

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

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**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A
27th November 2022**

TO BE CATHOLIC IS TO BE CHRISTIAN

There are two ways that we can live out our Catholic faith.

We can live it passively, or we can live it personally.

When we live our faith passively, we are like the Pharisees and Sadducees that came to be baptised by John in the Jordan River.

They were the religious and social leaders in Israel.

They were the most visible and active members of their parish.

They knew what to do when they went to Church, they knew all the prayers - on the surface, they appeared to be models of religion.

They placed their confidence in being "*children of Abraham.*"

In other words, culturally speaking, they were good Jews.

They came from Jewish families and followed Jewish customs.

But John the Baptist warns them that being cultural Jews wasn't enough.

"God can raise up children of Abraham from these stones," he says.

Their religion was on the surface: it didn't touch their hearts.

We are constantly tempted to make the same mistake.

Little by little, we can become too self-satisfied just because we come to Mass, receive the sacraments, go to Catholic schools...etc.

We can become complacent because we look like model Catholics on the outside, cultural Catholics.

But our faith is about much more than that:

To be Catholic is to be Christian,

to be an active, dedicated, energetic follower of Jesus Christ,

to have a personal friendship with him,

to know him deeply and to love him passionately by striving to build up his Kingdom.

When we live our faith passively, we are like artificial plants:

we look nice, but we bear no fruit.

Today, Christ is reminding us to live our faith more personally, so that our lives can be branches of the true vine, "producing good fruit."

NEW PARISH MASS/DEVOTION SCHEDULE

Please note: the new schedule for Masses, Confessions and Devotions begins this week. Please take careful note of the weekly schedule overleaf as times and locations are still subject to change depending on funerals, diocesan events, priests' availability etc.

CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK ADVENT APPEAL

Our Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal is here again!

The idea is to donate an item of food from the following list for each day of Advent (you might prefer to donate 20p or 50p each day instead).

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

The donations of food and money will be collected after Christmas.

Many thanks in advance for your support.
Best wishes, Lisa Eustace and Mary Platts

DECEASED PARISHIONERS OF OUR PARISH

A display has been made containing the names of those members of our Parish who died during the Covid-19 Pandemic. Due to the restrictions at the time many of those listed were not afforded the same funerals as we are now fortunate enough to celebrate, and had very few people (if any) in attendance to pray for them. Please remember these parishioners and all our faithful departed in your prayers.

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHESES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO last week launched LIFE LUNCHESES. 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.

RED MISSIO BOXES

All boxes now emptied. There are still a few awaiting collection from Annunciation. Please collect your box as soon as convenient

Christmas Mass Times 2022

In order to help parishioners and their families prepare for the forthcoming seasonal celebrations, both at church and at home, we are happy to announce the Christmas Mass times and locations within the parish:

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

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| 4.00pm | Vigil Mass | Annunciation |
| 5.00pm | Vigil Mass | Holy Spirit |
| 6.30pm | Vigil Mass | Holy Family |
| 8.30pm | Mass during the Night | Annunciation |

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

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| 8.00am | Mass at Dawn | Annunciation |
| 9.30am | Mass during the Day | Annunciation |
| 11.00am | Mass during the Day | Annunciation |

NO 5.00PM MASS

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.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday 13th December at **1.00pm** at the Olde House. Please note the change of time: this makes it possible for anyone wishing to attend the 12.00pm Mass to come afterwards for lunch and a 'warm up' at the Olde House.

For more information please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158

CHARITY MUSIC NIGHT WITH SALLY GLENNON

Singer-Songwriter Sally Glennon will be performing and entertaining with song on Saturday 3rd December 7.30pm at The Church of the Holy Family, Church Hall, Derby Road. Tickets are £7.00 each and proceeds from the evening will support the work of Mary's Meals. For tickets and/or more information please contact:

Maria on 07796080401

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

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| Monday 28th November | 12.00noon Annunciation | Cathie, Peter & Gerard Conlon |
| Tuesday 29th November | 9.30am Holy Spirit | Yorkshire Brethren |
| | 12.00noon Annunciation | Pam Zasada |
| Wednesday 30th November St Andrew, Apostle, patron of Scotland | <i>11am – 12noon Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm – 7.00pm Annunciation</i> | <i>Confessions</i> Jim & Zita McMahon <i>Confessions</i> |
| Thursday 1st December | 9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation | Robert Langen Requiem Mass for Eileen Mitchell |
| Friday 2nd December Dedication of The Church of the Annunciation | 12.00noon Annunciation | Chacko |
| Saturday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, Priest Vigil Masses | 11.00am Convent 4.30pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family | Sr. Catherine <i>Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) Noel O'Malley |
| Sunday 4th December SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A | 8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Annunciation | People of the Parish Steven Langen <i>Polish Mass</i> George Hinks |