



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A
25th June 2023

THE FATES OF THE TWELVE

Cardinal Joseph Van Thuan the Vietnamese cardinal who spent thirteen years in prison under communist rule, used to say that this is one of the ever-present signs of the true Church. He used to say that the true Church founded by Christ is One, Holy, Catholic, and Persecuted.

St Paul also understood this. One of his most famous passages is from his Letter to the Ephesians, in which he writes:

"For it is not against human enemies that we have to struggle, but against the Sovereignities and the Powers who originate the darkness in this world, the spiritual army of evil."

The history of the Church proves that this battle is real, not just symbolic, starting with the Apostles themselves.

Every one of Jesus' first Apostles died a martyr's death - except St John the Evangelist, who miraculously survived being boiled in oil!

Peter was crucified upside down in Rome.

James the Greater was beheaded in Jerusalem.

Andrew was crucified on a cross in the shape of an X.

Bartholomew was skinned alive and crucified in Armenia.

Philip was stoned and then crucified in Turkey.

Thomas was speared to death in India.

James the Lesser was hurled from the city walls of Jerusalem and beaten to death with stones and clubs.

Jude was shot to death by arrows, in Persia, while tied to a cross.

Matthew was burned to death in Afghanistan

Simon the Zealot was sawn into pieces in the Kingdom of Georgia.

These are our older brothers in the faith.

They teach us that being a Christian is demanding; it takes courage; it stirs up opposition.

They followed in Christ's footsteps, and blazed the trail for us to do the same.

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

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES 2023

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

1st and 8th July

The First Holy Communion Mass will be celebrated on 15th July.

PADLEY INTER-DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Sunday 9th July

The procession from Grindleford Train Station takes place at 3.00pm and Holy Mass commences at 3.30pm.

Rt. Rev. Patrick McKinney, Bishop of Nottingham will preach and pilgrims are invited to arrive early if they wish to picnic in the chapel grounds.

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 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.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

For those interested in making the Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 22 July, please note there will now be pick up points at the following times/locations.

Killamarsh 7.10am, Dinnington 7.40am, Oldcotes 8.00am.

Further details for Chesterfield Pilgrims can found on the notice board at Church of the Annunciation.

Please contact Marian Johnson for further information: 07990 588083.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2023

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

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

07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

Bishop Heskett will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16 to 23 October.

For further details of pilgrimage arrangements, costs etc., please contact: Joe McNally at joegmcnally@gmail.com or 0114 236 4076/ 07891072858

PARISH CENTRE KEYHOLDERS

Parishioners with access to the parish centre are reminded that this privilege allows them to gain entry to the church only and that the Parish Centre is still an active building site with a great number of hazards including machinery, exposed wiring, scaffolding and wet paint/floor treatments.

SUMMER 2023 IS FINALLY HERE

With the mercury on the rise I feel that now is an appropriate and neutral time to ask everyone to consider their attire when attending Holy Mass:

Modern culture has done a lot to erode away many of our traditions as well as decency and reverence. Although the Catholic Church has no real dress code for proper attire when attending Mass, there is an unwritten dress code that demands we are properly dressed out of Respect, Honour, and Reverence for the Real Presence of Our Blessed Lord.

There are TWO main reasons one should dress modestly and decently for Mass:
Out of respect for God.

In Order not to be a distraction or stumbling block to our fellow parishioners.
It is also a wonderful way to teach our children respect, honour and reverence.

Here is what the ***Catechism of the Catholic Church***
has to say about dressing properly for Mass:

“To prepare for worthy reception of this Sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church. Bodily demeanour (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.”
– CCC 1387

Generally, we should be guided by the principle that what we may be suitable for a summer party may not be suitable for the sacred worship of God.

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

SUMMER COURSES AT STONEYHURST COLLEGE

The Christian Heritage Centre (CHC) based at Stoneyhurst College, Clitheroe, is offering the following summer courses this year:

Catholicism and Contemporary Culture, 3rd-6th August

Explore the themes of truth, reality and sacramentality, and the differences in the Catholic and secular conceptions of these. The course will be of particular support to teachers of RE, catechists and those working with youth and young adults.

Human Nature, Gender and Identity, 25th-28th August

This course will explore how Thomas Aquinas's anthropology provides the framework for the Church's understanding of what and who the human person is. The course will be of particular interest to those teaching theology in secondary and higher education and those providing training and CPD to other educators and catechists.

For more information or to make a booking please see the poster at the back of church

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 26th June	12.00noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving (FM)
Tuesday 27th June OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR, PATRON OF OUR DIOCESE <i>- Solemnity</i>	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Michael Loomes Alexander Stirling
Wednesday 28th June	12.00noon Annunciation 6.30pm Holy Spirit	Yorkshire Brethren Fr Michael Beattie SJ
Thursday 29th June Ss. PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES <i>Solemnity</i> HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION	7.30am Royal Hospital 12.00noon Annunciation 7.00pm Holy Family	Private Intention Pat Savage Ken Walkin
Friday 30th June	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Matthew Hanley
Saturday 1st July VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	<i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Herbert Sykes <i>Holy Hour</i> Fr Denis Norman
Sunday 2nd July Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Peter Strelley Lisa Marshall People of the Parish

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Thursday, 29 June: the Solemnity of St Peter & St Paul, a Holyday of Obligation.