



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

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**FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT: YEAR B
18th February 2024**

PRACTICING THE VIRTUE OF HOPE

Besides the desert and the flood, there is another, third, image from nature in today's scripture: the rainbow.

Noah likely didn't know the scientific explanation behind rainbows, but he did understand their spiritual meaning.

All of creation has a physical nature that science explores and explains.

But creation also has a spiritual meaning - it is a gift from our God, a gift full of messages, lessons, and inspiration.

Science can explain the prismatic refraction of light in a rainbow, but it cannot explain the thrill of wonder that fills our hearts we behold that same rainbow.

We know, because of science, that rainbow is formed when the sun's light is shone through water droplets: And God chose this as a symbol of his covenant, of his promise that salvation would conquer sin.

That covenant and that promise still stand; we have to put our hope in them.

Jesus, as today's Second Reading reminds us so beautifully, has suffered, died, risen from the dead, and ascended into heaven, conquering sin and evil once and for all.

The crucifix is our rainbow; the cross of Christ is our Ark.

No storm can cancel out Christ's victory over evil;
no clouds can reverse it; no flood can extinguish it.

And so, while we suffer in the storms of hardship and sin that make our lives and world so painful and difficult, we still continue to follow Christ, because the light of his love shines brightly even in the midst of the storm.

Today we have the privilege to renew our hope once again through this Mass and Holy Communion, to be freshly inspired by a glimpse of our rainbow.

When we see a rainbow in the sky, the first thing we do is tell those around us, so they will see it too.

This Lent, let's do the same with the rainbow that shines in our Christian hearts.

RETIRING COLLECTION

This 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.

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.

Confessions will be heard during Stations of the Cross at Annunciation Church.

CAFOD – FAMILY FAST DAY TAKES PLACE ON FRIDAY 23rd FEBRUARY.

This year the appeal is focussing on fishermen being helped to feed their families sustainably and safely with the aid of new technologies.

Envelopes will be available at the back of church, but please use the card machines also as it will be set to take CAFOD donations directly.

Please do go to the parish website, click on Links, and read about CAFOD and the many other charities we can support.

(WOMEN'S) WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.

This year is prepared by the Christian Women of Palestine (before October 7th, 2023), and is entitled **"I beg you, bear with one another in love"**.

It is to be held on Friday 1st of March.

There are 3 services here in Chesterfield as follows:

10.30 a.m. – St Paul's Church, Churchside, Hasland

10.30 a.m. – St John's church, Littlemoor, Newbold

2.30 p.m. – Holy Trinity Church, Newbold Rd.

Please consider supporting any of the services if you can as we pray for peace in the middle East.

JUMBLE SALE SATURDAY 2nd March 2024

The monthly jumble sale will take place on Saturday 2nd 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 YOUTH GROUP

Dear young people aged 11-16, join us for some faith, food and fun!

The next monthly youth group meeting at 3-4.45pm on **3rd March** at the Convent.

For info contact: chesterfieldyouth@hallam-diocese.com

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

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

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.

CHILDRENS 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 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

- Geography apprentice teacher, required for September 2024, for Geography graduates wishing to undertake apprenticeship teacher training at the High School.

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 approx. one hour. 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

<p>Monday 19th February</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Jackie and John Lister</p>
<p>Tuesday 20th February</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Andy and Mary Ryan John and Beryl Innes</p>
<p>Wednesday 21st February Saint Peter Damian, Bishop & Doctor of the Church</p>	<p>7.30am Chesterfield Royal 10.30am Annunciation 11.00am Annunciation 12.00noon Annunciation 6.00pm Annunciation 7.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>Private Intention Funeral Service for Margaret Ann Crawford <i>Stations on the Cross</i> Kieran Kevin Lawless Confessions <i>Stations on the Cross</i></p>
<p>Thursday 22nd February Chair of St Peter</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Mary Rodgers</p>
<p>Friday 23rd February</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation 1.15pm Annunciation</p>	<p>James and Annie Carroll Requiem Mass in Polish for Adam Rzeźniczak</p>
<p>Saturday 24th February Vigil Mass</p>	<p>4.30pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Rosary and Confessions The People of the Parish</p>
<p>Sunday 25th February SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR B</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>11.00am-2.30pm Annunciation</i> <i>3.00pm Annunciation</i> <i>3.00pm Holy Spirit</i> 4.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>Mary Hudson Walter Shirley <i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament</i> Mass in Polish <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Syro Malabar Mass Gillian Gibson</p>

