

The Parish of
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CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C
27th February 2022

CLEAR SIGHTED WITH OUR LORD'S HELP

Today's readings remind us that if we truly want to recognise, do, and praise the good that we and others do, we need Our Lord's help and the wisdom to not judge a book by its cover.

Paul reminds us that it is thanks to Our Lord that this process of telling good from evil, even among the well-intentioned, is not in vain.

Our corruptibility and mortality due to Original Sin would lead to spiritual as well as physical death if left to their own devices.

Original Sin disfigured us but also disfigured our view of good and evil.

We need help to correct it.

Paul encourages us to see that Our Lord will clothe that corruptibility with incorruptibility: the grace that transforms us and heals us from the wounds of Original Sin, although we still are subjected to weakness and temptation in this life, in eternity we will be purified of it, once and for all.

Our Lord clothes our mortality with immortality by sowing the seed of eternal life in us from the moment we believe and are baptized.

His victory over death swallowed it up for himself and us.

If we persevere in Christ, we will share in his victory over sin and death.

Our Lord in today's Gospel reminds us that we must try to see and live clearly before helping others, or it will be a case of the blind leading the blind.

He also warns us that being a 'bad boy' despite popular glamorisation, is never a good thing. If a blind man were to offer to help you cross the street, you would either charitably decline, think he was crazy, or maybe convince yourself he had superpowers.

We live in a society where people seek the virtuous thing to do, the logical thing to do, or the craziest thing to do, and are willing to get advice from or give advice to anyone.

We have to invest time, prayer, and reflection to determine the solid foundation on which to live and to be guided.

We can't just invent this on our own: we need help from Our Lord, and we need help from dependable people and solid traditions.

If someone recognises something to be evil, they avoid it; that is Ethics 101.

That is why evil often tries to masquerade as good, to appear glamorous.

Our Lord teaches us not to judge people, but he does teach us to judge actions: evil people do evil things, just as good people do good things.

A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Andrew Langen has, for the last few years, been undergoing treatment to battle a tumour on his brain. Andrew has now reached a critical point and we ask that you continue to pray for him and his family. The family have produced prayer cards for the intercession of Bl. Fr Michael McGivney which are available from the priests.

FACE MASKS IN CHURCHES

We ask that you continue to wear a face covering in church.

Masks are not principally for ourselves but for the care and protection of those around us – and that, is the Christian message!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

There will be a meeting in the Parish Centre on Thursday 10th March, 7.30pm to form a rota of leaders and helpers to offer Children's Liturgy, initially at Sunday 10am Mass, beginning after Easter.

More volunteers are needed! Details from Liz Stead 01246 230319

JUMBLE SALE

Next sale is Saturday 12th MARCH 2022: 12.00pm – 2.00pm

We urgently need clothes...and as always 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 24th June – Thursday 30th June (6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33. Booking form and further details available from www.hallam-lourdes.com or telephone 07724 650066.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2022

The dates of the 2022 pilgrimages to Medjugorje are:

16th to 23rd June *and* 3rd to 10th September

The cost is £630 per person. For all booking and enquiries please contact Deacon Pete Marshall: 07807955836 or petesuemarshall@gmail.com

40 DAYS OF LENT - FOODBANK APPEAL.

Lent is a time for Prayers, Fasting and Almsgiving. We realise times are hard for many people but if you can, please will you fill a box by donating an item each day for from the following:

Small jars of Coffee, Cartons of long-life full fat milk (NOT skimmed or semi-skimmed)

Cartons of long-life fruit juice, Tins of meat, Tins of fish, 100g bars of chocolate.

All food items will be donated to Chesterfield Foodbank for distribution locally after Easter.

If you would prefer, you could fill a jar with 50p coins for the 40 days (£20 altogether) and donate that to the Foodbank. You can even do a mixture of both.

Chesterfield Foodbank uses all donations to buy items they run short of (usually milk).

A collection date will be arranged at the parish centre after Easter for both food items & money.

Many Thanks & God Bless.

Lisa Eustace - Mob No: 07583 391 823 (text only please)

Mary Platts - Mob No: 07542 140 163 (text only please).

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It is now time to elect new members to the Parish Council.

The Parish Council is responsible for areas of Mission, Outreach and Fundraising.

Nominations are invited for the Parish Council. Members serve a 3-year term.

Anyone wishing to serve, please complete a nomination form from the back of each church and return it to the priests as soon as possible

MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING

THIS Sunday after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses there will be a coffee morning in support of Mary's Meals

Pop in, enjoy a coffee & slice of cake...feed a child in the developing world!

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023

The Pilgrimage for World Youth Day will take place next year in Lisbon between 31st July and 7th August. The Diocese of Hallam has reserved a number of places and encourages any persons who will be between 15 – 30 years of age next year to express their interest by contacting Sue McDonald, Director of Youth Ministry at: smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com

SYNOD INVITATIONS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

We, the People of God:

Reading Vatican II for a Synodal Church – a morning to explore and discuss these themes with Greg Ryan: 5th March 2022 Blessed Trinity, Wickersley, 9:30-12:30

Diocesan Pre -Synod Meeting

26 March 2022 St Peter's Doncaster
10:00-2:30 pm including shared Lunch.

Participants will need to register for free 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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

This year for the World Day of Prayer, a service for everyone is to be held on Friday 4th March 2022. It has been prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. (Scotland being its own region)

The theme is '*I know the plans I have for you*' taken from the book of Jeremiah.

There are three services taking place in Chesterfield:

10.30 a.m. - Hasland Methodist Church, Hasland Rd, S41 0SJ.

10.30 a.m. – Holymoorside URC, Cotton Mill Hill, S42 7EJ.

2.00 p.m. – Loundsley Green Church, Pennine Way, S40 4NF

CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – FRIDAY 11TH MARCH 2022.

There are two hundred million children in the world whose lives are at risk from malnutrition. Please will you and your family have a simple meal on Friday 11th March and donate the monies saved to CAFOD in any of the following ways.

1. By cheque made payable to CAFOD and posted to CAFOD, Romero House, 55 Westminster Bridge Rd, London SE1 7JB.
2. Donating online by going to cafod.org.uk/lent
3. Visiting the OLQP website, click on links - charitable causes and click on CAFOD.
There are many interesting articles as CAFOD celebrates its 60th anniversary.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 28th February	12 Noon Annunciation	Myrtle Cheetham
Tuesday 1st March St David, Patron of Wales	12 Noon Annunciation	Private Intention
Wednesday 2nd March ASH WEDNESDAY	7.00am Annunciation 12 Noon Annunciation 6.00pm Holy Spirit	People of the Parish Bill Smith Private Intention
Thursday 3rd March	12 Noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving Intention: Pat & Brian Edwards' 60 th Wedding Anniversary
Friday 4th March	12 Noon Annunciation	Mary Belcher
Saturday 5th March VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention Fr Frank Flynn
Sunday 6th March FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish Paul Redmond <i>Polish Mass</i> Edward Purcell