



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
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5th November 2023

CONFIDENCE IN GOD LEADS TO INTERIOR PEACE

God himself is the source of all grace, all light, and all hope.

If we look anywhere else for stability in our lives,
sooner or later, we will be deeply disappointed.

This is the point Malachi makes in today's First Reading.

He is trying to get selfish, corrupt priests to get back to basics.

He wants them to stop fighting amongst themselves and creating their own
little cliques of self-absorbed followers.

And so he reminds us: "Have we all not the one Father?

Has not the one God created us?"

Jesus is trying to tell us the same thing in today's Gospel.

He is explaining to his followers that the scribes and Pharisees have lost touch with
the source and purpose of their service to the people of God.

They have become conceited and self-centred,
thinking that their wisdom comes from themselves.

But God is the source of all wisdom, goodness, and grace.

He is the Father of us all, and the rabbis and priests are simply his messengers,
not his managers.

Even St. Paul, in today's Second Reading, expresses his joy because the
Thessalonians recognised the message he brought them as being from God,
not from him.

It's easy for us to forget this most important truth.

It's easy for us to start expecting fulfilment, happiness, and meaning to come from
our achievements, relationships, reputations, or any number of other transient things.

But true, lasting meaning and happiness can only come from God.

As we accept and absorb that truth, we will begin to experience a spiritual stability in
our lives, an interior peace that nothing can disturb, just like that peace described
by today's Psalm: "*Keep my soul*" the Psalmist writes as he describes his soul as
being like a little child in his mother's arms:

"Keep my soul in peace before you, O Lord."

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.

!!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 takes place in the Parish Centre during 10am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday 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 are on the parish website, see parish groups.

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.

SECOND COLLECTION.

There will be a retiring collection following all Masses this weekend in aid of

THE NEEDY PARISHES FUND

Parishioners wishing to donate to this fund through contactless payment are able to do so using the payment terminals at the back of the Annunciation Church

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:- FRIDAY 28th JUNE – 4th JULY 2024

Bishop Ralph invites you to join him on the 2024 Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes.

Booking forms available to download at www.hallam-lourdes.com.

Enquiries **01302 247910 or 07724 650066**. Fare **£879pp - 6 nights Full Board** (excl. Ins.) flying from Leeds Bradford Airport direct to Lourdes. Applications are particularly welcome from pilgrims who need help due to medical issues/mobility.

Volunteer doctors, nurses and helpers are also required.

Hallam Youth – Lourdes Details are available through each diocesan High School for young people to travel with their school groups. Young people aged 16-18 in parishes, who do not attend Catholic schools, and wish to join Hallam Youth on the diocesan pilgrimage please email smcdonald@hallam-diocese.com for details.

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.

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.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 6 th November	12.00noon Annunciation	Edward and Ruth Morris
Tuesday 7 th November	9.30am Holy Spirit	The Souls of Mr and Mrs Augustin
Wednesday 8 th November	12.00noon Annunciation	Joe and Paul Tynan
Thursday 9 th November Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	12.00noon Annunciation	Holy Souls
Friday 10 th November Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church	12.00noon Annunciation	Leonard Reed
Saturday 11 th November St Martin of Tours, Bishop VIGIL MASS	11.00am Convent 4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention <i>Rosary and Confessions</i> The People of the Parish
Sunday 12 th November Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Joshua Crone Those who have given their lives for our freedom. Gillian Gibson

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.