

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A**  
**29<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**GOD'S FAVOURITE THING: HUMILITY**

When St Augustine was asked to name the three most important virtues,  
he gave an interesting answer:

First, he said, humility.                      Second, humility.                      Third, humility.

Humility is God's favourite thing; he longs to find it in us.

Humility is the unifying idea that undergirds the eight Beatitudes, which we just heard,  
and which summarise Jesus' teaching about how to live.

Looking carefully, we see a common denominator:

the person who is blessed is the person who is not thinking about himself all the time.

The poor in spirit and those who suffer persecution gracefully realise that they are  
not the centre of the universe - God is.

The pure of heart realises that other people don't exist just for the sake of his pleasure.

The peacemaker is concerned about the needs and problems of others.

The merciful is concerned about the suffering of others.

The mournful is concerned about the damage his sin does to the Church,  
the world, and other people.

The meek care more about getting things done than getting credit for doing things.

Those who hunger for righteousness realise that their life has a higher purpose,  
that it is part of a bigger story.

Underlying all the Beatitudes is this fundamental attitude that that puts God and others  
ahead of self. It looks out at the world instead of staring in, fixated on self.

This is humility, the bedrock of basic human maturity.

God loves this humility, because it opens the soul to receive his gifts.

The arrogant soul is closed in on itself.

No one can get in, not even God, who wants to deliver his gifts.

This is why the First Reading shows God praising "the humble and lowly"  
and exhorting us to "Seek the Lord... seek humility."

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**FR MICHAEL BEATTIE SJ**

Bishop Ralph will preside at a Requiem Mass celebrated for Fr Michael Beattie on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January, 6.00pm at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield.

**THE ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IS GOING CONTACTLESS**

As of today, parishioners attending Sunday Masses at the Church of the Annunciation will have the option of making an offering via contactless payment. Initially this will be for weekly offertory donations but an option screen will be available as necessary to also allow donations for Easter, Christmas, Special Collection, Flowers etc.

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

When using the new payment terminals, after selecting a donation value an option button will show on screen Gift Aid YES/NO. If you are a tax payer and wish payments to be gift aided, the YES button will then invite you to complete basic details of Name/House number/Postcode/Email.

These should be completed EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY A GIFT AIDER. This is a one-off exercise and all future payments will generate Gift Aid for the Parish but you must continue to use the same payment card.

If you are unable to complete the Gift Aid information when first using the terminal, subsequent completion via the terminal or via our website  
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when making a donation will backdate Gift Aid to your first payment.

For further information contact Peter Sharp, [pete@pasharp.co.uk](mailto:pete@pasharp.co.uk) or 01246 569417

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

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

The Bishop has consented to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the morning of Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> April at The Church of the Annunciation.

If you have requested a form it must be returned this week in order that we can begin assigning the preparatory catechesis.

**APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

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.

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2023**

15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2023: £685pp for half board and all travel.  
*and*

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel.

Pilgrims placing a deposit before 31<sup>st</sup> January are eligible for a discount of £30pp.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:

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

## **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](http://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

<b>Monday</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	12noon Annunciation	Bill Smith
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup> January</b> St John Bosco, Priest	<b>6.00pm</b> <b>Holy Spirit</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Fr Michael Beattie</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel  <i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i>  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention  <i>Adoration &amp; Confessions</i>  Vincent Campbell  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>  THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	9.00am Holy Family  <b>12.00noon</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	Yorkshire Brethren  <b>Requiem Mass for John O’Brien</b>
<b>Friday</b> <b>3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> St Blaise, Bishop, Martyr	12noon Annunciation	Emmanuel Woodruffe
<b>Saturday</b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> February</b>  Vigil Masses	11.00am Convent  4.30pm Holy Spirit  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	Lavern & Osborne Weir  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Thomas Flanagan  Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)  Christine & George Merricks
<b>Sunday</b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <b>Fifth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time:</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	William Smith  Ann Canning  People of the Parish