



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
YEAR A
5th March 2023

We Must Be Willing to Sacrifice

Only by keeping in mind that God wants to bless us, and to bless others through us,
can we find the strength we need to listen to him, to obey him.

Following Christ is always demanding.

Christ's passion, crucifixion, and death are the pattern of Christian living.

Every Christian has to share in Christ's cross in order to share in Christ's resurrection.

We have to die to ourselves, to our selfish desires, in order to be able to live for
God and for others, which is where true happiness lies.

We have to learn to put ourselves in third place, others in second place,
and God in first place.

That's not easy. It requires self-sacrifice, self-denial, self-giving.

Our selfish tendencies want pleasure, comfort, ease, popularity,
and visible success at all costs.

But God asks us to sacrifice those passing, empty realities for a higher purpose
and a more lasting happiness - just as Jesus did.

We can only do that if we are deeply convinced that
living life God's way is the only path to real blessing.

This was St Paul's point in the Second Reading.

He wrote,

"Bear your share of hardship for the Gospel with the strength that comes from God."

And then he went on to give a summary of everything that God has done for us in Christ:
saving us and calling us to a holy life, destroying death,
bringing to light eternal life and immortality.

Today, let's thank God for reminding us that whatever he asks of us
is directed towards our own blessing and the blessing of those around us.

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!

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.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

We have 38 applications for Confirmation and only 8 completed homework's! Could all candidates please submit their homework as soon as possible please.

The closing date will be Sunday 18th March

in preparation for classes beginning during that week.

If not received by this time we will assume that the candidate has decided to withdraw from the programme.

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS

Please will all Catechists for Confirmation contact Father Adrian to finalise dates for Confirmation classes.

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

PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED

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

APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON WEDNESDAY 8th MARCH

DRONFIELD PIE 'N' PEAS

On Friday 21st April the Cow Shed Café in Dronfield will be hosting a pie and pea supper. The cost is £10 per person and for more information or to book a place please contact:
Pat: 07941846035 or Hazel: 01246 569417

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.

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 6th March	12noon Annunciation	Eileen Mitchell
Tuesday 7th March	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Herbert Sykes Deceased members of the Duir Family
Wednesday 8th March	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel <i>11am – 11.45am Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished Annunciation</i>	Yorkshire Brethren <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Andrew Langen <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 9th March	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Canon Vincent O Hara Derrick Family
Friday 10th March	12noon Annunciation	James Edward Duffy
Saturday 11th 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 Maguire <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) People of the Parish
Sunday 12th March Third Sunday of Lent: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Tom Connor Lauretta Risorto Gillian Gibson