

**The Parish of**  
**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**  
**CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD**

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**SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C**  
**16<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Does God really want us to be happy?**

Of course we all know what we should say. But do we really believe it?  
The German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said that Christianity is opposed to joy.

Many people today might possibly say the same thing.

Is it true? Does God really want us to be happy? What does the Bible tell us?

Today in the Gospel we just read the miracle at Cana. Isn't it interesting that in the  
Gospel of John, Jesus' first miracle is at a wedding?

You might expect it to be in the temple – after all, He is the Son of God.

But no, it's at a wedding.

Let's unpack the scene: Jesus is at a party and the wine runs out. Bishop Fulton Sheen  
used to joke that maybe the reason the wine ran out was because Jesus and the  
apostles had crashed the party after tramping around Galilee for a few days.

But in any case, Jesus' mother Mary tells him the wine is gone. And then she tells the  
headwaiter "Do whatever he tells you."

Jesus tells the waiter to fill up six ceremonial jars with water.

We're all familiar with what happens next. Actually, maybe we're too familiar with it.  
Sometimes it's good to step back for a minute and consider what the Bible actually says.  
Jesus turns the water into wine. But remember the context. People have already been  
drinking freely. You might expect Jesus to make a few more gallons of wine and then  
tell everyone to call it a night.

Do you know how much wine he makes?

Somewhere between 120 and 180 gallons of wine! That's close to 900 bottles!

God is not stingy. Jesus is saying that this celebration is good.

John also tells us that this miracle revealed Christ's glory. God glories in our joy.

God is overwhelmingly generous.

St Thomas Aquinas has a phrase: "Goodness is diffusive of itself."

This means that goodness spreads by its own power.

And since God is all good, he can't contain his generosity.

It overflows into every corner of our lives.

So does God actually want us to be happy? Does He want to fill our lives with joy?

Of course he does!

## **FACE MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY IN ALL CHURCHES**

In line with the recent government announcements all parishioners are expected to wear a face covering which covers their mouth *and* nose.

This ruling applies to all unless exempt because of young age or medical reason. This ultimately is a small price to pay to attend Holy Mass, and it expresses a care for our neighbours' safety and wellbeing.

## **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MUST NOW TAKE A LATERAL FLOW TEST ON THE DAY OF VISITING THE HOUSEBOUND**

### **JUMBLE SALE**

**Next sale on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022: 12.00pm – 2.00pm**

As always, we need toys, shoes, clothes and bric-a-brac as well as people to help set up and tidy away.

For information or to arrange a drop-off/collection please call:  
Chris on 01246 229517

### **2022 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June – Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June (6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33. Booking form and further details available from [www.hallam-lourdes.com](http://www.hallam-lourdes.com) or telephone 07724 650066. Please note: Everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. We feel that it is possible to plan for the pilgrimage to take place safely, but if it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made.

### **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2022**

The dates of the 2022 pilgrimages to Medjugorje are:

16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> June *and* 3<sup>rd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> September

The cost is £630 per person with a discount of £30 for bookings made before 1<sup>st</sup> February

For all booking and enquiries please contact

Deacon Pete Marshall: 07807955836 or [petesuemarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:petesuemarshall@googlemail.com)



### **What do you want to say to Pope Francis?**

For those who have not been able to join a listening group in their parish, there are three opportunities to join one of the Diocesan-wide events (either in-person or on-line):

- 22 January 2022  
Blessed Trinity, Wickersley, Rotherham 10:00-12:30
- 5 February 2022  
All Saints Catholic High School, Sheffield 10:00-12:30
- 19 February 2022  
St Peter's Doncaster 10:00-12:30

Participants will need to register to join by visiting the Eventbrite page and choosing the event they want to attend: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-hallam-synod-38169347133](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-hallam-synod-38169347133)

### **HOLY SPIRIT WHATSAPP GROUP**

The Church of the Holy Spirit has set up a WhatsApp group so that parishioners can easily be contacted if, for example, Mass has to be cancelled at short notice. If you wish to be included in this group (Smart Phone and app required) please contact Pat Shipman, Eileen Giles or the Parish Office.

### **THANK YOU FROM PADLEY MARTYRS SVP**

The Padley Martyrs SVP Conference would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to our pre-Christmas appeals. Your kindness allowed us to provide over 40 Christmas Goody Bags to our local beneficiaries who were able to enjoy some seasonal treats, & a personalised Christmas card, created by the pupils of St Mary's Primary School. After a difficult year, when many of our beneficiaries spent a lot of time isolated, they really appreciated the gift, and the generosity of OLQP Parishioners

In addition, we received some exceptionally generous donations to our appeal to fund a freshwater piping system for a village in the Kerala Region of India (which was devastated by floods last year) This appeal was generated by one of the SVP Conferences in the region. Padley Martyrs SVP Conference is twinned with two other Conferences in India and have funded several projects in recent years. The installation has been completed and we are now awaiting photos which we will publish when we receive them.

### **POLISH MASS**

Holy Mass will be celebrated in Polish at Holy Family Church every other Sunday at 3pm: Please see the Mass and Liturgy times overleaf for relevant forthcoming Sundays

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Anthony of Egypt, Abbot	12 Noon Annunciation	Intentions of Sr. Jacinta FDC
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12 Noon Annunciation	Stuart Bradley
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12 Noon Annunciation	Odile Hoare
<b>Thursday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12 Noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren
<b>Friday</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> January</b> St Agnes, Virgin Martyr	12 Noon Annunciation	Fr Lawrence Lister
<b>Saturday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>  VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit  6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> January 2022</b>  <b>THIRD SUNDAY</b> <b>IN ORDINARY TIME:</b> <b>YEAR C</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  3.00pm Holy Family  5.00pm Annunciation	Private Intention  Norman Cotterill  <i><b>Polish Mass</b></i>  Richard, Eleanor & Brian Gibbons