

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

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**Third Sunday of Easter: YEAR C  
1<sup>st</sup> May 2022**

**IS THERE GOLF IN HEAVEN?**

Heaven is one of the most frustrating things to talk about.

How do you describe the happiness of heaven?

It's like trying to describe the beauty of a sunset or the flavour of ice cream to a child who is still in the womb: they are incapable of grasping it.

Our life here on earth is like the life of a baby in the womb; God is nourishing us through the Church and getting us ready to be born into a new kind of life.

We can't describe it completely, but we can get a whiff of it, an inkling of it. The most profound and enjoyable moments of our lives here on earth are hints of what life in heaven will be like.

One priest I know was talking to a very successful businessman about heaven.

The businessman was retired and loved to play golf.

He loved the beautiful scenery, the fresh air, spending time with his friends, competing, striving to improve his game.

Well, he and the priest were discussing heaven.

The priest was trying to explain how praising God in heaven means living our potential to the maximum, so it simply can't be boring.

The businessman was looking worried.

At one point, he interrupted the priest and asked simply,

"Father, tell me one thing: will there be golf in heaven?"

The priest looked at him, paused, and then said, "If you need golf to make you truly happy, you can bet your life that there will be golf in heaven."

Heaven is about experiencing the fullness of life that we long for, the happiness we know we were made for, but that we only experience in bits and pieces here on earth.

It's more than clouds and harps!

**THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022**  
**24 Hours of Perpetual Adoration**  
**of the**  
**Most Blessed Sacrament**  
**Thursday 9.00am – Friday 9.00am**  
**We all have much we need to pray for;**  
**Our World, Our Families, Ourselves**  
**This is the Lord's invitation to you**  
**to spend some time with Him**

**HOLY HOUR AT HOLY FAMILY**

*"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on Earth." - St Teresa of Calcutta*

Each Saturday from 5.00pm,  
with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament,  
at Church of the Holy Family.

**WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WEAR A FACE COVERING IN CHURCH.**

**JUMBLE SALE**

The next jumble sale will take place next Saturday on 7<sup>th</sup> May: 12pm – 2pm  
Donations of clothes are especially welcome but as always we are in need of toys, shoes bric-a-brac etc. Helpers are also wanted to assist in setting up and packing away. For information on donating or volunteering please contact:  
Chris on 01246 229517

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD**

After a long absence, the Ministry of the Word once more comes into operation today, and we thank all the readers who have offered their services in this valuable ministry.

While volunteer numbers are quite healthy for the 10am and 5pm Masses, only three people have offered to read at the 8.30am Mass.

This will reduce to two at the end of June.

Please consider putting your name forward to present the words of scripture to the congregation at the 8.30am Mass. Minimal training is necessary, and full support will be given to anybody who wishes to volunteer.

If you would like further information, please contact:

Janet Dillon on 01246 567005. Many thanks.

## **CHILDREN'S LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy will resume at Sunday 10am Mass from 8<sup>th</sup> May and will be every second and fourth Sunday in the month up to and including 10<sup>th</sup> July.

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre for all primary school children (and younger with an adult): just follow the Catechist out from Church and know where to return to your family after the Bidding Prayers.

In 2 groups we will listen to, reflect on, and discuss how we can all live out the message of the Sunday Gospel during the week.

## **40 DAYS OF LENT - FOODBANK COLLECTION.**

Firstly, apologies for missing the Easter Bulletin deadlines. Whoops!

Many thanks to all those who have passed on their donations to us in the form of either food or money. It is much appreciated.

Please contact either Lisa Eustace: 07583 391 823 or Mary Platts: 07542 140 163 (preferably by text) and we can arrange to collect your donations.

On completion the full totals will be published in the bulletins.

Many thanks once again.

Yours in Christ - Lisa and Mary.

## **EXAM INVIGILATORS**

St Mary's High School are seeking to appoint Exam Invigilators to work as part of a team during exam seasons - Full training will be provided.

If you would like to arrange an informal discussion about the role with the Exams Officer, Mr Wright, please contact Mrs R Gilding, Headteacher's PA:

[rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk](mailto:rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk)

Application packs including the job description and person specification are available to download from the school website or please contact Mrs R Gilding, either by telephone 01246 201191 or e-mail. Please note that to apply for this role you must complete the school's application form  
– CVs will not be accepted as an application.

## **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 or at the back of church.

## **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. For all booking and enquiries please contact Deacon Pete Marshall: 07807955836 or [petesuemarshall@gmail.com](mailto:petesuemarshall@gmail.com)

**TEAS AND COFFEES WILL BE SERVED IN THE PARISH CENTRE  
FOLLOWING SUNDAY 10AM MASS – ALL ARE WELCOME**

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	NO MASS	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Ss. Philip & James, Apostles	12.00noon Annunciation	Catherine Flynn
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> THE ENGLISH MARTYRS	12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am Annunciation	Myrtle Cheetham  24 Hours of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	9.00am Annunciation  <b>11.00am Annunciation</b>	Robert Langen  <i>Requiem Mass for Ida Iannantuono</i>
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>  VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention  <i>Holy Hour</i>  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>  <b>FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR C</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  6.30pm Holy Family  5.00pm Annunciation	Anna Walters  Paul Redmond  <i>Polish Mass</i>  The Eustace Family