



**The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD**

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**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD: YEAR B
7th January 2024**

FOLLOWING THE STAR OF CONSCIENCE

God is always guiding us, always accompanying us; he never forgets about us.

To live in tune with this beautiful, powerful truth of our faith

- that we can count on God means to freely obey our conscience.

Conscience is the secret chamber of the soul.

Only two people have the key: you and God.

In that secret chamber of our conscience, God shows us the star that can lead us to true meaning and joy.

In that secret chamber of our conscience, God tells us what we need to leave behind in order to become truly free.

What has he been telling us our conscience? What has he been asking of each of us?

He loves each of us more than we love ourselves,

and so he is always urging us forward on the path of life.

Like a good coach, he never stops encouraging us to give our best, to be true to our Christian calling.

Maybe he has been nudging your conscience, telling you to break off an unhealthy relationship or to take the first step to heal a broken one.

Maybe he has been inviting you to follow your true vocation, maybe to the priesthood or the consecrated life.

Maybe he has been warning you to be more faithful to a particular relationship or responsibility.

Only you and God know which star he has been pointing out.

Sometimes we are afraid to follow it.

Today he is reminding us that we have nothing to be afraid of. He is trustworthy.

During this Mass, let's ask for the grace to follow that star.

And at Holy Communion, let's pray for all those people who have stopped following it, or who still haven't seen it.

God hasn't given up on them, and neither should we.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

The First Holy Communion Programme, for children who have already registered, will begin on **Saturday 13th January 2024.**

The classes will take place upstairs in the Parish Centre 9.30 - 11.30am

YOU ARE BLESSED: ON YOU MY FAVOUR RESTS

Women's Retreat: 13th January 2024. 9.00am – 5.00pm

Led by the Daughters of Divine Charity at St Joseph's Convent.

For more information or to reserve a place please contact Sr. Mary John:
maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2024

The next jumble sale will take place on Saturday 3rd February in the Parish Centre.

If you have any donations, especially clothes, or if you would like to help out please contact Chris on 01246 229517

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & NEW 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 diaries.

APPEAL FOR READERS AT THE SUNDAY 8.30am MASS

From January 2024, there will be just three readers – Ministers of the Word – to fulfil this valuable ministry at the 8.30am Mass on Sundays. If you have been thinking about offering your services, please would you consider now doing so? Full support will be given. If you feel able to join this small group, please contact either of the priests in the sacristy, or the parish office on 01246 232686, or Janet Dillon on 01246 567005. Thank you.

WARM SPACES AND LIFE LUNCHESES

Warm spaces and Life Lunches at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield every Tuesday.

Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits served from 10.30am - 2.00pm.

Homemade fresh soups served from 12.00noon - 1.30pm.

MEDJUGORJE GROUP PILGRIMAGES 2024

the dates for the 2024 pilgrimages are:

19th June to 26th June - cost £794 per person half board (excl. ins.)

and

2nd October to 9th October – cost £749 per person half board (excl. ins.) .

Early booking discount- £30 (before 1st Feb). Single room suppl. - £150.

Flights from East Midlands Airport.

For more information, please contact Dn. Pete Marshall:

07807955836 or petemarshall@googlemail.com

A WORD OF THANKS

Thank you most sincerely to all parishioners for your generous Christmas offerings, presents and cards – may God reward you for your kindness!

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 9th January at 1pm at the Olde House. To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Monday 8th January if you are planning on attending. For further information please contact Irene O'Donnell: 07941 049 158 or on the Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. Thank you!

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.

PARISH COUNCIL

Can you find a member of the parish council?
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 this month but suggestions welcome now.
Contact us by email at olqpcouncil@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FOODBANK APPEAL

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to the Foodbank Christmas Appeal. We collected an amazing 473.5 kg! This equals 1127 meals, feeding 375 people 3 meals each. Your generosity, and that of the parishioners who support the Foodbank by cash donations or standing order, truly shows our faith in action.
God bless you all, Lisa Eustace

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.

BEWARE: LENT IS FAST APPROACHING

Please be aware that Lent (and subsequently, Easter) fall very early this year. Ash Wednesday falls on 14th February and Easter Sunday is 31st March.
It *almost* justifies the sale of Easter eggs on boxing day...but not quite!

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

Monday 8th January THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD <i>So ends Christmastide</i>	12.00noon Annunciation	Andrew Langen
Tuesday 9th January	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Intentions of David Cracknell Sam Barry
Wednesday 10th January	7.30am Chesterfield Royal 12noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finish</i>	Private Intention John & Eileen Lowry <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 11th January	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Jason Rankin
Friday 12th January	12.00noon Annunciation	David Hyland
Saturday 13th January Vigil Mass	11.00am Convent 5.00pm Holy Spirit	Bernadette Ireland Elizabeth Reed
Sunday 14th January SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm Annunciation</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	Kathleen June Watson Christine & George Merricks <i>Mass in Polish</i> The People of the Parish