

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A
23rd July 2023

GOD IS ALL POWERFUL...AND IT MATTERS!

One surprising thing about the parable of the weeds and the wheat is the calm, patient reaction of the landowner.

This was a wealthy and powerful man - only wealthy and powerful people owned multiple slaves.

How do wealthy and powerful people usually react to enemies who try to interfere with their business?

Not with such calm and patience, but with quick revenge.

So why was this landowner able to take this attack in stride?

And we should not be naive - this was a serious attack.

It will cause the landowner more than four times the normal amount of investment to bring in the harvest: he will have to harvest twice the weight as normal.

Then he will have to disassemble the harvested bundles in order to reassemble two separate sets of bundles - This was a smart and efficient enemy!

The landowner is able to stay calm and patient because he represents God, God, the landowner of the world.

And God isn't just wealthy and powerful; God is all-powerful.

And when you are all-powerful, no attack of evil can really bother you.

As the First Reading puts it, "your [God's] mastery over all things makes you lenient to all... for power, whenever you will, attends you."

He will use even the evil actions of his enemies to build up his Kingdom - omnipotence is like that.

An omnipotent God can afford to be merciful, because in the end, he will be able to put all things right.

If we thought about this characteristic of God more often and more deeply, it would make a difference in our life.

We would be more like the farmer in the parable, able to remain calm and patient in the face of life's troubles and injustices. Our God is all-powerful, and it matters.

SAFEGUARDING TRAINING: DATE FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 23rd September 2023.

**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

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

LITTLE BITS OF GOD

A unique art installation entitled *Little Bits of God* has been on tour around the UK and will make its final stop at St Michaels Church, Wombwell.

The 360 degree installation by Pete Codling is formed using a number of Mosaic panels detailing the life of Christ. Visit times are:

Monday, Wednesday & Saturdays 10.30am – 12.30

Wednesdays and Fridays: 6pm – 8pm

HOLY FAMILY MASS

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

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 player 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.

SUZANAH KONIARSKI RIP

Of your charity, please pray for the soul of Suzanah Koniarski,
daughter of Michael and Vana, who died suddenly last week.

FUNERAL MASS OF RAE GOODLAD

Parishioners of Holy Spirit Church, please note that the Funeral Mass of Rae Goodlad
will be celebrated on Friday 4th August at 11.00am at English Martyrs Church, Totley.
followed by committal at Hutcliffe Wood at 12.30pm

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 24th July BB NICHOLAS GARLICK AND ROBERT LUDLAM, PRIESTS, PADLEY MARTYRS	9.00am Annunciation	Mark Mottram
Tuesday 25th July ST JAMES (<i>THE GREAT</i>), APOSTLE	12.00noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving (FM)
Wednesday 26th July Ss Joachim and Anne, parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary	7.30am Royal Hospital 10.00am Annunciation	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Stephen Conneely
Thursday 27th July	9.30am Holy Family	Pat Edwards
Friday 28th July	9.30am Annunciation	Lily Nelis
Saturday 29th July VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> <i>5.00pm Holy Spirit</i> <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> <i>6.30pm Holy Family</i>	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> Eileen Tandy
Sunday 30th July Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Private Intention (G & M) People of the Parish Christine Gibson

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Monday 31st July St Alphonsus Mary de' Liguori, bishop, doctor of the Church	12.00noon Annunciation	Janina Posluszny
Tuesday 1st August	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Herbert Sykes Bernadette McLintock
Wednesday 2nd August	7.30am Royal Hospital 10.30am Annunciation <i>6.00pm - finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention Requiem Mass for James Galloway <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 3rd August	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren Anne McAbe
Friday 4th August St John Mary Vianney, priest	12 Noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Charlotte Barton
Saturday 5th 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> Mary Kelly
Sunday 6th August THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Mary Ryder William O'Brien People of the Parish