

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A
15th January 2023

Jesus is the Lamb of God

John the Baptist's favourite title for Jesus is
"the Lamb of God."

It also became one of John the Evangelist's favourite titles.

He uses it here in his Gospel, and then he used it again, twenty-nine times, in the
Book of Revelation.

It brings together three images that would have been familiar to the Jews of those
times. And so, by calling Christ the "Lamb of God," St John is telling us that those
ancient images are fulfilled in Jesus.

The first image:

In the Old Covenant, God required the Jews to sacrifice a lamb twice a day
to expiate the sins of the people (cf. Exodus 29:39).

So the lamb symbolised the price to be paid for sin.

The second image:

The primary holy day of the Jews was (and remains) the Passover.

In the Passover ceremony each family sacrifices and eats a lamb to recall
their liberation from Egypt in the days of Moses.

On that night, God allowed the death of all the firstborn children and animals of
the Egyptians, but spared those of the Hebrews.

In order to indicate which households, the angel of death was to skip over, God
commanded the Hebrews to kill a lamb and mark their doorposts with its blood.

Thus the Passover lamb signified God's merciful and saving love.

The third image:

Finally, a lamb going silently and docilely to be slaughtered is one of the images
used to describe the coming Messiah.

He was going to take Israel's sins upon himself and wipe them away through
his suffering obedience.

And so, by calling Jesus the "Lamb of God," John reminds us that all of these
Old Testament symbols had been pointing towards Christ - the true Saviour.



FR MICHAEL BEATTIE SJ

The Funeral Mass for Fr Michael Beattie will be on
Wednesday 25th January at 1.00pm
in the Chapel of Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill.
A Requiem Mass will take place on Tuesday 31st January, 6.00pm
at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Bishop has consented to administer the
Sacrament of Confirmation on the morning of Sunday 30th April
at The Church of the Annunciation.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates in Year 7 and upwards.
Please see one of the priests or catechists after Mass for an application form.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Would all families please note that when seeking the Sacrament of Baptism, the principle
Godparent MUST be a PRACTISING CATHOLIC in accordance with Canon 874 of
The Code of Canon Law. The Parish Priest has NO discretion in this matter. You must
provide Name Address and Telephone number of the parish where the intended
Godparent regularly worships, so their status can be verified.

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.

WORKS ON THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH CENTRE

Many people have been asking about the progress on the refurbishment of the
Annunciation Parish Centre. As with most projects of this size there have been a couple of
setbacks due to building regulations and the recent extraordinarily cold spell.
As of this moment we cannot be exactly sure when the hall will be returned to us, but it is
hoped in the coming week we will have a clearer idea of the date no which we can reopen.

Items for the jumble sale will be gratefully received in preparation for the sales restarting.
If you have any items for the jumble sale please contact Chris on 01246 229517

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO are holding LIFE LUNCHES. 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.

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

HEATING IN CHURCH

Would parishioners at the Annunciation Church who sit close to the heaters please refrain from turning them down or off...(that's right, off!!)

This disrupts the system settings and causes the thermostat to misread.

BEING A PROPHETIC WITNESS IN OUR TIMES:

A Day Retreat for Young Women

28th January 9.30am - 4.00pm

Hosted by the Daughters of Divine Charity

St Joseph's Convent 42 Newbold Road

Lunch will be provided

If you are wanting to attend, please contact the convent on:

01246 230321 or email goncag@hotmail.co.uk

CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK

Thank you to all those who contributed toward the *Reverse Advent Calendar* for Chesterfield Food Bank. As we are made aware on a daily basis, the rising cost of living is forcing more and more people to use food banks and demand is higher than ever. We would ask parishioners to please continue their generosity where possible in giving:

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

Many thanks in advance for your support.

Lisa Eustace and Mary Platts

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 16th January	12noon Annunciation <i>4.00pm</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Requiem Mass for Karolina Weiss <i>Reception into church of</i> <i>Lauretta Risorto</i>
Tuesday 17th January St Anthony of Egypt, abbot	9.30am Holy Spirit 11.00am Annunciation	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Lauretta Risorto
Wednesday 18th January	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel <i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention <i>Adoration and Confessions</i> Joshua Crone <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 19th January	10.45am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Jean Knowles Anthony Firth (SVP)
Friday 20th January	12noon Annunciation	Tony Hopkinson
Saturday 21st January St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr Vigil Masses	11.00am Convent 4.30pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Stan Johnson <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) People of the Parish
Sunday 22nd January Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Stan Johnson Stephen Patrick Wall The Eustace Family