



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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR B
10th March 2024: *Laetare Sunday*
'MOTHERING SUNDAY'**

SPREADING THE JOY

We are the lucky ones: we know that God loves us, that we are infinitely valuable in his eyes, no matter what, in spite of our sins, failings, and weaknesses.

This is why every year, right in the middle of this penitential season, on the Fourth Sunday of Lent, the Church invites us to rejoice.

This Sunday is *Laetare* the Sunday of rejoicing.

The rose-coloured vestments are a symbol of that joy, like the pink horizon that comes before a beautiful sunrise.

We have had four weeks to meditate on our weaknesses and sinful tendencies.

And so now we are able to appreciate more deeply just how full and unconditional God's love is - that while we were "dead in our transgressions" as St Paul put it,

God reached down and rescued us. That's how we are in his eyes:

that's the source of the Christian's unquenchable joy.

We are the lucky ones; we know this.

But what about all those people who don't know it?

What about those people all around us, our friends, family members, colleagues, teammates - the ones who underneath a respectable appearance are searching desperately for a solid foundation? We all know someone like Nicodemus, who, even though successful in the eyes of the world, was searching and unsatisfied in his heart.

Christ wants that person to discover the joy that only God can give.

And how will they discover it? If we tell them about it.

We are Christ's messengers - imperfect, clumsy, ignorant messengers, but that's OK.

Even fragile, simple, and misshapen clay vases can hold beautiful flowers.

This week, let us show Christ how grateful we are for his unconditional love by letting someone else know about it – through our words *and* actions, so that the sunrise of Christ's love can illuminate their hearts too.

NEW LECTIONARY AND PEOPLES MISSALS ADVENT 2024

In 2011 we were finally given the New Missal for Mass in English. The Bishops Conference of England and Wales and Scotland now have the New Revised Lectionary of Readings approved by the Vatican and it will be released in October of this year in preparation for use at the beginning of Advent. All previous Missals will be redundant as all the scriptures have been revised according to the ESV.

Please see the website for further details and pre-orders can be made after Easter.

EASTER FLOWERS

A collection in aid of the Easter flowers will take place on the Sundays 17th and 24th March. The card terminals will have an *Easter Flowers* option and collection baskets will be made available.

DARE TO SAY COURSE

The *Dare to Say* course which is based on the Our Father and everyday problems, is a national Lenten initiative initiated by The Catholic Bishops Conference of England and Wales, and intended to be run in all parishes.

The Course will be given in the Parish Hall from 7 – 9pm continuing *this* Thursday 14th March and then also 21st March and after Easter on the 4th and 11th April.

Please sign the sheet at the back of the church to participate or if you would like to be a leader.

Course books are available from the Sisters for Leaders.

Please note: those unable to attend previous sessions are most welcome to still attend.

DAY OF EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On Thursday 21st March Holy Mass will be celebrated at 9.30am and followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 7.00pm in the evening. Benediction will then take place.

This is being led by The Jesus Youth.

PARISH CENTRE BOOKINGS

Our newly refurbished Parish Centre is available for bookings – parties, meetings, conferences with use of kitchen, Wi-Fi, screens and projectors, and sound system.

Should you wish to book the Parish Centre for an occasion please contact

Vincent Payne on 07742509514

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 10.30am - 2.00pm.

Homemade fresh soups served from 12.00noon - 1.30pm.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy for primary school children, and younger with an adult, continues every week until 24th March. Just follow the Catechist out into the parish centre and know where your family are sitting when we return to Church at the Offertory.

More details from Liz olqpcouncil@gmail.com or OLQP website.

ANNUNCIATION REPOSITORY STALL

As well as a wide selection of cards, Rosaries and gifts, the Annunciation repository stall now has a vast range of prayer books, including for use in Lent from the Catholic Truth Society.

Please do peruse the stall in the narthex. Payments for items can be made both by cash or by card using the contactless terminals and choosing the option for *Repository*.

FORTHCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

Next Sunday, 17th March there will be a second collection following all Masses in aid of

Hallam Support for Life & Easter Flowers

Donations can be made using the collection bowls or using the contactless machines.

TEACHING VACANCIES IN THE DIOCESE: ALL SAINTS SCHOOL, SHEFFIELD

Curriculum Leader for Business and Economics

MPR / UPR plus TLR2a (£3,214)

Subject Leader for Design Technology (Food and Nutrition specialist)

MPR/UPR and TLR 2b (£5,352)

Required from 1 September 2024

Please visit school website for an application pack www.allsaints.sheffield.sch.uk/vacancies

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

A big 'Thank You' to all who helped at the jumble sale last weekend!

The next jumble sale will take place on Saturday 6th April. If you are able to help out or have any donations, especially clothes, please contact Chris Payne on 01246 229517

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

HOLY WEEK MASS TIMES 2024

So that parishioners may better-prepare themselves in the run-up to the solemn celebrations of Holy Week, please see below the times of Masses and Liturgies for the Sacred Paschal Triduum and Easter Sunday

Holy Thursday Thursday 28 th March <i>Mass of the Lord's Supper</i>	7.00pm Annunciation
Good Friday Friday 29 th March <i>Liturgy of the Lord's Passion</i>	3.00pm Holy Spirit 3.00pm Annunciation
Holy Saturday Saturday 30 th March <i>The Easter Vigil</i> <i>NB: Clocks go forward</i>	7.00pm Annunciation
EASTER SUNDAY Sunday 31 st March <i>Solemnity of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ</i>	8.00am Annunciation 9.30am Annunciation 9.30am Holy Spirit 11.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Monday 11th March</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Tom Connor</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th March</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Marie Taylor</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th March</p>	<p>7.30am Chesterfield Royal</p> <p>10.30am Annunciation</p> <p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>6.00pm <i>Annunciation</i></p> <p>7.00pm <i>Annunciation</i></p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross</i></p> <p>Requiem Mass for Veronica Togher</p> <p><i>Confessions</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross</i></p>
<p>Thursday 14th March</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>2.10pm Chesterfield Crematorium</p>	<p>Tommy Donohoe</p> <p>Funeral service of Dariuz Szczepanic</p>
<p>Friday 15th March Bl. John Anne, Priest & Martyr</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Jean Higgins (SVP)</p>
<p>Saturday 16th March Vigil Mass</p>	<p>11.00am <i>Convent</i></p> <p>4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Rosary and Confessions</i></p> <p>Kate Johnson</p>
<p>Sunday 17th March FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation</p> <p>10.00am Annunciation</p> <p>11.00am - 4.30pm <i>Annunciation</i></p> <p>3.00pm <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>The People of the Parish</p> <p>Mary and Cecil Pearce</p> <p><i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i></p> <p><i>Stations of the Cross</i></p> <p>People of the Holy Land</p>