



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDATE SUNDAY
11th December 2022

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection at all Sunday Masses (including Vigil Masses) this weekend and next (Sundays 11th & 18th December) in aid of the Christmas Flowers.

Our teams of florists go to great lengths to make our churches so splendid during festive seasons, but these beautiful decorations come at a cost and we thank you for your generosity.

CHRIST IS THE SOURCE OF TRUE JOY

We just heard the word "joy", in one form another, six times.

Do you think God is trying to tell us something?

We have put away our dark vestments today;
we have traded our purple vestments for rose.

Do you think the Church is trying to tell us something?

The dark night in which the world waited helplessly for its Saviour is coming to an end;
Christmas is drawing closer; Christ will soon be born.

Christ himself is the sun that lights up the dark night sky, and he is drawing near;
the horizon is beginning to glow with a pale, rose-coloured light.

The rose vestments are a visual echo of the words of the First Reading,
which called us to rejoice.

Today is "Gaudate" Sunday, the Sunday of Rejoicing.
But isn't this a naive, childish thing to do in today's world?

After all, the world is still flooded with sin.

Every day the news reports about death in Ukraine,
violence in the Middle East, genocide in Africa,
natural disasters in Asia and South America.

Every day thousands of people die of disease and malnourishment,
innocent women and children are sold into slavery on the black market,
people who seem to have everything plunge into despair and commit suicide.

Isn't it selfish and foolish to rejoice in the middle of such a suffering world? Not at all.

We do not rejoice because we believe Jesus came to bring heaven down to earth.

Rather, we rejoice because we know that Jesus came to open a path from earth to heaven.

The joy of the Christian is the joy of a hope guaranteed by God himself.

This is true joy, the joy of hope, and Christ is its source.

BAMBINELLI BLESSING

In the traditional manner, all parishioners are invited to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Nativity displays to be blessed at the end of all Masses this and next weekend.

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS WITH DRONFIELD PAGE

To reflect better our Parish of three churches, our Parish Website now has a new address:

parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org

The old address will redirect to the new one so your bookmarks will still work. However, if you could update them and use this address when sharing it will help to better establish the new site.

There is also now a dedicated page on the website for The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield, with a brief history of the church and former parish.

NEW PARISH MASS/DEVOTION SCHEDULE

The new timetable for Masses, Confessions and Devotions is now in operation but we would ask that you pay very close attention to the schedule overleaf as times and locations are prone to change depending on the priests' schedules and availabilities

CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK ADVENT APPEAL

Our Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal is here again!

The idea is to donate an item of food from the following list for each day of Advent (you might prefer to donate 20p or 50p each day instead).

TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
RICE PUDDING
SMALL PACKETS OF BISCUITS
SMALL PACKETS OF CEREAL
250g PACKETS OF RICE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO
100g BARS OF CHOCOLATE

The donations of food and money will be collected after Christmas.

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Best wishes, Lisa Eustace and Mary Platts

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHESES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO last week launched LIFE LUNCHESES. These sessions, held at Holy Spirit, church provide a warm space to meet with free/pay what you can refreshments, tea coffee, cakes.

Every Tuesday 10.30-2.00 soup and bread from 12.00 noon.

RED MISSIO BOXES

All boxes now emptied. There are still a few awaiting collection from Annunciation.

Please collect your box as soon as convenient.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

In order to help parishioners and their families prepare for the forthcoming seasonal celebrations, both at church and at home, we are happy to announce the Christmas Mass times and locations within the parish:

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Spirit
6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Family
8.30pm	Mass during the Night	Annunciation

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

8.00am	Mass at Dawn	Annunciation
9.30am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation
11.00am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation

NO 5.00PM MASS

ANNUNCIATION PIETY STALL

The Piety Stall at the Annunciation Church is now well-stocked with Christmas items with a variety of cards including some from the Carmelite Sisters at Kirk Edge.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next Parish lunch is *this* Tuesday 13th December at **1.00pm** at the Olde House. Please note the change of time: this makes it possible for anyone wishing to attend the 12.00pm Mass to come afterwards for lunch and a 'warm up' at the Olde House. For more information please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, many churches including our own have ceased carrying Catholic Newspapers and many have gone to paperless, digital formats. In this light *The Universe* Catholic Weekly Newspaper is offering a 4-issue introductory digital offer. For more information, please see the website: universecatholicweekly.co.uk or contact Michelle Jones on 0743 661 7650

To transform the world, God chose a humble young girl from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is close! With Mary's help, let us offer ourselves with humility and courage so that the world may accept Christ, who is the source of true joy.

(PE Benedict XVI Angelus address, Third Sunday of Advent, 2005)

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 12th December Our Lady of Guadalupe	12.00noon Annunciation	Frances Whitworth
Tuesday 13th December St Lucy, Virgin, Martyr	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Andrew Langen
Wednesday 14th December St John of the Cross, Priest, Doctor of the Church	11am – 11.45am <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation 6.00pm – 7.00pm <i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i> Marbuck <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 15th December	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Mary & Cecil Pearce Kathleen Hanley
Friday 16th December	12.00noon Annunciation	Monica O’Leary
Saturday 17th December Vigil Masses	11.00am Convent 4.30pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Victor Collier <i>Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) People of the Parish
Sunday 18th December FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Holy Family 5.00pm Annunciation	Iris Simson (SVP) Beryl Moore <i>Polish Mass</i> Souls in Purgatory