to the Annunciation hall toilet facilities are very limited and refreshments are not available

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.

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelopes at the back of church or at cafod.org.uk/give and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

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 (all in church):

- Wednesday 8th March 7.30pm to 9pm
- Wednesday 15th March 7.30pm to 9pm
- Wednesday 5th April 7.30pm to 9pm

Singing the music for the Easter Vigil service (8pm on Saturday 8th April) will involve attendance of at least two of the three rehearsal dates below 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 or call/message on 07702 043080.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2023

15th – 22nd JUNE 2023: £685pp for half board and all travel *and*

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

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

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:
07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

The Diocesan annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR will take place from: 30th June – 6th 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) when making a donation will backdate Gift Aid to your first payment.

For further information contact Peter Sharp, 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

Monday 27th February	12noon Annunciation	John Phynn
Tuesday 28th February	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Sheila Hadlow
Wednesday 1st March St David Bishop Patron of Wales	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel <i>11am – 11.45am Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished Annunciation</i>	Private Intention <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> David Hyland <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 2nd March	9.30am Holy Family 11.00am Annunciation	Josie Taylor Requiem Mass for Wilhelmina 'Winnie' Clarke
Friday 3rd March	12noon Annunciation 2.00pm Annunciation	Andrew Langen World Day of Prayer
Saturday 4th March 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 <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) Con Nolan
Sunday 5th March Second Sunday of Lent: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Eve Charge Rosa Dionisio & Clemente Cancellara People of the Parish