

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A
14th May 2023

Loving Christ Means Observing His Commandments

During these Sundays of the Easter Season, the Church takes us back to the Last Supper, giving us a chance to dig deeper into its meaning.

Throughout his Last Supper discourse, Christ's constant refrain is:
if you love me, you will keep my commandment.

That commandment is to "love one another as I have loved you" (John 13:34),
the commandment of Christian charity.

These are his parting words to his closest disciples, the last flow of love from his
Sacred Heart before it is broken and pierced.

They are special words. We need to hear them, to let them sink in.

Jesus knows that these twelve men are normal, fallen human beings.

They are weak and ignorant, stubborn, and headstrong.

And yet, he also knows that they truly love him. They want to be his disciples.

They are just like us: flawed, but committed.

He earnestly desires to teach them how to live out their commitment to him,
and so he gives them his new commandment:

love one another, as I have loved you.

That is the mark of a Christian, a true follower of Jesus Christ.

It's not in pretty words, fancy rituals, and complicated prayers.

It's in following the example of Christ, who gave his life for us on the cross.

To give our lives, leaving behind our comfort zones in order to help our neighbours
and build a better world,

to be truthful, responsible, honest, pure, and faithful
even when it feels like we're being crucified,
that's how we follow Christ.

This is the path to loving him and living life to the full.

It was the path he taught his Apostles, it's the path he teaches us, and it's the path he
blazed before us by his passion, death, and resurrection.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023

Dates for those enrolled on this year's First Holy Communion course are:

May: 20th

June: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

July: 1st & 8th

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15th July.

PRAYER BOARDS

Two new prayer boards are available in the porch, one for general petitions and the other to request prayer for the recently deceased. We ask that all prayer petitions are dated and removed after one month. If after that time the same prayer is still needed please make out a new request. This is to avoid an out of date backlog and to keep the prayer requests up to date. Thank you!

MASS INTENTIONS

May I once again take the opportunity to remind everyone who make requests for Mass Intentions.

1. Every attempt will be made to accommodate date and place requests but these are **NOT GUARANTEED** at all.
2. The further into the future you request a Mass intention the more likely it is to be displaced by Funerals, special events etc.
3. Due to the high number of requests for Christmas and Easter Masses these are always reserved for the Priests' Private Intentions.

MAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

May Devotions to Our Lady Queen of Peace continue this coming Wednesday at 7pm. You are invited to come along and pray for world peace.

MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

A meeting for all EMHCs will take place on Monday 26th June at 7pm in the Annunciation Parish Centre.

Please inform the Parish Office if you are unable to attend

TEACHING VACANCIES AT ST MARY'S CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

St Mary's Catholic High School seeks to appoint the following:

Director of Music (teaching Key Stages 3, 4 and 5)

Biology Teacher

French Teacher

Further details and application pack available from: rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk

WATCH AND PRAY

Watch and Pray is a collection of prayers, hymns and readings collated by the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ for use by students of Mount St Mary's College.

The published book is now available to buy both from the college website: www.msmcollege.com/shop or by placing an order through the Parish Office.

Copies of *Watch and Pray* are priced at £10 each

Please note: If purchasing through the parish, payment must be made in advance.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

14th – 21st September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel.
For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:
07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16 to 23 October.
For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally
at joegmcnally@gmail.com or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM 2023

The Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham led by Bishop Heskett will take place on Saturday, 22nd July for which there are a limited number of places on coaches leaving from Bassetlaw Deanery priced at £25 per adult or £12.50 student/child.

There is also the opportunity to pre-book a lunch at Elmham House.

For more information, please see the notice at the back of church or contact Marian Johnson: 079905880383 or mcjohnson2512@gmail.com

“COME FOLLOW ME” - COULD GOD BE CALLING YOU TO THE PRIESTHOOD?

To any man in our diocese who wishes to consider more deeply whether God might be calling you to the Priesthood, you are warmly invited to a morning of prayer and discernment on **Saturday 3rd June** 10am-12:30pm
at St Vincent's Mission Hub Solly Street Sheffield S1 4DE.

For more information contact Fr Lee Marshall Imarshall@hallam-diocese.com

CHESTERFIELD WALK OF WITNESS

Monday 29th May. Walk of Witness in Chesterfield (same as Good Friday route).
Meet at the Town Hall 9.45am and join other parishioners. Help create an atmosphere celebrating Jesus, our King of Kings, by wearing bright colours or traditional dress.
More details on the website (news) or from Liz Stead 01246 230319.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS AND SOCIAL MEDIA OFFICER: MATERNITY COVER

The Diocese of Hallam are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic and motivated Communication and Social Media Officer to cover the maternity leave of the present post-holder. Based at the Pastoral Centre, the role will require a well-motivated, independent and conscientious worker, willing to take on the challenge of contributing to the work of the team and of the Diocese in various ways.

Salary of £15,463pa, 22.5 hours a week, fixed term for 12 months Monday to Friday with occasional hours at a weekend

An application pack can be obtained from the Formation and Mission department:
formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com Closing date: 31st May 2023

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Thursday, 18 May: the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord, a Holyday of Obligation.
Sunday, 28 May: the Solemnity of Pentecost and the conclusion of Eastertide.
Sunday, 4 June: the Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity.
Sunday, 11 June: the Solemnity of Corpus Christi.
Thursday, 29 June: the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, a Holyday of Obligation.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 15th May	12.00noon Annunciation	Stephen Quinn
Tuesday 16th May	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Richard Langen
Wednesday 17th May Vigil of the Ascension	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel 11.00am Annunciation 6.30pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Honorina 'Norrie' Calton Private Intention
Thursday 18th May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	For Adam's Private Intentions People of the Parish
Friday 19th May	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Michael Baxendale
Saturday 20th May VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent <i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Catherine Mary <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention <i>Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)</i> Margaret & Roy Benson
Sunday 21st May Seventh Sunday of Easter Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish Peter Strelley <i>Polish Mass</i> Mr & Mrs Angustin