

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A**  
**19<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

**CHRIST-LIKE LOVE GOES OUT OF ITS WAY**

The familiar lines we hear this Sunday from the Sermon on the Mount are essential parts of Christ's own description of our life-mission as Christians.

We need to reflect on the meaning of the images Jesus uses, so that we can live this mission more authentically.

Here is some background on these images:

- According to Jewish custom, slapping someone on the face with the back of one's hand was twice as insulting as slapping him with the palm of one's hand.
- A right-handed person slapping someone else on the right cheek (the case Jesus implicitly refers to) implies just such a backhanded blow.
- By law, a Jew could be forced to hand over a tunic as a payment of legal recompense (even poor men of the time would have owned two tunics), but not his cloak.
- Most often a person had only one cloak, and it was used not only as a coat during the day, but also as a blanket at night.
- Palestine during the time of Jesus was under direct Roman control.
- The occupying forces were permitted by law to enlist natives as guides or pack-bearers for a mile of any journey they may be taking.

So, what is Jesus really asking of us when he tells us to turn the other cheek, to hand over our cloak as well as our tunic, and to voluntarily go an extra mile?

He is teaching us how to respond to personal insults and humiliations.

It was humiliating and offensive to be slapped on the right cheek,

to be forced to hand over a tunic to pay a debt,

to be consigned to carrying a foreigner's pack in your own homeland.

Jesus wants us to respond to personal insults with grace, patience, and forgiveness.

He wants us to break the cycle of violence by not always insisting on getting our own way, but going out of our way to do good to others, even when they don't strictly deserve it.

That's what God did with us by sending Jesus to be our Saviour,

and that's what he wants us to do for those around us.

# LENT 2023 BEGINS THIS WEDNESDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY

## LENT/EASTER GUIDE BOOKS

The piety stall at the Annunciation is presently stocked with copies of *Walk with me (Lent edition)* and *My Day by Day (Easter edition)* which are designed to aid us on our journeys through the forthcoming liturgical seasons. Both priced at £1

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER: FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH 2023.

*"I have heard about your faith".*

This year, the service has been prepared by the women of Taiwan. There are 3 churches in Chesterfield hosting the services as follows:

10.30 a.m. – Hasland Baptist Church, Eyre St, Hasland.

10.30 a.m. – Storrs Rd Methodist Church.

2.00 p.m. – Annunciation RC church, Spencer St.

*Please be aware that because of the ongoing refurbishment works to the Annunciation hall toilet facilities are very limited and refreshments are not available*

## FLAME 2023

Join us on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, Flame Congress. There are a limited number of places available to young people aged 14+ priced £30 inc. travel.

For more information or to reserve a place, please contact [youth@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:youth@hallam-diocese.com).

## DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING EVENT

The annual diocesan Safeguarding event: 'Hidden Harms...from Social Distancing to Social Solidarity' will take place on Saturday 25 March, from 9.45am – 4.00pm at St. Joseph's, Wath-upon-Dearne, (there is a Mass of the Annunciation at 9.00am for those who wish to attend). The event is open to all safeguarding representatives, parishioners and volunteers. Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided.

To book a place contact Jo Pearson on 2566453 or [jpearson@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:jpearson@hallam-diocese.com)

## DIOCESAN FORMATION AND MISSION EVENT

Diocesan Formation and Mission Event: A Day of Reflection at the Beginning of Lent with Fr Denis McBride CSsR, on Saturday, 4 March, at Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre, Sheffield, from 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Participants should bring their own packed lunch. You can book at: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433)

## PARISH ADMINISTRATOR REQUIRED

The Parish of Our Lady Queen of Peace seeks to appoint a Parish Administrator to assist and support the work of the clergy.

Working hours are 9.30am – 3.00pm Monday – Friday (26 hours).

For job details and information on how to apply, please contact the Parish Office:

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### **DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHES**

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO are holding LIFE LUNCHES. These sessions, held at Holy Spirit, church provide a warm space to meet with free/pay what you can refreshments, tea coffee, cakes.

Every Tuesday 10.30-2.00, soup and bread from 12.00 noon.

### **CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY – LENT APPEAL**

This Lent, your donations to CAFOD's Family Fast Day Appeal will help families fighting the climate crisis and ensure that our Church network can quickly respond to emergencies, like the recent earthquake in Syria and Turkey. Give today using the envelopes at the back of church or at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) and please join us in praying for CAFOD's development and emergency response work all over the world.

### **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2023**

15<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> JUNE 2023: £685pp for half board and all travel *and*

14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel.

Pilgrims placing a deposit before 31<sup>st</sup> January are eligible for a discount of £30pp.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:

07807955836 or [petesuemarshall@googlemail.com](mailto:petesuemarshall@googlemail.com)

### **THE ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IS NOW CONTACTLESS**

Parishioners attending Sunday Masses at the Church of the Annunciation now have the option of making an offering via contactless payment.

Initially this will be for weekly offertory donations but an option screen will be available as necessary to also allow donations for Easter, Christmas, Special Collection, Flowers etc.

Secure payment terminals are situated at the rear of the church and parishioners can opt for any amount of their choosing before simply tapping their card or mobile device. In addition, a donation portal is available on the website through which anybody may make a one-off donation.

When using the new payment terminals, after selecting a donation value an option button will show on screen Gift Aid YES/NO. If you are a tax payer and wish payments to be gift aided, the YES button will then invite you to complete basic details of Name/House number/Postcode/Email.

These should be completed EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY A GIFT AIDER.

This is a one-off exercise and all future payments will generate Gift Aid for the Parish but you must continue to use the same payment card.

If you are unable to complete the Gift Aid information when first using the terminal, subsequent completion via the terminal or via our website

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when making a donation will backdate Gift Aid to your first payment.

For further information contact Peter Sharp, [pete@pasharp.co.uk](mailto:pete@pasharp.co.uk) or 01246 569417

**Please note: collection bowls will still be available for parishioners who prefer to donate by envelope or loose cash.**

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12noon Annunciation	Gail Mallender
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit  11.00am <b>Holy Family</b>	Thanksgiving Intention  <b>Requiem Mass for Rachel Pye</b>
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February</b>  <b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel  12.00noon Annunciation  6.00pm Holy Spirit  7.00pm Holy Family	<i>Private Intention</i>  Ann Canning  Fr Michael Beattie  Eamon Murphy
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	9.30am Holy Family  12.00noon Annunciation	Stephen Patrick Wall  Eileen Mitchell
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	12noon Annunciation	Intentions of John Nelis
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February</b>  VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent  4.30pm Holy Spirit  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	Sr. Catherine Maguire  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Private Intention  Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)  The Gambetta Family
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February</b>  <b>First Sunday of Lent: Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  <i>3.00pm Holy Family</i>  5.00pm Annunciation	Brian Sinnott  People of the Parish  <i>Polish Mass</i>  Young Families