

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

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**22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A**  
**3rd September 2023**

**THE CROSS IS CENTRAL TO CHRISTIAN LIVING**

The Church has decreed that above each of her altars there should be a crucifix. Therefore whenever we enter a Catholic Church the crucifix will be the focus of our vision.

The crucifix: a depiction of humiliation, torture, pain, and death.

The crucifix: not just an empty cross, clean and elegant, but a cross being used to crucify the one man who never sinned, the one man who didn't deserve to die.

Why such pride of place for such a cruel reality?

Why not put scenes of Christ's birth above every altar,  
or of his Resurrection, or ascension? Because:

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Christ dying on the cross was the perfect sacrifice offered to God in

loving atonement for our sins and the sins of all people (2 Corinthians 5:15).

Christ dying on the cross was the perfect, loving act of obedience that reversed the disobedience of Adam in the Garden of Eden.

With his arms stretched wide and raised between heaven and earth,

Christ reconciled us to God and bridged the gulf opened by sin.

If we want to go over that bridge and make our way to eternal life in communion with God, which is the only thing that can make us truly happy,  
we too must pass through the cross.

We must follow the footsteps of our Lord:

suffering, self-denial, opposition, humiliation, and difficulty.

We may even have to lose the "whole world", like so many saints and martyrs, in order to gain the truly abundant "life."

Uninterrupted joy is reserved for heaven, and the road to heaven is paved with crosses... or rather, with crucifixes; for the cross of a Christian is always borne together with Christ, so that we who die with him will also rise with him.

## **SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: DATE FOR THE DIARY**

**Saturday 23rd September 2023.**

**Mandatory Safeguarding Training for  
All Parishioners who hold or will hold a DBS certificate  
issued to parish volunteers.**

**More details to follow or email [safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com)**

### **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.**

### **RCIA ROMAN CATHOLIC INITIATION OF ADULTS *JOURNEY IN FAITH***

Registration for the RCIA Program 2023/24 is now open. Those who wish to become Catholics or find out more about their faith.

The course will take place in the Catechetics Room in the Parish Centre  
on Tuesday evenings 7.00 – 9.00pm

Classes commence *this* Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

Forms are available from the Sacristy.

### **ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS**

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

### **TOILETS**

As you may be aware, the refurbished toilets have been reopened for use. However, we have already noted that on a few occasions the toilets have been left in an 'inappropriate' state. We kindly ask that any persons using the facilities treat them with the same respect you would your own.

**Please note that the parish centre refurbishment is still ongoing and many areas are still strictly off limits to parishioners.**

### **SERVICE OF ANOINTING**

There will be a service for any persons wishing to receive the Sacrament of anointing and Confession on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September, 4.30pm followed by Holy Mass

### **GREAT NORTH RUN IN SUPPORT OF CAFOD**

On 10<sup>th</sup> September Sheila Nyland will be running the Great North Run and raising funds for CAFOD. We offer Sheila our prayers of support, but equally as important; if you wish to donate, the link to Sheila's "Just giving" page is available on both the parish website and Facebook page. Good luck Sheila!

### **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September. We meet at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. See you there!

### **FR JOSEPH OKEKE SILVER JUBILEE MASS**

Fr Joseph, latterly Parish Priest of St Hugh's and St Joseph's, will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> October at 1.00pm in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Stainforth Doncaster DN7 5HF. All are welcome.

### **SUE HANCOCK RIP**

The Requiem Mass for Sue Hancock will be celebrated on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 11am at Annunciation Church.

### **MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ENGLAND AND WALES APPEAL.**

Next weekend we welcome Sr Mary Sebastian to our Parish as she makes an appeal on behalf of the Missionary sisters of England and Wales.

### **UPCOMING SVP APPEAL: 23<sup>rd</sup>/24<sup>th</sup> September**

The SVP will be making an Appeal on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September asking for help to identify parishioners who may be housebound, lonely or vulnerable, and would appreciate contact and visits from SVP Members. Additionally, we would like to invite parishioners to join the SVP and help expand our work in the Parish. Finally, we would like to ask your generosity with financial support which is essential to allow us to continue our essential outreach work. A retiring collection will be taken and an SVP option will be available on the contactless terminals

### **CHESTERFIELD STREET PASTORS**

Chesterfield Street Pastors are all trained volunteers from local churches and are part of an international team first pioneered in 2003 by Ascension Trust. We ask volunteers, once trained, to make themselves available for one patrol a month. To express interest, find out more or ask to come out with us as an observer to see if it might be for you, email [chesterfield@streetpastors.org.uk](mailto:chesterfield@streetpastors.org.uk)

### **DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 24<sup>TH</sup>- 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

The Diocese is running a youth pilgrimage to Rome in October this year. This is aimed at 16-18year olds and has a cost of £350. Please see the poster at the back of Church for further details if you wish to attend this pilgrimage.

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| <b>Monday<br/>4<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | 12.00noon<br>Annunciation   | Anne McAbe   |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>5<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | 9.30am<br>Holy Spirit   | Private Intention  |
|  | 12.00noon<br>Annunciation   | Joan Finn  |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>6<sup>th</sup> September</b>  | <b>11.00am<br/>Holy Spirit</b>  | <b>Requiem Mass for<br/>Nicola Collette Maria Steeples</b>                 |
|  | <b>11.00am<br/>Annunciation</b><br><br><i>6.00pm – to finished<br/>Annunciation</i> | <b>Requiem Mass for<br/>John Brian Watkinson</b><br><br><i>Confessions</i> |
| <b>Thursday<br/>7<sup>th</sup> September</b>   | <b>12.00noon<br/>Annunciation</b>   | <b>Requiem Mass for<br/>Suzannah Elizabeth Koniarska</b>                   |
| <b>Friday<br/>8<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><br>The Nativity of<br>The Blessed Virgin Mary                   | 12.00noon<br>Annunciation   | Thanksgiving (PM)  |
| <b>Saturday<br/>9<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><br>VIGIL MASS   | <i>4.30pm<br/>Holy Spirit</i>   | <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  |
|  | 5.00pm<br>Holy Spirit   | Thanksgiving   |
| <b>Sunday<br/>10<sup>th</sup> September</b><br><br><b>Twenty third Sunday<br/>in Ordinary Time:<br/>Year A</b> | 8.30am<br>Annunciation  | The People of the Parish   |
|  | 10.00am<br>Annunciation   | Intentions of Fr Paddy Walsh   |
|  | 5.00pm<br>Annunciation  | Gillian Gibson   |