

The Parish of OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A 22nd January 2023

JESUS DOESN'T WORK ALONE

The arrest of St John the Baptist, mentioned at the beginning of this Gospel passage, was a moment of transition for Jesus.

Before that point, Jesus had begun gathering his Apostles and preaching, but only on a part-time basis.

As long as John continued preaching and baptising, Jesus stayed in the wings.

But when John was arrested, that was the sign.

The last prophet had been silenced, and the moment had come for Jesus, the Messiah whom all the prophets had announced, to take centre stage.

St Matthew tells us that when that moment came, Jesus moved to Capernaum, a more cosmopolitan city than his small hometown of Nazareth.

And then he called his first Apostles.

Peter, Andrew, James, and John had all met Jesus before, when they were still disciples of John the Baptist. They had spent time with Jesus.

They had seen him perform the miracle at Cana, turning water into wine at the wedding feast.

They had started to get to know him - the Gospel of John tells us that they had even come to believe that he was the Messiah.

But that's not enough for Jesus.

Jesus has more to show them, and more for them to do.

So at this crucial moment, when he is ready to begin his full-time ministry, Jesus goes out to these fishermen as they ply their trade on the Sea of Galilee, calls them by name, and invites them to help build his Kingdom.

Jesus didn't start his mission alone, and he doesn't continue it alone.

He established his Church and began his work of salvation with the help of these chosen apostles, and today he continues his work in the same way, calling normal fishermen, folks like you and me, to become his apostles.



FR MICHAEL BEATTIE SJ

The Funeral Mass for Fr Michael Beattie will be celebrated this Wednesday 25th January at 1.00pm in the Chapel of Mount St Mary's College, Spinkhill.

The Bishop will preside at a Requiem Mass on Tuesday 31st January, 6.00pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield.

THE ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IS GOING CONTACTLESS

As of next week, parishioners attending <u>Sunday</u> Masses at the Church of the Annunciation will have the option of making an offering via contactless payment.

Secure payment terminals will be situated at the rear of the church and parishioners can opt for an amount of their choosing before simply tapping their card or mobile device. In addition, a donation portal will be available on the website through which anybody may make a one-off donation.

<u>Please note: collection bowls will still be available for parishioners who prefer to donate by envelope or loose cash.</u>

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.

PLEASE NOTE: This is the last week to acquire an application form

<u>APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM</u>

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.

BEING A PROPHETIC WITNESS IN OUR TIMES: A Day Retreat for Young Women

Next Saturday 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

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.

A WORD OF THANKS

Following the Requiem Mass of my Mother Lauretta last week, I would like to recognise the wonderful community of people we have in our parish. My family and I were truly touched by the attendance and the many messages we have received - this has provided so much strength to us all. I have also received so much positive feedback from both our Catholic and non-Catholic friends about the Mass

Let us continue to support each other and reach out to those in need of God's love. Grazie – *Vic Risorto*

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

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.

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.

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 23 rd January	9.30am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Peter Ryan
Tuesday 24 th January	9.30am Holy Spirit	Private Intention
St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	12noon Annunciation	Stephen Quinn
Wednesday 25 th January	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel 10.00am Annunciation	Private Intention Jean Kavanagh
The Conversion of St Paul, Apostle	1.00pm Mount St Mary's College Chapel	Requiem Mass for Fr Michael Beattie SJ
	6.00pm until finished Annunciation	Confessions
Thursday 26 th January	9.30am Holy Family	Eamon Murphy
Ss Timothy and Titus, Bishops	12.00noon Annunciation	Joshua Crone
Friday 27 th January	12noon Annunciation	Eve Charge (SVP)
Saturday 28 th January	11.00am Convent	Special Intention
St Thomas Aquinas, Priest, Doctor of the Church	4.30pm Holy Spirit	Rosary & Confessions
	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
Vigil Masses	5.00pm Holy Family	Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)
	6.30pm Holy Family	John & Gloria Pearce
Sunday 29 th January	8.30am Annunciation	Anthony Goring
	10.00am Annunciation	People of the Parish
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	3.00pm Holy Family	Polish Mass
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