

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C
28th August 2022

FOLLOWING CHRIST GOES BEYOND FUZZY FEELINGS

Jesus is making two things clear to us today:

First, he wants us to have no illusions about following him.

His path is a hard path.

Our nature is fallen, and to get back up again,
even with his grace helping us, is going to be hard.

It will involve self-sacrifice and suffering:

"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

That is the obvious lesson in this Gospel passage. We can never let ourselves forget it.

But there is another lesson too, equally worth our attention.

Jesus is teaching us that following him involves more than feelings and vague inspirations.

We are supposed to use our minds, to put our creativity and intelligence to work in the
adventure of following Christ.

This is clear from the examples Jesus uses.

The builder and the warring king had to channel their enthusiasm
through the cool filter of reason.

Christians must do the same. The emotional excitement that comes from a retreat or a
pilgrimage or a special grace-filled encounter with the Lord
is like the blossoms on a cherry tree.

They bloom quickly and fill our souls with a sweet aroma, but then the long summer
comes, and we must persevere patiently,
following an intelligent plan of spiritual and apostolic work, before the fruit matures.

Love, even the lasting love that comes from friendship with Christ,
is often born amidst intense emotions, but it matures through sweat and suffering,
and those can only be endured with the aid of reason and conviction
- both of which go deeper than mere passing emotions.

Following Christ is more than following a whim;
it is a long-term project that deserves and engages the whole person.

WELCOME FR JOSEPH

We are very blessed to welcome Fr Joseph Kimoga back to our parish this week. Fr Joseph, who is no stranger to our diocese and parish, has kindly offered his precious holiday time to assist Fr Adrian for a few weeks.

Please make him welcome.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION REGISTRATION 2023

Today is the second of three (non-consecutive) Sundays on which you will be able to register for the First Holy Communion programme 2023.

Please register after Mass with one of the catechists.

HOLY SPIRIT OPEN MEETING

There will be an open meeting for all who regularly attend the 5pm Mass at Holy Spirit, Dronfield following the Vigil Mass this evening (Saturday 3rd September).

JUMBLE SALE

Could the person who generously donated the Hi-Fi system kindly make arrangements to drop off the accompanying speakers – thank you.

ST BERNADETTE RELICS TOUR

Bishop Ralph Heskett writes:

For our diocese, the relics will arrive at St. Marie's Cathedral at 6.00pm on Tuesday, 4 October, and then move to St. Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster around lunchtime on Wednesday, 5 October, until 6.00pm. There will be opportunity for veneration of the relics, Masses and liturgies in both churches.

This pilgrimage of St. Bernadette's relics offers us a welcome opportunity to bear active witness to our Faith and to remind us of the special significance of Lourdes as a place of pilgrimage and of love, where people of all ages serve and care for the sick and the most vulnerable in our society.

There is a website www.stbernadette.org.uk for the tour and you can register for a slot at each - or any national - venue there.

Please note, everyone will be very welcome at the cathedral and at St Peter's, and you can attend even if you haven't registered.

CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

A box for regular donations to the Chesterfield Foodbank is placed at the back of the Annunciation church.

We have been asked to focus on the items most urgently needed: long-life fruit juice, long-life FULL FAT milk and small packets of tea. If you are unable to bring donations to church, please call/text us to arrange collection. Many thanks for your continuing generosity,
Lisa Eustace (07583 391823) & Mary Platts (07542 140163)

DIOCESAN DAY OF REFLECTION

The Diocesan Spirituality Group would like to invite everyone to a Diocesan Day of Reflection.

Date: November 27th 2022, The First Sunday in Advent.

Venue: Hallam Pastoral Centre. St Charles St. Sheffield S9 3WU.

Time: 10am until 5pm. concluding with the Celebration of Mass.

There is no need to book, just turn up with your picnic lunch, tea and coffee will be provided.

SYNOD CONVERSATIONS AND THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Across the diocese, one of synod conversations was asking for opportunities to learn more about Scripture. In response, you are now being invited to a performance of the whole gospel of Mark in one evening. We are used to hearing stories and extracts from the Gospels at Mass; as you probably know, since the reforms of Vatican II, the lectionary is organised into three-year cycles of readings, A, B, or C, beginning on the first Sunday of Advent.

Year A: Gospel of Matthew Year B: Gospel of Mark

Year C: Gospel of Luke, which we are in now.

(The Gospel of John is read throughout Easter, and other liturgical seasons)
The performance of "I, Mark", at St Marie's Cathedral on 8th October at 7pm, gives you the opportunity to gather to listen to nearly the whole Gospel, all in one evening. What will it be like to be open to hearing this, the oldest Gospel, in this setting, in this way? It will be a different way of experiencing the Word of God, and there will be opportunity afterwards to ask questions, and share your response to the experience. All are welcome. There is no charge but there will be opportunity to contribute towards the cost of the event.

For further information or to book your ticket please visit:

<https://hallam-diocese.com/i-am-mark-in-hallam-diocese/>

For further enquiries contact:

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When: Saturday, 8 October 2022 • 7 PM – 9 PM BST

Venue: St, Marie Cathedral, Norfolk Road

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 5th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Elizabeth Reed
Tuesday 6th September	11.00am Annunciation 12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren Requiem Mass for Kathleen Hanley
Wednesday 7th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving Intention (PM)
Thursday 8th September THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12.00noon Annunciation	Ruth Bleakley
Friday 9th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Mary Mulroy
Saturday 10th September VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> John Watts
Sunday 11th September TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Holy Family 5.00pm Annunciation	Special Intention People of the Parish <i>Polish Mass</i> The Gibbons Family