

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

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**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR A**  
**21<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Eternal Life Is a Dynamic Relationship with God and the Saints**

For most Christians, the word "heaven" doesn't mean very much.

This is for two reasons.

First, we just don't think often about heaven. The practical demands of life on earth tend to monopolize our attention.

But this is a dangerous mistake.

Jesus came to earth in order to be able to lead us to heaven.

He died on the cross so that we could look forward to eternal life in heaven.

Heaven is the goal, the destination of our lives on earth.

How foolish a traveller would be to struggle forward without ever thinking about where he is going?

But there is another reason why our idea of heaven is so shadowy:

it's simply because picturing eternal life is hard for us.

This is where Jesus' revelation in today's Gospel is so helpful.

He tells us exactly what eternal life is:

***"Now this is eternal life, that they should know you, the only true God, and the one you sent, Jesus Christ."***

The greatest joy of human existence even here on earth consists in relationships of love.

What would mansions and yachts, works of art and mountain cottages, sunrises and ocean voyages be without others to share them with?

Loving relationships can make life's most boring activities enjoyable and meaningful.

But here on earth, our relationships are fragile,

like human life itself, and they can go sour, because of sin.

Today Jesus is telling us that heaven is nothing more or less than a perfect relationship of love, an everlasting getting-to-know-God, Christ, and all the saints.

These relationships will never get boring or tedious, because God is infinite, and getting to know him is an adventure that will never end.

If the best human friendships never lose their lustre, how much more indescribable will be our eternal friendship with God, from whom all good things come!

## **MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

The meeting for all EMHCs on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm  
is **CANCELLED**  
due to lack of numbers

### **WANTED: ALTAR SERVERS**

On Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May there will be a training session for young people who are wanting to become altar servers, commencing at 10am and lasting approximately an hour.

Would those who are attending please contact John Harden  
on john.harden65@gmail.com or 07739 553877  
for further information and to confirm attendance.

### **“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 3<sup>rd</sup> June** 10am-12:30pm  
at St Vincent's Mission Hub Solly Street Sheffield S1 4DE.

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

### **RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN**

*HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER*

17<sup>th</sup> June: 9.30am – 4.00pm at St Joseph's Convent – *Daughters of Divine Charity*  
42 Newbold Road, Chesterfield, S41 7PL

Lunch will be provided and there is opportunity for overnight stay on the Friday night.

For enquiries/booking please contact the convent:

01246 230321 or goncag@hotmail.co.uk

### **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.

### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023**

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

June: 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>

July: 1<sup>st</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### **St Mary's Catholic High School Vacancies**

Teaching assistant (from 1/9/2023)

Part time (0.5FTE) **Religious Studies teacher** (from 1<sup>st</sup> September or 4<sup>th</sup> November)

**Director of Music** (from 1<sup>st</sup> September or 1<sup>st</sup> January)

**Head of Design Technology** (from 1st September or 1st January)

Please contact Mrs Gilding rgilding@stmaryschesterfield.org.uk

for further information and an application pack.

## **THANK YOU FROM THE FOODBANK**

We want to express our sincere gratitude to Our Lady Queen of Peace for your generous donations throughout April.

Your support has made a significant impact on the lives of those in need. Through your compassion and generosity, we have been able to provide essential services and support to individuals and families facing challenging circumstances. Donations from Our Lady Queen of Peace weighed in at 316kg which is equivalent to approximately 752 meals which will have blessed several individuals and families. Your contributions embody the values of love and empathy, serving as a beacon of hope in our community. We are truly honoured to partner with you in creating a more inclusive and supportive society.

Thank you for your unwavering commitment to making a positive difference.

We deeply appreciate your continued support.

With heartfelt thanks, and kindest regards

God Bless

## **MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023**

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

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

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

## **HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE**

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16<sup>th</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> October. For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at [joegmcnally@gmail.com](mailto:joegmcnally@gmail.com) or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

## **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.

## **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](http://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.**

## **RED MISSIO MISSIONARY BOXES**

These boxes now need emptying. Can all parishioners who hold these boxes, please return them to their respective church.

A box has recently been handed in without a name on it, this is now ready for collection.

So please everyone make sure your name is on the label when handing in your box.

Many thanks. Richard & Geraldine and Mike O'Sullivan

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Marina Kerr
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit  <b>12.00noon</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	Private Intention  <b>Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Pat Savage</b>
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention  John Gill  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>  St Bede, Priest, Doctor of the Church. Memorial	9.30am Holy Family  12.00noon Annunciation	Fergus Cornican  Private Intention (TM)
<b>Friday</b> <b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>  St Philip Neri, Priest	<b>11.30am</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for</b> <b>Barbara Lander</b>
<b>Saturday</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>  St Augustine of Canterbury      <b>VIGIL MASSES</b>	11.00am Convent  <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	Yorkshire Brethren  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Private Intention  <i>Holy Hour</i>  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b>  <b>PENTECOST</b> <b>SUNDAY</b>  <i>So Eastertide Ends</i>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Thanksgiving for Confirmations  Maria Conti-Manfredi  All Souls in Purgatory

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

- 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, (Holyday of Obligation.)