

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C
6th November 2022

THE DANGERS OF CUTTING GOD DOWN TO OUR SIZE

The Sadducees were the Jewish political leaders in Palestine.
They were less strict than the Pharisees, religiously speaking.
They also collaborated with the Roman authorities who ruled Palestine,
which made them a wealthy and influential class.

Their frequent contact with pagan Roman society affected
their faith - contaminating it, distorting their concept of God.
That was the reason they didn't believe in the Resurrection.

They were conceiving heaven in earthly terms....

...they were applying human restrictions to God!

But heaven is an entirely different level of existence than earth.

And God is much wiser, more powerful,
and more creative than even the greatest human genius.

Jesus reminds them of this.

He points out that God is transcendent

- human limitations of time and space don't apply to him.

Then he points out that when we get to heaven, we will share in that
transcendence more fully than we do here in this fallen world.

We are very much like the Sadducees.

The world we live in is full of non-Christian influences that can contaminate our faith.

This is why so many Catholics have in recent years become "cafeteria Catholics."

They accept the Church teachings that fit into today's popular culture

- like the importance of serving the poor,

but they don't accept the teachings that go against it

- especially the ones dealing with sexual morality.

When we pick and choose like that, we are making the same mistake the Sadducees
made: we are not letting God be God.

We are cutting him down to our size.

And when we do that, we miss out on the greater things that God wants to give us, the
only things that can fulfil the deepest yearnings of our hearts.

NEW PARISH MASS/DEVOTION SCHEDULE

After consultation, and looking at the various ways in which Parish Life has changed, we will implement the following program from

Monday 28th November 2022

MONDAY				
12 Noon Holy Mass Annunciation				
TUESDAY				
9.30am Holy Mass Holy Spirit		12 Noon Holy Mass Annunciation		
WEDNESDAY				
11am – 12pm <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Annunciation	12 Noon Holy Mass Annunciation		6.00pm – 7.00pm <i>Confessions</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	
THURSDAY				
9.30am Holy Family Holy Mass		12 Noon Holy Mass Annunciation		
FRIDAY				
12 Noon Holy Mass Annunciation				
SATURDAY				
11.00am Holy Mass Convent	4.30pm <i>Confessions</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>	5.00pm Holy Mass Holy Spirit	5.0pm <i>Holy Hour & confessions</i> <i>(by appointment)</i> Holy Family	6.30pm Holy Mass Holy Family
SUNDAY				
8.30am Holy Mass Annunciation	10.00am Holy Mass Annunciation	<i>Baptisms by appointment</i> <i>Annunciation</i>		5.00pm Holy Mass Annunciation

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHESES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO last week launched LIFE LUNCHESES. 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.

STEW & SQUASH COLLECTION

The Church of the Holy Spirit is collecting Stew and Squash for the St Wilfrids Centre. A box will be placed in the church porch for any donations

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The Parish Lunch Group is open to everyone in the parish.
The next meeting is at 12pm *this* Tuesday 8th November at the Olde House.
Everyone welcome! For further details please contact Irene O'Donnell tel 07941 049 158

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2022

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Spirit
6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Family
8.30pm	Mass during the Night	Annunciation

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

8.00am	Mass at Dawn	Annunciation
9.30am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation
11.00am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation

NO 5.00PM MASS

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT THE ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

This is not the return of a regular "choir", but rather a call for those who would like to sing as a choir for the 8.30pm mass on Christmas Eve AND the 11am mass on Christmas Day. Please note that there will be sung carols (but no choir) at the 4pm mass on Christmas Eve and the 9.30am mass on Christmas Day.

Singing the music for these two services will involve attendance of at least three of the four rehearsal dates below AND a commitment to practice (with the music and recorded accompaniments that will be provided) between rehearsals.

Rehearsal dates and times (in church)

Friday 11th November:	7.00pm to 8.30pm
Wednesday 23rd November:	7.00pm to 8.30pm
Wednesday 7th December:	7.00pm to 8.30pm
Wednesday 21 st December:	7.00pm to 8.30pm

If you are interested in singing, please let Chris Phillips know by email: chris@phillips.cc or call/message on 07702 043080.

CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

With the cost of living soaring, the demands on the Chesterfield Foodbank are increasing as donations continue to fall. Every week we need to buy between £500 - £700 of food just to stay open (many foodbanks across the country have already had to close). If you are able to make a regular gift to the Foodbank through Direct Debit (no amount too small) please contact Pat or Roisin on 07984 589456. Mary Platts and Lisa Eustace will be running the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal again in December; details to follow!

CHARITY MUSIC NIGHT WITH SALLY GLENNON

Singer-Songwriter Sally Glennon will be performing and entertaining with song on Friday 3rd December 7.30pm at The Church of the Holy Family, Church Hall, Derby Road. Tickets are £7.00 each and proceeds from the evening will support the work of Mary's Meals. For tickets and/or more information please contact Maria on 07796080401

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH REGISTRATION FORMS

Would those people who have requested an application form for the *Journey in Faith* course please ensure it is returned as soon as possible so that we may assess numbers and begin the classes as soon as possible – Thank you.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 7th November	9.30am Annunciation	Maria & Antonio Rosato, & Dominic Riccio
Tuesday 8th November	9.30am Annunciation	Connors Family
Wednesday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	11.45am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Catherine Inns
Thursday 10th November St Leo the Great, Pope, Doctor of the Church	12.00noon Annunciation	Len Reed
Friday 11th November	12.00noon Annunciation	David Hyland
Saturday 12th November	5.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> Joshua Crune
Sunday 13th November THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Deceased members of the Kwiatkowski & Kaziol Families Michael & Olga Hehir Holy Souls