



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A
26th March 2023

Jesus is drawing to the end of his earthly mission.

His disciples have been accompanying him for almost three years.

And here once again they see Jesus showing divine knowledge:

he knew how Lazarus' sickness would end, and he knew, without any need for a messenger, when Lazarus had died.

And yet, even at this late point in his ministry, after three years of continually witnessing Christ's miracles and experiencing his divine wisdom, his disciples still don't understand him; they still don't know their Lord.

They still misconstrue his words –

they think he's talking about normal sleep when he is really talking about death.

They still doubt his good sense and power –

they try to dissuade him from returning to Jerusalem, where his enemies lurk.

After all this time and experience, they just don't get it.

Any lesser Lord would have long ago given up on these slow and artless followers, but not Jesus.

He is a Lord who serves his subjects, teaching them and guiding them to the fullness of life with tireless patience.

The needier they are, the more attentive he is, the more eager to give them whatever it takes to help them believe in, trust, and follow him.

And aren't we just like the Apostles?

We have been Christians for so long, heard so many sermons, received the Blessed Sacrament so often.

And yet, in the middle of life's ups and downs we still find it hard to figure out what God is asking of us.

In the middle of life's temptations, we still find it hard to trust him enough to follow his will instead of our whims.

But he hasn't given up on us, and he never will. Our Lord is truly Lord, but he is a Lord who rules by love.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2023/24 are now available at the back of all Churches near the rear entrance. Please collect your own box and for Annunciation only please check that your address details are correct. If not, then please record the amended details on the sheet provided. *Please remember to put the box number as well as your name and address.* If you use the envelope scheme **then you do not commit to giving a set amount each week.** If you pay tax and have not completed a Gift Aid form then these are also available from the contacts below. It costs nothing, only one simple form needs completing which covers all future years, and the Parish gains an extra 25p for every £1 that you give under the envelope scheme or by bank standing order payments. Gift Aid monies are a very important source of funds for us providing income of £29000 in 2020/21.

COULD THE OWNERS OF BOXES 55 and 143 PROVIDE PETER SHARP WITH THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES PLEASE

Yellow envelopes will also be available at the back of our Churches for Easter and Christmas Offerings. These can be used for BOTH Gift Aid and non Gift Aid offerings – you only need to sign your name on the envelope if you wish it to be Gift Aided.

For missing/new boxes or other queries, please contact:

Peter Sharp (01246 569417) or pete@pasharp.co.uk for Annunciation
Geraldine Coe (01246 235320) or randgcoe@yahoo.co.uk for Holy Family
Patricia Shipman (07941 846035) or tiship@hotmail.com for Holy Spirit

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023

Confirmation classes are as follows:

4.00pm at the High School Viva Hall on Wednesdays 29th March, 19th and 26th April.
Attendance is compulsory

RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

St Joseph's Convent 15th April 9.30am – 4pm (Lunch provided)
For more information or to book a place please contact Sr Mary:
01246 230321 or goncag@hontmail.co.uk

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!

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 or by placing an order through the Parish Office.
Copies of *Watch and Pray* are priced at £10 each

GOOD FRIDAY PROCESSION OF WITNESS - FRIDAY 7th APRIL 2023.

You are invited to join with other local churches in this annual procession of witness of our Christian faith. The procession leaves the Town Hall at 11.00 a.m. and makes its way through the town It finishes in the grounds of the Crooked Spire at about noon. At each station, there will be a scripture reading, prayers and hymns.

Participants are asked to bring their own cross if they wish.

TRIDUUM & EASTER SERVICE TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY	7.00PM	Annunciation
GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	Holy Spirit
	3.00pm	Holy Family
		Syro-Malabar Rite
	4.00pm	Annunciation
HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm	Annunciation
EASTER SUNDAY	8.00am	Annunciation
	9.30am	Annunciation
	9.30am	Holy Spirit
	11.00am	Holy Family
	11.00am	Annunciation
	5.00pm	Annunciation

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.

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.

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

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

DRONFIELD PIE 'N' PEAS

On Friday 21st April the Cow Shed Café in Dronfield will be hosting a pie and pea supper at £10 per person - for more information or to book a place please contact:

Pat: 07941846035 or Hazel: 01246 569417

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be retiring collections at all Sunday Masses this weekend and next for

The Easter Flowers

A great amount of time, effort...and money go into the beautiful decorating our churches for the various seasons and solemnities,
and your support is most appreciated.

For parishioners who donate by contactless, an option for 'Easter Flowers' is available on the contactless payment terminals

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 27th March	12noon Annunciation	Catherine Nelis
Tuesday 28th March	9.30am Holy Spirit 12noon Annunciation	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Patrick Gallagher
Wednesday 29th March	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel 11am – 11.45am <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation 6.00pm until finished <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Sr Catherine Maguire <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 30th March	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Stuart & Private Intention Gerald Keane
Friday 31st March	12noon Annunciation	Peter Lunardi (SVP)
Saturday 1st April VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent 4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm <i>Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit 6.30pm Holy Family	Stephen Langen <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> <i>Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)</i> Herbert Sykes Sarah Loomes
Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish Robert Langen <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Zoe & Asher Gibbons

LENT CONFESSIONS

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CONFESSION TO THE LAST MINUTE!
WEDNESDAYS 11.00AM TO 11.45AM AND 6.00PM UNTIL FINISH**