

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

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**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY: YEAR A**  
**4<sup>th</sup> June 2023**

**St AUGUSTINE'S SHELL**

The inexhaustible beauty and grandeur of God is one of  
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI's favourite topics.

In fact, one of the symbols on his coat of arms, the shell, refers to it directly:  
The shell comes from a story about St Augustine, who was walking along the seashore  
one morning, trying to understand the Most Holy Trinity.

Suddenly he saw ahead of him a small child playing.

The child had made a hole in the sand, and was walking back and forth between the hole  
and the ocean. He held a little shell in his hands.

When he reached the ocean, he would fill the shell up with water.  
Then he would carefully carry it back and pour the water into the hole.

He kept on doing this.

After watching a while, St Augustine asked what he was doing.

The child answered, "I am going to empty the sea into that hole,  
which I have dug in the sand."

St Augustine laughed out loud.

Then he said, "Child, that is quite impossible. Look how big the ocean is, and  
how small your hole is!"

The child looked at him and answered, "And yet, it would be easier for me to  
do this than for you to understand the mystery of the Holy Trinity."

And with that, the child disappeared.

By putting a shell on his coat of arms, Pope Benedict is reminding himself, and the whole  
Church, that our God is infinitely wonderful.

And so, we must always stay humble and confident in him, like little children.

### **WARNING: PARISH CENTRE KEYHOLDERS**

Parishioners with access to the parish centre are reminded that this privilege allows them to gain entry to the church only and that the Parish Centre is still an active building site with a great number of hazards. Besides the obvious health and safety risks, over the next two weeks the floors will be sanded, waxed and sealed, and therefore the hall is strictly out-of-bounds to all.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023**

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

June: 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

July: 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. 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.

### **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](mailto: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](http://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.**

### **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023**

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

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:  
07807955836 or [petesuemarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:petesuemarshall@googlemail.com)

### **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October. For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at [joegmcnally@gmail.com](mailto:joegmcnally@gmail.com) or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

## **SUMMER 2023 IS FINALLY COMING!**

Although this last week has been unseasonably cold I am reliably told I this week things will begin to get much warmer. This is therefore an appropriate and neutral time to ask everyone to consider their attire when attending Holy Mass:

Modern culture has done a lot to erode away many of our traditions as well as decency and reverence. Although the Catholic Church has no real dress code for proper attire when attending Mass, there is an unwritten dress code that demands we are properly dressed out of Respect, Honour, and Reverence for the Real Presence of Our Blessed Lord.

There are TWO main reasons one should dress modestly and decently for Mass:  
Out of respect for God.

In Order not to be a distraction or stumbling block to our fellow parishioners.  
It is also a wonderful way to teach our children respect, honour and reverence.

Here is what the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***  
has to say about dressing properly for Mass:

***“To prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.”***  
– CCC 1387

Generally, we should be guided by the principle that what we may be suitable for a summer party may not be suitable for the sacred worship of God.

## **RED MISSIO MISSIONARY BOXES**

These boxes now need emptying. Can all parishioners who hold these boxes, please return them to their respective church.

A box has recently been handed in without a name on it, this is now ready for collection. So please everyone make sure your name is on the label when handing in your box. Many thanks. Richard & Geraldine and Mike O'Sullivan

## **RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

*HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER*

17<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am – 4.00pm at St Joseph's Convent – *Daughters of Divine Charity*  
42 Newbold Road, Chesterfield, S41 7PL

Lunch will be provided and there is opportunity for overnight stay on the Friday night.

For enquiries/booking please contact the convent: 01246 230321 or  
goncag@hotmail.co.uk

## **RETIRING COLLECTION**

There will be a retiring collection at all Masses next weekend for  
**The Bishops' Conference Day for Life.**

The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. The focus this year is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on post-abortion trauma and the impact of abortion primarily on women, but also men and others.

Each year a message is released, usually by a bishop, offering a reflection on the year's theme. The 2023 message is unique in that the bishops' have given it over to a Catholic woman who has had an abortion to share her experiences. Often the voices of women who have had an abortion are silent in Church and in society. Hopefully, this will help encourage further opportunities for healing and reconciliation.

The message can be found at: [www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/](http://www.cbcew.org.uk/df123-message/)

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> June</b> St Boniface Bishop & Martyr	<i>No Public Mass</i>	
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit	Private Intention
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	John & Beryl Innes  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> June</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	<b>Requiem Mass for                  Margaret Ihringer</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren
<b>Saturday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> June</b>  VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Private Intention  <i>Holy Hour</i>  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> June</b>  <b>CORPUS CHRISTI</b> The Body of Blood of Christ Solemnity	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Intentions of the Monks & Roberts Families  Catherine Nelis  Gillian Gibson

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Sunday, 11 June: the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.

Thursday, 29 June: the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul: A Holy Day of Obligation.