

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Christianity is not Self-Help

In today's developed world the self-help industry is gigantic. Every year dozens of best-selling books and multi-media products flood the market with quick-and-easy methods to turn your life around and achieve perfect happiness. Scores of modern-day gurus travel the wealthy corridors of modern, secular society giving seminars and workshops on how to live-your-best-life-now, or how to release-the-potential-that-lies-within-you.

Personal trainers, life-coaches, and emotion-management consultants are multiplying like rabbits.

There is much good sense and some pearls of practical wisdom in all of this, which even sincere Christians benefit from.

And yet, there is a fundamental danger involved in the self-help sub-culture.

There is a potent anti-Christian gene in its very DNA.

The self-help mindset is convinced that happiness, a well-balanced life, a truly fulfilling life, is basically the product of our own efforts.

But from a Christian perspective, that is a heresy (the ancient heresy of Pelagianism, technically speaking).

If we could achieve our life's purpose by our own efforts and the right technique, Jesus would not have needed to come and save us. But he did!

Original sin both damaged human nature in its very core, and also unleashed the powers of evil in this world.

The resulting battle for fulfilment, happiness, and meaning is a battle that we simply cannot win alone: we need God's grace.

That's why today's First Reading describes paradise as a work of the Lord.

That's why today's Psalm describes God as a wise and good shepherd who guides and cares for his needy sheep.

That is also why today's Gospel shows the destruction of the little kingdoms that the invited, ungrateful guests made for themselves;

there is only one true king: Christ, and everlasting peace and prosperity can only be attained in His Kingdom.

PORRIDGE SUNDAY TODAY

Mary's Meals porridge morning will be after the 8.30am and 10am Mass in the parish centre.
All money raised will go to the schools being sponsored in Chigumukile, Zambia.
The School sponsors 218 pupils and the hope is to raise
£4,174.70 by September 2024.

OCTOBER ROSARY

An illustrated Rosary service will take place at the Annunciation Church at 7.00pm each Monday in October. Participants, who wish, may place their prayer intentions in a basket as they arrive.
This will be placed on the altar and intentions remembered in our Rosary prayer.
Everyone welcome, especially young people who are new to the Rosary.
For further information please contact Cath on 01246 203932

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Sunday following the 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre – please do join us.
If you would like to help out please let us know.

!!SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 9th December !!

Get ready to embark on a joyous global adventure as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a unique and heart-warming way! Join us for our special event,
"Christmas Around the World,"

At this festive gathering, we will come together as a diverse community to learn, share, and celebrate the rich and beautiful traditions of Christmas from various corners of the world.
It's a wonderful opportunity to embrace the cultural diversity within our parish and strengthen our bonds of unity.

Christmas Stories from Around the Globe: Parishioners from different communities will share their cherished Christmas traditions, stories, and experiences from their home countries.

Discover the unique customs, delicious cuisines, and heart-warming tales that make Christmas so special in each culture.

Crafts and Activities: Bring your creativity to life with fun Christmas crafts and activities. Get hands-on and make memorable keepsakes.

International Cuisine: Savour a delectable feast with a potluck lunch showcasing dishes from around the world.

Share your family's favourite Christmas recipes or simply indulge in the global flavours on offer.

We need volunteers from all of our communities in church!

As the church celebrates one of its first social events post COVID, let's make this Christmas preparation a truly memorable celebration!

If you would like to be involved in the celebrations please contact Hazel James - olqpcouncil@gmail.com

ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS

The Parish Answering machine is causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left...if at all!
Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

SVP APPEAL

The SVP would like to thank you all for the generous donations received during their recent appeal and wish to remind you that they are always looking for new members.

CHILDREN LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre during 10am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday from 8th October until 17th December.

Just follow the Catechist as we process out from Church and know where to return to your family at the Offertory. More details from Liz Stead 01246 230319

PARISH CENTRE MANAGER

The Parish Priest and Finance Committee seek to appoint a Manager to oversee the bookings, activities, and maintenance of the newly-refurbished Parish Centre. The position is flexible as the role requires. For a full job description please contact the Parish Office and to apply please send a CV with a cover letter to the Parish Office

Your Collection Offering

Giving in Cash?

Could you give that amount with your Debit Card using the Contactless machines at the Back of Annunciation Church? Even better by weekly or monthly Standing Order?

Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card.

Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.

RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN. THE CALL TO HOLINESS.

21-22nd OCTOBER 2023

The Daughters of Divine Charity will be holding a retreat for young women entitled "The Call to Holiness" at St Joseph's Convent, Newbold road.

The retreat starts at 9.30am on Saturday and finishes at 4.00pm on Sunday.

If you would like any further information please contact Sr Monika on matylda0109@gmail.com or Telephone 01246 230321

CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church (for use by parishioners and hall patrons) are available on request from the parish office.

SAFEGUARDING EVENT FEEDBACK

Many thanks to those who attended the safeguarding training on Saturday 23rd.

We have given your feedback to Marie and Jo who have asked Liz and Jean to distribute certificates, which we will do over the next few weeks. You can email safeguarding2.olqp@hallam-diocese.com

if you would like to be emailed the presentation slides.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DRONFIELD & DISTRICT QUIZ

The CTDD quiz night will take place on Friday 3rd November at Holy Spirit Church from 7.15pm. If you would like to be in the quiz team or can help with refreshments, please leave a message on the Holy Spirit WhatsApp group. Alternatively contact Ruth Gibbs (quiz team) on 01246 410003, or Eileen Giles (refreshments) on 07989 646198.

BELONG RETREAT

Saturday 18th November, 10am - 10pm,

St Vincent's Mission Hub in collaboration with Youth 2000, open to anyone aged 16-35.

This will be a day of fun, friendship and faith as we accept the Lord's invitation to BELONG in His kingdom and find hope, joy and peace through Him. Tickets available via the QR code on the poster or at www.youth2000.org/events/belongretreat.

Tickets are limited so please book early!

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 16th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Intervention of St Veronica
Tuesday 17th October St Ignatius of Antioch	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Fr Terence Doherty Thanksgiving (D & M)
Wednesday 18th October St Luke, Evangelist	<i>7.30am</i> <i>Royal Hospital</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm – Finish</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Private Intention</i> Pauline Langen <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 19th October	12.00noon Annunciation 6.30pm Annunciation	Winnie Smith <i>Reception of Samuel Barry</i>
Friday 20th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Samuel Barry
Saturday 21st October VIGIL MASS	11.00am Convent <i>4.00pm</i> + <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Rosary</i> <i>Confessions</i> All Souls in Purgatory
Sunday 22nd October Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Annunciation 4.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Annunciation	Josef and Jadwiga Kwiatkowski Simon James Walker <i>Polish Language Mass</i> <i>Syro-Malabar Rite Mass</i> The People of the Parish