

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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First Sunday in Advent: YEAR B
3rd December 2023

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

Saturday 9th December 2023 11am - 2pm Annunciation Church, Parish Centre

We are still seeking volunteers to bring traditional Christmas food to the event and as always, a call to arms to all our wonderful bakers within the parish to donate cakes and sweet treats!

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH MARY

We invite everyone to join us in preparation for Christmas: Reflection, the Holy Hour and the Holy Rosary. Sunday 10th December 3-4.45pm
St Joseph's Convent, 42 Newbold Road, S41 7PL.

16TH DECEMBER – THE SPIRE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT

There will be a carol concert given by the choir of St Marys Church {The Spire} on Saturday 16th December at 7pm in the Church of the Annunciation. Refreshments will be available after the concert in the Parish centre.

A collection for the upkeep of the Church will be taken.

THE BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

Gaudete Sunday 16th/17th December Third Sunday of Advent at all Masses

This tradition was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square.

Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Pope blesses the figurines.

Now celebrated in thousands of churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for all of us to reconnect with the central message of Christmas and the importance of the Crib/Nativity scene in the heart of all our homes, and to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of the Nativity in Church.

CAROLS AND CAKE THURSDAY 28TH DECEMBER.

On **Thursday 28th December**, there will be carols in Annunciation Church for everyone to sing from **5pm**. For those who wish there will be cake and family party games afterwards in the parish centre 5.45pm - 7pm. Come and join other parishioners and, if you wish, children please dress up as a nativity character and adults a nativity headdress.

Suggestions of your 3 favourite carols can be added to the PC suggestion box. In the book/sheet at the back of church, please write your name and number of family attending for cake and games, so we have enough cake! More details from Liz Stead olqpcouncil@gmail.com

PIETY STALL.

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

So that we may better prepare ourselves and plan our festivities, please see the Mass times for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord 2023

SUNDAY 24th December: Christmas Eve		
4.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Spirit
6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
8.00pm	Mass during the Night <i>Preceded by carols from 7.30pm</i>	Annunciation
MONDAY 25th December: Christmas Day		
8.00am	Mass at Dawn (<i>SAID</i>)	Annunciation
9.30am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation
11.00am	Mass (during the Day) <i>IN LATIN</i>	Annunciation
No 5.00pm Mass		

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Next Sunday at 4.00pm before the evening Mass, Fr Adrian will administer the Sacrament of the Sick to anyone who feels they may need its strength and grace.

HALLAM YOUTH THANKSGIVING MASS

A Thanksgiving Mass will be held by Hallam Youth on Saturday 9th December at 3pm at St Peter in chains Doncaster. please see the poster at the back of Church for more details

TRUSSELL TRUST FOODBANK APPEAL CHRISTMAS 2023

Any remaining donations for this appeal can be left at the back of Church or you can contact Lisa on this number to arrange collection 07583391823. Thank you for your generosity.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donations are urgently needed to help support aid workers providing vital humanitarian aid including food, water, medical care and emergency shelter to those in need. Donations can be made via the parish website (under the *News* menu) or via the contactless terminals in the Annunciation Church. Please continue to keep those affected by this crisis in your prayers.

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.

WARM SPACES AND LIFE LUNCHES

Warm spaces and Life Lunches at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield every Tuesday. Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits served from 10.30-2.00. Homemade fresh soups served from 12.00-1.30.

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!

PARISH COUNCIL

Can you find a member of the parish council? Please look out for PC members at the end of Mass during the first 3 weeks of Advent. Their photos at the back of church should help you! They are there to listen and encourage you to make suggestions as to how together we can strengthen our parish and share our faith (a suggestion box is also at the back of church). We will visit Holy Spirit Church in January, but suggestions welcome now. Contact us by email at olqpcouncil@gmail.com

YOU ARE CHOSEN AS THE BELOVED OF GOD: A RETREAT FOR WOMEN

Journey with us over a series of 4 retreats as we live the "Life of the Beloved", dwell in God's love, experience healing and go forth to give life to others.

The second retreat day, "We are Blessed," will be on the 13th January 2024 9am-5pm at St Joseph's Convent Chesterfield.

For more information please contact maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

THE PRAYER TO BLESS AN ADVENT WREATH IN THE HOME.

Lord our God,
we praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ:
he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples,
he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us,
he is the Saviour of every nation.
Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we light the candles of this wreath.
May the wreath and its light
be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation;
may he come quickly and not delay.
We ask this through Christ our Lord

R. Amen.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS AND BAPTISM CERTIFICATES.

If you require a Baptism certificate in order to complete your child's admission form then please email your request with the child's name, date of birth and approximate date of Baptism to annunciationchesterfield@gmail.com.

NB: Applications to Catholic Schools by those in the admissions category do not require a letter of support from a priest- the certificate is all that is required.

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.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Monday 4th December <i>St John Damascene</i> <i>Priest & Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Vincent Tierney</p>
<p>Tuesday 5th December</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit</p> <p>10.30am Annunciation</p> <p>12.00 noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Living and Deceased members of the Yorkshire Brethren</p> <p>Funeral Service for Michael Doust</p> <p>Holy Souls in Pergatory</p>
<p>Wednesday 6th December <i>St Nicholas</i> <i>Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>7.30am Chesterfield Royal Hospital</p> <p>11.00am</p> <p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>6pm until finished</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Exposition and Confessions</i></p> <p>Gerard Dillon</p> <p><i>Confessions</i></p>
<p>Thursday 7th December <i>St Ambrose</i> <i>Bishop & Doctor of the Church</i></p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>John and Bridget McKeon</p>
<p>Friday 8th December <i>Solemnity of the</i> <i>Immaculate Conception</i></p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Steve George</p>
<p>Saturday 9th December</p> <p>VIGIL MASS</p>	<p>11.00am Convent</p> <p>4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Rosary and</i> <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>The People of the Parish</p>
<p>Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent: Year B</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation</p> <p>10.00am Annunciation</p> <p>5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>Guiseppe and Ida Acierno</p> <p>Tuta Bedding</p> <p>Louise and Fredrick Ingram</p>