

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A
Good Shepherd Sunday: 30th April 2023

The Virtue of Obedience

Christ is a good shepherd because he knows the lay of the land.
He created us, and so he knows how we ought to live in order to
have "life more abundantly."

This is why, for Christians, obedience has always been understood as a virtue.
In today's democratic and individualistic society, obedience is viewed with suspicion as if
anyone who obeys an authority is acting like a robot.

But the Christian virtue of obedience isn't mindless and irrational.

It's the obedience of an elite athlete to an expert coach.

It's the obedience of a docile student to a wise teacher.

It's the obedience of a sick patient to an experienced and good doctor.

It's the obedience of a healthy child to his loving parents.

The Christian obeys Christ by obeying the commandments of the Bible, the teachings of
his Church, and the voice of conscience whenever it is clear and well-informed.

The Christian also obeys just laws and legitimate authority in society.

This makes Christians excellent citizens, valuable members of any community.

Since Christ doesn't want us to be blind robots, we should make an effort
to understand the teachings of his Church, so that we can follow them with
our whole heart and mind.

But there are times when we will not understand completely,

times when a particular valley looks to us as if it has some luscious grass.

But if our Good Shepherd, through the teachings of his Church, has warned us
that enemies lurk there, we will obey, trusting in his goodness, wisdom, and love.

Today, as we receive him again in Holy Communion, let us renew our commitment to
follow and obey the Lord, our Shepherd.

If we do, as today's Psalm reminded us, "there is nothing we shall want."

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023

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

May: 13th & 20th

June: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

July: 1st & 8th

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15th July.

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 This is to avoid an out of date backlog and to keep the prayer requests up to date.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

There will be May Devotions to Our Lady Queen of Peace, every Wednesday in May, starting this Wednesday at 7pm. We will be praying for world peace, with a focus on a separate continent on each of the 5 Wednesdays in May. Please come along.

TEACHING VACANCIES AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

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

Director of Music (teaching Key Stages 3, 4 and 5)

Biology Teacher

French Teacher

Further details and application pack available

from: 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 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.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 9th May.

We meet at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome.

For further information please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158. See you there.

MASS & PRAYERS FOR THE CORONATION:

The Bishops' Conference has asked that a Mass be celebrated for the intention of the Coronation of King Charles III next weekend. The Prayer for the King will be said before the final blessing at all our Masses next weekend and the National Anthem will be sung at all SUNG Masses. The Bishops' Conference has also sent some prayer cards for the occasion that are available for you to take at the back of the church and the same will be made available on the Parish Website and Facebook page.

ANNUAL SERVICE FOR SURVIVORS OF ABUSE

Bishop Ralph Heskett invites you attend the Diocese of Hallam's annual service for
The Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse
on Tuesday 9th May 2023, 7.00pm, Blessed Trinity Catholic Church, Parish Hall,
22 Willow Ct, Northfield Ln, Wickersley S66 2HL
Refreshments will be served after the service.

Please contact jpearson@hallam-diocese.com to confirm attendance for catering purposes

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

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

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

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 or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Thursday, 18 May: the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation.
Sunday, 28 May: the Solemnity of Pentecost and the conclusion of Eastertide.
Sunday, 4 June: the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.
Sunday, 11 June: the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.
Thursday, 29 June: the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, a Holyday of Obligation.

RETIRING COLLECTION

This 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

Monday 1st May	12noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving Intentions of Minimole Lukose
Tuesday 2nd May St Athanasius, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	9.30am Holy Spirit 12noon Annunciation	Private Intention Thanksgiving Intention TM
Wednesday 3rd May Ss Philip and James, Apostles	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention David Hyland <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 4th May The English Martyrs	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren Sheila Wadlow
Friday 5th May	11.00am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Donato Di Felice
Saturday 6th May VIGIL MASSES	9.00am Convent <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Janina Pozluszny <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Herbert Sykes <i>Holy Hour and Confessions</i> <i>(pre-arranged)</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 7th May Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Famiglia Aquilino Defuncti Intentions of HM King Charles III Dennis Rhodes