

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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17th September 2023

FORGIVING THE TOUGH STUFF

With practice, we can all learn to forgive the little offenses of every day.

It's harder, though, to forgive the big things.

Sooner or later, each of us will have to forgive a major offense, maybe even a life-shattering wound inflicted by someone we love dearly.

Or we may run into a situation in which we ourselves have committed a sin so grave that we can't seem to forgive ourselves, even though we know God has forgiven us. In these cases, it's much harder to follow Christ's command of limitless mercy... but not impossible.

Theologians rightly teach us that forgiveness is an act of the will.

It is a decision to let go of the desire for revenge and release the offender into the hands of God.

Now, that decision takes place at such a deep level of the soul that it can exist at the same time as strong emotions of anger or resentment.

Those emotions don't flow from the will, like our decisions, but are simply natural reactions to the experience of injustice, feelings which we cannot always control.

But our decisions, our choices, exist at the very core of the soul, in the will, and those we can control.

In other words, it is possible to truly forgive someone and at the same time to still have feelings of anger or resentment towards them.

When that happens, we have to counteract the feelings by prayer and by turning our attention to more productive things.

Eventually, though it may take a long time, God's grace will overflow from our will, where we have already forgiven the offender, and heal our emotions.

As we continue with this Mass, let us renew our faith in God's limitless mercy, and ask him with all our hearts for the grace we need to treat others just as he has treated us.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING:

Saturday 23rd September

The safeguarding training open to all parishioners and mandatory for those with or needing a volunteer DBS is at the Parish Centre, Saturday 23rd Sept. Refreshments from 9.30am for a 2-hour course, beginning at 10am prompt. It will be run by the Hallam safeguarding team: Jo and Marie. To help them prepare, **please book a place** 0114 2566453 or by email: jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

Extraordinary Ministers will have an additional hour from 1pm with Father Adrian on revised procedures (you may wish to bring a packed lunch - hot drinks available.) Please park at St. Joseph's Convent, Newbold Rd, so that those travelling from outside our parish or with mobility issues are able to use the church car park. More details on the website.

Your Weekly Offering

A huge thank you for all your generosity. But could we ask your help with two things:

1. If you give in cash would you be able to give by either Standing Order or through one of the Card Debit machines. Why? Paying Cash in now is now done through the Post Office Counters for which we are charged by the Bank. The charges are steadily increasing (averaging £120 per month) and we would like to avoid your donation lining the pockets of the International Banking systems and Bankers' profits.
2. If you already give by Standing Order perhaps you could you review your amount and consider whether it is still a reasonable donation for the work of your church. All your donations go to the work and supporting of the Church. Thanks to the NHS and the number of funerals the priests are doing, they are completely self-funded!!

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.

RCIA ROMAN CATHOLIC INITIATION OF ADULTS: JOURNEY IN FAITH

The Journey in Faith course continues this Tuesday for those who wish to become Catholics or find out more about their faith. The course will take place in the Catechetics Room upstairs in the Parish Centre each Tuesday evening 7.00 – 9.00pm
Forms are available from the Sacristy.

ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS

The Parish Answering machine is causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left. Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church (for use by parishioners and hall patrons) are available on request from the parish office.

PARISH CENTRE MANAGER

The Parish Priest and Finance Committee seek to appoint a Manager to oversee the bookings, activities, and maintenance of the newly-refurbished Parish Centre. (yes, it is nearing its completion). The position is 10 hours per week which is flexible as the role requires. For a full job description please contact the Parish Office and to apply please send a CV with a cover letter to the Parish Office

TOILETS

As you may be aware, the refurbished toilets have been reopened for use.

However, we have already noted that on a few occasions the toilets have been left in an 'inappropriate' state. We kindly ask that any persons using the facilities treat them with the same respect you would your own.

please note that the parish centre refurbishment is still ongoing and parishioners are not to go beyond the toilets

FR JOSEPH OKEKE SILVER JUBILEE MASS

Fr Joseph, latterly Parish Priest of St Hugh's and St Joseph's, will celebrate his Silver Jubilee of Ordination on Sunday 1st October at 1.00pm in the Church of Our Lady of the Assumption in Stainforth Doncaster DN7 5HF. Please print your name on the sheet at the back of the Church if you are intending going. Fr Joseph needs to know numbers.

DIOCESAN YOUTH PILGRIMAGE TO ROME 24TH-27TH OCTOBER

The Diocese are running a youth pilgrimage to Rome in October.

This is aimed at 16-18year olds and has a cost of £350.

Please see the poster at the back of Church for the contact details and booking information

THE LIGHT PROJECT RECOVERY FROM DOMESTIC ABUSE

Caritas Hallam, dedicated to promoting well-being and good mental health, offers free counselling and support to those who have experienced Domestic Abuse including:

Individual Counselling (available online and in person).

Women's Well-being Programme: covering such issues as self-esteem & understanding the effects of stress.

Freedom Programme: for those who have experienced domestic abuse, (past or present).

All sessions will be delivered in an environment that is safe, caring and relaxed, at St Vincent's Mission Hub, from Tuesday, 10 October at 1.30pm. For more information, please contact Janet on 07927657462 or jkent@hallam-diocese.com

PARISH JUMBLE SALE

The next parish jumble sale will be held on Saturday 14th October after which, all subsequent jumble sales will take place on the first Saturday of the month.

If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Chris Payne directly on 229517

PARISH RETREAT AT ST BEDE'S CHURCH, ROTHERHAM

Throughout the year the Church encourages us to try to set aside time to reflect and pray, or simply to pause from our normal everyday routines. For many, this might include going away on a retreat; but this can be a big step for people and may be costly or just not practical.

Therefore, St Bede's Church will be holding an accessible retreat on 6th/7th October, where all are invited, along with their friends, family and others, to attend the whole retreat or simply a part of it, by dropping into church whenever they can over the two days.

For more information, please contact the Parish Office (Our Lady Queen of Peace)

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 18th September	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Leonardo Russo
Tuesday 19th September	9.30 Holy Spirit 6.00pm Annunciation	Bernadette McLintock Catenian Mass for Vocations
Wednesday 20th September Ss. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn & Paul Chōng Ha-sang & Companions - Martyrs	12.00noon Annunciation 6.00pm – to <i>finished</i> Annunciation	Pat Edwards <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 21st September ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE	9.30am Annunciation	Requiem Mass John Charles Law
Friday 22nd September	12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention of Jo
Saturday 23rd September St Pio of Pietrelcina ' <i>Padre Pio</i> ' VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent 4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	Kay Conway <i>Confessions</i> The People of the Parish
Sunday 24th September Twenty fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Annunciation 4.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Annunciation	John and Angelina Davies Oliver Ainsworth <i>Polish Mass</i> <i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i> Gillian Gibson

RETIRING COLLECTION

At the instruction of the Bishop's Conference of England and Wales, there will be a retiring collection following all Masses this weekend in aid of:

Evangelii Gaudium Sunday (*formerly Home Mission Sunday*)

A donation option will be available on the payment terminals at Annunciation Church.

UPCOMING SVP APPEAL 23rd/24th SEPTEMBER

The SVP will be making an Appeal on Sunday Sept 24th asking for help to identify Parishioners who maybe housebound, lonely or vulnerable, and would appreciate contact & visits from SVP Members. Additionally, we would like to invite Parishioners to join the SVP and help expand our work in the Parish, and finally to ask for financial donations to help support our work.