

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

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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT: YEAR A
LAETARE SUNDAY 19th March 2023**

HOMEGROWN SAINTS HAVE THEIR PRIORITIES STRAIGHT

The fact that all of us are here today is proof that we value the higher gifts.

And yet, even we can fall into routine.

Many Catholics who used to come to Sunday Mass are not here with us today. Christ has graces he wants to give them today, graces they will need this week, and they are not here to receive them.

We have to remind ourselves of the value of God's supernatural gifts, if we want to protect our friendship with Christ and continue growing in wisdom and true happiness.

One of the greatest gifts we have received is the Eucharist, Christ's true presence;
body, blood, soul, and divinity,

given to us as spiritual food under the appearance of bread and wine.

When St John Henry Newman was about to convert to the Catholic faith, his friends and colleagues at Oxford University tried desperately to dissuade him.

One of them, exasperated, finally said,

"Think of what you are doing. If you become a Catholic you will lose your job and forfeit your annual income of four thousand pounds (about £120,000 today)"

The future Cardinal responded:

"What are four thousand pounds when compared with one Holy Communion?"

Another English saint, St Thomas More, Chancellor of England, had a similar conversation with a colleague who criticized him for taking time away from his important work to go to daily Mass. More replied:

"Your reasons for wanting me to stay away are exactly the ones which cause me to go so often. My stress is great, but it is by Holy Communion that I calm myself.

Many times a day I am tempted to sin - it is through my Communion that I overcome. I have many weighty affairs to manage - and I have need of light and strength to do so well. It is in my Communion that I find all this."

These men valued the supernatural gifts of God just as we should all value them.

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

Boxes of envelopes for 2023/24 are now available at the back of all Churches near the rear entrance. Please collect your own box and for Annunciation only please check that your address details are correct. If not, then please record the amended details on the sheet provided. *Please remember to put the box number as well as your name and address.* If you use the envelope scheme **then you do not commit to giving a set amount each week.** If you pay tax and have not completed a Gift Aid form then these are also available from the contacts below. It costs nothing, only one simple form needs completing which covers all future years, and the Parish gains an extra 25p for every £1 that you give under the envelope scheme or by bank standing order payments. Gift Aid monies are a very important source of funds for us providing income of £29000 in 2020/21.

COULD THE OWNERS OF BOXES 55 and 143 PROVIDE PETER SHARP WITH THEIR NAMES AND ADDRESSES PLEASE

Yellow envelopes will also be available at the back of our Churches for Easter and Christmas Offerings. These can be used for BOTH Gift Aid and non Gift Aid offerings – you only need to sign your name on the envelope if you wish it to be Gift Aided.

For missing/new boxes or other queries, please contact:

Peter Sharp (01246 569417) or pete@pasharp.co.uk for Annunciation
Geraldine Coe (01246 235320) or randgcoe@yahoo.co.uk for Holy Family
Patricia Shipman (07941 846035) or tiship@hotmail.com for Holy Spirit

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023

Sixteen candidates have still not submitted their homework.

Could these submit their homework as soon as possible.

The closing date will be Sunday 18th March

in preparation for classes beginning during that week.

If not received by this time we will assume that the candidate has decided to withdraw from the programme.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023

Please will all Catechists for Confirmation contact Father Adrian to finalise dates for Confirmation classes.

Confirmation classes are as follows:

4.00pm at the High School Drama Hall on
Wednesdays 22nd & 29th March and 19th ad 26th April.

Attendance is compulsory

DRONFIELD PIE 'N' PEAS

On Friday 21st April the Cow Shed Café in Dronfield will be hosting a pie and pea supper.

The cost is £10 per person - for more information or to book a place please contact:

Pat: 07941846035 or Hazel: 01246 569417

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!

LENT CONFESSIONS

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CONFESSION TO THE LAST MINUTE!
WEDNESDAYS 11.00AM TO 11.45AM AND 6.00PM UNTIL FINISH

TRIDUUM & EASTER SERVICE TIMES

HOLY THURSDAY	7.00PM	Annunciation
GOOD FRIDAY	3.00pm	Holy Spirit
	3.00pm	Holy Family <i>Syro-Malabar Rite</i>
	4.00pm	Annunciation
HOLY SATURDAY	8.00pm	Annunciation
EASTER SUNDAY	8.00am	Annunciation
	9.30am	Annunciation
	9.30am	Holy Spirit
	11.00am	Holy Family
	11.00am	Annunciation
	5.00pm	Annunciation

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2023

The Diocesan annual pilgrimage to Lourdes, led by Bishop Ralph Heskett CSsR will take place from: 30th June – 6th July. Cost: £840pp (excluding insurance)

Applications forms are available from the Parish Office:
please see the poster at the back of church for more details.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2023

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

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

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

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

07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

EASTER FLOWERS

There will be retiring collections at all Sunday (inc. Vigil) Masses on
26th March and 2nd April for

The Easter Flowers

A great amount of time, effort...and money go into the beautiful decorating our
churches for the various seasons and solemnities,
and your support is most appreciated.

For parishioners who donate by contactless, an option for 'Easter Flowers' is available
on the contactless payment terminals

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p style="text-align: center;">Monday 20th March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">John Crawford</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Tuesday 21st March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am Holy Spirit 12noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Private Intention Mary Clare & Family</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 22nd March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel <i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Private Intention <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Catherine Mary <i>Confessions</i></p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday 23rd March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">9.30am Holy Family 10.00am Annunciation 12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Yorkshire Brethren Funeral Service of Michael Pickford Mary Belcher</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Friday 24th March</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">12noon Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Pat Mullins</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday 25th March FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION VIGIL MASSES</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">11.00am Annunciation <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i> <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit 6.30pm Holy Family</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Private Intention <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> <i>Holy Hour and Confessions</i> <i>(pre-arranged)</i> Intentions of Joan Hargan People of the Parish</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday 26th March Fifth Sunday of Lent: Year A</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Thanksgiving for a recovery from cancer Marcus <i>Stations of the Cross</i> Ken & Olga Stead</p>