



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

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**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B  
11<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Ash Wednesday's Ashes**

The ashes that we use today are meant to remind us of three things:

First, they remind us that we are sinners. Although we are children of God, at the same time we are still children of this fallen world.

Ashes are lifeless dust.

Insofar as we still give in to our tendencies to selfishness and sin, we too are lifeless dust.

Sin separates us from God, who is the source of all life.

Without God's redeeming spirit in us, we would have no hope of eternal life.

Second, the ashes remind us that our sins, our acts of selfishness, cause damage.

These ashes are made from the palm branches we used on Palm Sunday last year.

They symbolised Christ's victory over sin.

Our sins forfeit that victory.

They destroy the life that God means us to live, just as the palm branches from last year's

Palm Sunday were destroyed to make these ashes.

Third, and most importantly, the ashes remind us that in spite of our sins,

in spite of our deep-seeded selfishness, God hasn't given up on us.

Christ is our Redeemer! He claims us for his own.

We still have a mission in his Kingdom; he still wants us to be his ambassadors.

Yes, we are marked with ashes, because we are sinners,

but the mark is given in the sign of Christ's cross,

which won for us the grace of a fresh start and a new life.

We are marked on our foreheads, because Christ wants us to go boldly into the world as his representatives. He is not ashamed of us; he wants our friendship. He is our Saviour.

## **RETIRING COLLECTION**

Next weekend there will be a second collection after all Masses for

### **Hallam caring services.**

Any parishioners wishing to give by contactless donation can do so using the option on the payment terminals at the back of the Annunciation Church.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY: LENT 2024 BEGINS**

Ash Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> February, is a Day of Fasting & Abstinence:

everyone aged 14 years and older must abstain from consuming meat, while everyone aged from 18 to 59 must fast, unless exempt (usually for a medical reason).

Regardless of age, everyone is encouraged to observe the spirit of the day and to assume some form of penance.

Please see the Mass schedule overleaf for times and locations.

## **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

There will be stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at the Annunciation Church at 11am and 7pm and also at Holy Spirit Church every Sunday at 3.00pm. This year we will be using St Alphonsus version of the Stations.

Copies will be available at the back of Church. Please sign up on the rota sheets at the back of Church if you wish to lead **ONE** of Station of the Cross services.

Two leaders would be good. Confessions will be heard during Stations of the Cross. There will be an induction session on leading the Stations, for anyone who wishes to attend on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February following the 10.00am Mass

## **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm at the Olde House.

To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January if you are planning on coming. For further information please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp.

## **WE ARE BROKEN: AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED**

A retreat for women led by the Daughters of Divine Charity

17<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 9.00am – 5.00pm, St Joseph's Convent, 42 Newbold Road, S41 7PL

To register or for more information, please contact

Sr. Mary John: maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

## **CONTEMPORARY MUSIC GROUP**

A group of people have expressed the desire to form an additional group of instrumentalist musicians and singers of all ages, who could play piano, violin, flute, guitars etc. These would serve the Mass with recourse to the more contemporary hymns and Mass settings available in the "Laudate" hymn book which we use. If you'd like to join this new initiative, please email the parish office with your name address and telephone number and details of what you would like to offer (ie. Sing or play and what instrument.) Thank you!

## **JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2024**

The monthly jumble sale will take place on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March the Parish Centre.

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

## **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.

## **CHILDRENS LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy for primary school children, and younger with an adult, begins again this Sunday 14th January at 10am Mass and 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 prayer books (including Lent) from the Catholic Truth Society (CTS).

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

## **ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL: OPPORTUNITES**

- Qualified Music teacher or Music graduate wishing to complete a teaching degree apprenticeship. Required for September 2024.
- Biology teacher. Required for September 2024.

Further details & application pack available from Mrs Gilding  
– rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk

## **DO YOU HAVE THE GIFT OF BEING A GOOD COMMUNICATOR?**

The Diocesan Communications group would like to broaden its membership so that it is more representative of people from all over the diocese. The group currently meets monthly for about 60 minutes. If you have any skills or experience in journalism, website development or social media content generation and are willing to share your knowledge and experience we would love to hear from you.

Contact Arthi Fernando communications@hallam-diocese.com for more information or to express your interest in joining the group.

## **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

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Damiano Pezzuto
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit	Bernadette Ireland
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Ash Wednesday</b>	7.15am Annunciation  12noon Annunciation  7.00pm Holy Spirit	Yorkshire Brethren  Jean Railton  Special Intention
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Kath Lowry
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Andrew Langen
<b>Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> February</b>  Vigil Mass	4.30pm Holy Spirit  5.00pm Holy Spirit	Rosary and Confessions  Cressida Brennan
<b>Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <b>FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  <i>11.00am- 4.30pm Annunciation</i>  <i>3.00pm Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Annunciation	Elsie Muhley  The People of the Parish  <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i>  <i>Stations of the Cross</i>  Rosa and Clemente Cancellara

### 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