

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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20th Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A
20th August 2023

God Wills the Salvation of Everyone

Jesus had a specific mission to accomplish during his earthly lifetime. He was to fulfil the Old Testament prophecies and lay the foundation for the universal sacrament of salvation, the Catholic Church.

And he stayed focused on that mission!

Jesus never travelled to exotic locations like Rome and Spain, never visited the intellectual powerhouses of Athens and Alexandria.

Those countries and the rest of the world outside Palestine would receive God's truth and grace not from him directly, but later, through his body, the Church.

And yet, when the Canaanite woman approaches him and, by her faith, humility, and persistence, moves his heart, he changes his plans.

In so doing, he gives us a brilliant glimpse into the reason behind everything he does:
the salvation of souls.

Jesus came "to undo the work of the devil" (1 John 3:8), which had brought the human family into its sinful, fallen state.

As St Paul put it in his First Letter to Timothy,

God wants "everyone to be saved and reach the full knowledge of the truth" (1 Timothy 2:4).

And as he puts it in today's Second Reading: "For God delivered all to disobedience," [in other words, he permitted sin and evil to spread throughout the entire human family],

"that he might have mercy upon all.

This was one of the most revolutionary aspects of the Gospel.

In Old Testament times, salvation from sin, both original and personal, had been reserved only to the Jews, only to the one Chosen People.

But with the coming of Jesus, all peoples, all the Gentile nations are now invited to hope for eternal life in the household of God, the "house of prayer for all peoples" as Isaiah had prophesied in the First Reading.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: DATE FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 23rd September 2023.

9.00am until 2.00pm

**Mandatory Safeguarding Training for
All Parishioners who hold or will hold a DBS certificate
issued to parish volunteers.**

More details to follow or email safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com

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"

Registration for the RCIA Program 2023/24 is now open. Those who wish to become Catholics or find out more about their faith. The course will take place in the Catechetics Room in the Parish Centre on Tuesday evenings 7.00 – 9.00pm

Classes commence on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

Forms are available from the Sacristy.

OUR DEACON AND SEMINARIAN

Deacon Christian is a Deacon of our Diocese of Hallam and will be ordained as a priest in the summer of 2024.

Thomas is a seminarian studying at the Pontifical North American College in Vatican City. He is among us on pastoral assignment.

Please make both of them feel welcome and keep them in your prayers

Fr Josph 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. All are welcome

GIFT AID 2022/23

As a result of this year's claims for Our Lady Queen of Peace, we will receive £26934 (£26076 for 2021/22). In addition, we will also receive £2715 for Small Plate collections. The Diocese has provided individual letters for each parishioner who had a current Gift Aid Declaration for the tax year 2022/23. These confirm the amount given together with the amount of tax that we have been able to claim back. The letters also provide information for the ever-increasing number of those who pay tax at the higher rate and can claim additional valuable personal relief through their tax returns. These letters are now available for collection at the back of Annunciation (rear door) or will be posted out to individuals at Holy Family and Holy Spirit.

Please note for Annunciation that the addresses shown may not have been updated from the date the original declaration was signed.

Could we please ask that everyone in the scheme to collect their envelope and check their details. If these are incorrect or there is no envelope or if you are a tax payer and would like to join the scheme then please contact Peter Sharp Tel 01246 569417 or email pete@pasharp.co.uk. To join the scheme, you need to pay by standing order, offertory box (both of which can also be provided upon request) or via the contactless machines in Annunciation.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

There will be **no meeting** of the lunch group in August.

The next meeting of the Parish lunch group will be on Tuesday 12th September at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp.

See you there!

FOOD BANK

This summer the Chesterfield branch of the Trussell Trust Foodbank commemorated ten years of feeding people. In that time we have provided 40,000 meals, something the volunteers and donors can be very proud of!

On behalf of the Chesterfield Foodbank I'd like to thank all those in our parish who have donated food or given money via standing order or through direct gifts handed to Mary Platts or I. The demand for the Foodbank's services keeps growing as donations fall: every offering, however small, is much appreciated. There are collection boxes at the back of our churches or you can set up a standing order through the Chesterfield Foodbank website. Many thanks again for putting your faith into action.

Lisa Eustace & Mary Platts

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:

Individual Counselling: through a programme of free, weekly counselling sessions, with the same counsellor. Sessions are available online and in person.

Women's Well-being Programme: This 6-week well-being programme covers a range of topics, from rebuilding self-esteem to understanding the effects of stress. Starting online

Wednesday, 4 October, at 6pm -7pm Freedom Programme: This is an 11-week support group for those who have experienced domestic abuse, (past or present).

For more information, please contact Janet on 07927657462 or jkent@hallam-diocese.com

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 21st August St Pius X, Pope	12.00noon Annunciation	Annie Nelis & Annie McInnock
Tuesday 22nd August The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Queen	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Gerry Muhley
Wednesday 23rd August	7.30am Royal Hospital 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm - finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention Mary Wilson <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 24th August ST BARTHOLOMEW APOSTLE	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren Maeve Walsh
Friday 25th August	10.00am Annunciation 12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Maureen Beighton Fr Michael Nealon
Saturday 26th August VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> Mr & Mrs Joseph
Sunday 27th August Twenty first Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	John Barnes People of the Parish Maxy Eustace

HOLY FAMILY MASS

The final Mass at Holy Family will be celebrated on Saturday 2nd September