



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C
12th September 2022

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926 - 2022

On the evening of 8th September, HH Pope Francis wrote to King Charles III:

I am deeply saddened to learn of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, I offer heartfelt condolences to Your Majesty, the members of the Royal Family, the people of the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth.

I willingly join all who mourn her loss in praying for the late Queen's eternal rest, and in paying tribute to her life of unstinting service to the good of the Nation and the Commonwealth, her example of devotion and duty, her steadfast witness of faith in Jesus Christ, and her firm hope in his promises.

I assure Your Majesty of my prayers that Almighty God will sustain you with his unfailing grace as you now take up your high responsibilities as King. Upon you and all who cherish the memory of your late mother, I invoke an abundance of divine blessings as a pledge of comfort and strength in the Lord.

Most Merciful Father,
look kindly upon the soul of your servant Elizabeth.
As She built her life on your teaching of mercy
and did not doubt your Son to be her loving saviour.
Reward your servant with the crown of immortality
and console all who mourn her loss.
we make this prayer through Christ Our Lord
AMEN

The Catechism and the consistent teaching of the Church tells us that;

Lay believers are in the front line of Church life; for them the Church is the animating principle of human society. Therefore, they in particular ought to have an ever-clearer consciousness not only of belonging to the Church, but of being the Church (899).

The laity ... cooperate with their priest/s ... for the sake of [church] growth and life ... through the exercise of different kinds of ministries according to the grace and charisms which the Lord has been pleased to bestow on them. (910); Paul VI, Evangelii Nuntiandi, 73).

The faithful exercise their baptismal priesthood (Priesthood of the Baptised) through their participation, each according to his own vocation, in Christ's mission as priest, prophet and king. (1546)

Members of the faithful, the Priesthood of the Baptised, are needed from our great and vast Parish and its three (3) churches and various congregations to fulfil the roles outlined:

Altar Servers

Children who have made their First Holy Communion and are willing to commit to a regular Mass attendance

Choir Members (who can sing)

Men and Women with a good singing voice to form part of a regular choir capable of learning and singing music to animate the Mass each week

Readers

People who are willing to proclaim the Word of God publicly, according to a set pattern of training

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Men and Women of good moral standing who are willing to take Holy Communion to the Sick and the Housebound and also assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass

SVP members

(See posters at the back of each Church)

Cleaners (Churches and Halls)

People willing to commit to a regular rota in order to maintain the cleanliness of all our buildings

Children's Catechists

Men and Women to carry out catechesis of our Young ones in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion

Adult Catechists

People with a reasonable level of Catholic understanding who can accompany and instruct adults who wish to become Catholics (RCIA). Also, those who will teach and accompany the parents of those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation

Baptismal Catechists

People who will instruct parents of those who are to be baptised in the implications and privileges of entering into the Life of Christ and Church

Confirmation Catechists

Men and Women to carry out catechesis of our Teenagers/ young adults in preparation for the life with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Council Members

People to participate in a council to assist with administration of the Parish particularly for a Mission and Outreach perspective and Fund Raising (Previously only 3 nominations were received)

Flower Arrangers

People with an enthusiasm to learn this important skill in beautifying the church throughout the year

ST BERNADETTE RELICS TOUR

For our diocese, the relics will arrive at St. Marie's Cathedral at 6.00pm on Tuesday 4th October, and then move to St. Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster around lunchtime on Wednesday 5th October, until 6.00pm.

A schedule has been posted at the back of each church, on the website, and on the Facebook page.

Please note, everyone will be very welcome at the Cathedral and at St Peter's, and you can attend even if you haven't registered.

JUMBLE SALE

Due to the Parish Hall refurbishment project the jumble sale will taking a hiatus until the project is completed –

In the meantime...could the person who generously donated the Hi-Fi system kindly make arrangements to drop off the accompanying speakers – thank you.

RED MISSIO BOXES

Can parishioners who hold these boxes please return them to their respective church as soon as possible - This does not apply to those who only received boxes in July this year...unless they particularly need emptying!

STEW & SQUASH COLLECTION

The Church of the Holy Spirit will again be collecting Stew and Squash for the St Wilfrids Centre. A box will be placed in the church porch for any donations.

FLAME 2023

Aged 14-23? Join us on Saturday 4th March 2023 at Wembley Arena for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales. Passes cost just £30 including entrance and travel (a subsidised cost from £62).

For more information email: youth@hallam-diocese.com

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 12th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor
Tuesday 13th September <small>St John Chrysostom, Bishop, Doctor of the Church</small>	12.00noon Annunciation	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor
Wednesday 14th September <small>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</small>	12.00noon Annunciation	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor
Thursday 15th September <small>Our Lady of Sorrows</small>	12.00noon Annunciation	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor
Friday 16th September <small>Ss Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs</small>	12.00noon Annunciation	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth Alexandra Mary Windsor
Saturday 17th September VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 18th September TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Intentions of HM King Charles III & The Royal Family Sr Catherine Maguire The Eustace Family

Statement from Bishop Ralph on behalf of the Catholic community of Hallam

The Catholic Community of the Diocese of Hallam mourns the loss of Our Great Queen, Elizabeth II. We give thanks for her seventy years' service as our Queen. Her Christian Faith was the compass of her life. May Christ who chose her to lead our nation, now receive his loyal servant into the glory of Heaven. We offer our deepest prayers and condolences to the Royal Family at this sad time for them.

Eternal Rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her.

May she rest in Peace.

God save the King.