

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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30th Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A
29th October 2023

Love for God and Neighbour Cannot Be Separated

The 'law and the prophets' (Old Testament) that Jesus refers to in today's Gospel were considered by the Jews to contain the absolutely unique self-revelation of the one, true God to his only Chosen People.

Possessing this revelation made ancient Israel more privileged than all other nations and peoples.

Therefore, when the Pharisee (who, like all Pharisees, was an expert in 'the law and the prophets') asks Jesus to identify the greatest among the 613 commandments of the Old Testament, he is really challenging Christ to give an interpretation of the entire history and reality of the Israelite nation.

We can imagine Christ fixing his eyes on those of the questioner, wondering how sincere the question really was.

St Matthew doesn't tell us how the Pharisee reacted, but we can imagine that he was surprised, if not downright shocked. Jesus had been asked to name one commandment, but then he listed two.

The shrewd Pharisees would have noticed this.

In listing two commandments, Jesus was pointing out that you cannot separate loving God from loving one's neighbour.

And that's exactly what many of the Pharisees did every single day.

God is our Creator and Saviour; his love is both universal and personal. He loves every single human being so much that he gave his life on the cross to pay the price for each person's sin, to open the gates of heaven to every single person who is willing to follow him.

And so, if someone truly loves God with all their heart, it would be a contradiction not to treat one's neighbours - those very people whom God loves and suffered to save - with sincere and self-sacrificing respect.

The old saying applies above all to God: A friend of yours is a friend of mine.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DRONFIELD & DISTRICT QUIZ

The CTDD quiz night will take place on Friday 3rd November at Holy Spirit Church from 7.15pm. If you would like to be in the quiz team or can help with refreshments, please leave a message on the Holy Spirit WhatsApp group. Alternatively contact Ruth Gibbs (quiz team) on 01246 410003, or Eileen Giles (refreshments) on 07989 646198.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Sunday following 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre. Please do join us. Any help is greatly appreciated - if you would like to help out please let us know.

OCTOBER ROSARY

This Monday (30th) the final Rosary for October will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre

!!SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 9th December!!

Get ready to embark on a joyous global adventure as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a unique and heart-warming way! Join us for our special event,

"Christmas Around the World,"

At this festive gathering, we will come together as a diverse community to learn, share, and celebrate the rich and beautiful traditions of Christmas from various corners of the world.

It's a wonderful opportunity to embrace the cultural diversity within our parish and strengthen our bonds of unity.

Christmas Stories from Around the Globe: Parishioners from different communities will share their cherished Christmas traditions, stories, and experiences from their home countries.

Discover the unique customs, delicious cuisines, and heart-warming tales that make Christmas so special in each culture.

Crafts and Activities: Bring your creativity to life with fun Christmas crafts and activities. Get hands-on and make memorable keepsakes.

International Cuisine: Savour a delectable feast with a potluck lunch showcasing dishes from around the world.

Share your family's favourite Christmas recipes or simply indulge in the global flavours on offer.

We need volunteers from all of our communities in church!

As the church celebrates one of its first social events post COVID, let's make this Christmas preparation a truly memorable celebration!

If you would like to be involved in the celebrations please contact Hazel James - olqpcouncil@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre during 10am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday from 8th October until 17th December.

Just follow the Catechist as we process out from Church and know where to return to your family at the Offertory. More details from Liz Stead 01246 230319

CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church (for use by parishioners and hall patrons) are available on request from the parish office.

BELONG RETREAT

Saturday 18th November, 10am - 10pm,

St Vincent's Mission Hub in collaboration with Youth 2000, open to anyone aged 16-35.

This will be a day of fun, friendship and faith as we accept the Lord's invitation to BELONG in His kingdom and find hope, joy and peace through Him. Tickets available via the QR code on the poster or at www.youth2000.org/events/belongretreat.

Tickets are limited so please book early!

PIETY STALL.

The Piety stall is stocked with Christmas items from the sisters at Kirk Edge as well as boxed Christmas card, Missals and 2024 Diaries.

Your Collection Offering

Are you Giving in Cash?

**Could you give that amount with your Debit Card using the Contactless machines at the Back of Annunciation Church?
Even better by weekly or monthly Standing Order?**

Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card.

Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.

ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS

The Parish Answering machine is still causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left...if at all! Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

On Sunday 26th November after the 10am Mass there will be a meeting for any/all our Young Catholic families within the Parish. The aim is to bring our young parents/families together to discuss the joys and challenges of living out the Catholic Faith in our modern post COVID society, and to develop ideas how we can best support each other in this effort.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES.

These are available on the notice board at the back of Church.

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a morning of recollection and training for Extraordinary Ministers on Saturday 27th January 2024 10.00 – 12.00noon.
please make a note in your Diary!

TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK APPEAL CHRISTMAS 2023

For several years our Parish's generous donations have provided food and money to the vulnerable people in our local area.

Every week the food bank donates 64 one-person care packages which provide 3 meals a day for 3 days, as well as packages for 2,3,4,5 and 6 people.

This Christmas could you donate the 17 items that are used in a package for one person? The items are on a list at the back of Church for you to take away and return to Church before the end of November so they can be distributed. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

THE PARISH LUNCH GROUP.

The Parish Lunch group will meet on Tuesday 7th November 1pm at the Olde House. Will you please bring payment for the Christmas meal. All are welcome. If you require any information or would like to confirm please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049158.

SECOND COLLECTION: WEEKEND OF 4th/5th NOVEMBER.

There will be a retiring collection following all Masses next weekend in aid of
The Needy Parishes Fund

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Monday 30th October</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Antonio Palumbo</p>
<p>Tuesday 31st October</p> <p>VIGIL FOR THE HOLYDAY</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>6.30pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Doris Smith</p> <p>People of the Parish</p>
<p>Wednesday 1st November</p> <p>Solemnity of All Saints Holyday of Obligation</p>	<p><i>7.30am</i> <i>Royal Hospital</i></p> <p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>6.30pm Annunciation</p>	<p><i>Private Intention</i></p> <p>Intentions of Fr Paddy Walsh</p> <p>Sue Hancock</p>
<p>Thursday 2nd November</p> <p>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</p>	<p><i>10.00am</i> <i>Boythorpe Cemetery</i></p> <p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>6.30pm Annunciation</p>	<p><i>Blessing of the Cemetery</i></p> <p>Holy Souls</p> <p>Holy Souls</p>
<p>Friday 3rd November</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Forgotten Souls</p>
<p>Saturday 4th November</p> <p>VIGIL MASS</p>	<p>11.00am Convent</p> <p><i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p><i>Leonard Reed</i></p> <p><i>Rosary and Confessions</i></p> <p>Patrick and Sheila Crean</p>
<p>Sunday 5th November</p> <p>Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation</p> <p>10.00am Annunciation</p> <p><i>3.00pm</i> <i>Annunciation</i></p> <p>5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>The People of the Parish</p> <p>Bill and Maggie Nelis</p> <p><i>Polish Mass</i></p> <p>Fr Frank Reitzel</p>