



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

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**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B
4th February 2024**

Being an advertisement for Christ

One reason so many people find it so hard to believe in Jesus or to follow him is because they don't see Jesus as a man for others.

Instead, they see Jesus as harsh and judgmental.

That is not the Jesus of the Gospels, the Jesus of the crucifix, the Jesus of the Eucharist.

So why do they think of him that way?

One of the most common reasons is what the Catechism calls the "counter-witness" of Catholics.

Every one of us is an advertisement for Christ.

As Catholics, we have identified ourselves with Christ and his Church.

And so, people who are outside the Church look at us to get an idea of what Christ is like.

If we gossip and criticise, just as much as everyone else,

if we live pleasure-seeking, self-indulgent lives, getting drunk and sleeping around just like everyone else,

if we look out for number one instead of looking out for our neighbour,

if we lie, cheat, cut others down, and manipulate, just like everyone else,

well then, is it any mystery why people who know that we are Christ's followers don't decide to follow Christ themselves?

But if they see us walking away from gossip and defending people's reputations,

if they see us living balanced, well-ordered and joyfully disciplined lives,

if they see us as compassionate, forgiving, and yet firm in our moral commitments,

if they see us trying to swim against the current of the corrupt, ego-centric culture that is tearing society apart,

well, then, in that case, they will be drawn towards Christ, not pushed away from him.

As Jesus gives himself to us in today's Mass, let us beg his pardon for the times we have been counter-witnesses, and let's beg his grace to help us be better advertisements for his Kingdom during this coming week.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Bereavement Support Group on the first Wednesday of each month from 10am till 12pm. The first meeting takes place this coming Wednesday 7th February in the parish centre. Anyone who has been bereaved is invited to come along. There will be 2 sections to each meeting: an informal social gathering with a cup of tea/chat. This will be an opportunity to share with others who have also been bereaved and are grieving. The second section will be a short prayer service, where we will pray for our departed loved ones and for ourselves.

OPEN INVITATION TO A CHOIR PRACTICE

Since Covid a lovely group of singers has come together to sing the music at 10am masses and at major feasts. This is an open invitation to come along to one or two open choir practices and see whether you would like to join us. These practices not for particular services; they are to learn some repertoire which is enjoyable as well as being usable throughout the year.

Wednesday 7th Feb 7pm to 8.30pm in church (Lady Chapel)

The car park side door will be open. Just turn up before 7pm.

More details from Chris Phillips (07702 043080 or chris@phillips.cc)

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.)

LENT 2024 IS FAST APPROACHING!

Lent 2024 begins with Ash Wednesday 14th February and Easter Sunday is 31st March. In Lent there will be Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament on Sundays between the morning and evening Masses – rotas are available at the back of church.

Confessions will take place Wednesday mornings *and* evenings as well as

Stations of the Cross - please see the notice below for details and sign-up information.

Please don't leave confession to the last week of Lent: you may be very disappointed!!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There will be stations of the Cross every Wednesday during Lent at 11am and 7pm. 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 11th February following the 10.00am Mass

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 13th February at 1pm at the Olde House. To help with seating arrangements please let Irene know by Friday 5th January if you are planning on coming. For further information please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp.

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

CHESTERFIELD CATHOLIC YOUTH

For ages 11-16 to come along for some joy and fellowship before we embark on our Lenten journey. Sunday 11th February 3.00pm-4.45pm, St Joseph's Convent, Chesterfield
For more information, please contact Sr. Mary John: maryjohnfdc@gmail.com

WE ARE BROKEN: AND BY HIS WOUNDS WE ARE HEALED

A retreat for women led by the Daughters of Divine Charity
17th 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

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

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.

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

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](mailto: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*

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

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 5th February Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Antonia and Maria Rosato</p>
<p>Tuesday 6th February Saint Paul Miki and companions, Martyrs</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Forgotten Souls Bill Smith</p>
<p>Wednesday 7th February</p>	<p>7.30am <i>Chesterfield Royal</i> 12noon Annunciation 6.00pm <i>until finish</i></p>	<p>Private Intention Margaret Halliwell <i>Confessions</i></p>
<p>Thursday 8th February</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Sam Barry (SVP)</p>
<p>Friday 9th February</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Maralyn Di Oreo</p>
<p>Saturday 10th February Vigil Mass</p>	<p>4.30 <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p><i>Rosary and Confession</i> Peter Gilmartin</p>
<p>Sunday 11th February FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR B</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>Lesley Harris The People of the Parish Eileen Tandy</p>