

The Parish of OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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PENTECOST SUNDAY: YEAR A 28th May 2023

Breaking Down Barriers

We are members of this Church, and so we have all benefited from its mission of unity - the Church has reached out to each of us and brought us into God's family.

But as members, we are also responsible for carrying this work forward.

One way to do so is by breaking down barriers.

Barriers are things like fear, misunderstanding, prejudice, jealously, envy, resentment, grudges.

These are at the root of all the conflicts that threaten world peace.

But all those large-scale conflicts can always be traced back to conflicts in individual hearts.

If we learn to break down barriers in our own hearts,

we will become more effective builders of unity in the world around us.

One of the barriers that come up most frequently in our daily lives is that of misunderstanding.

This is also known as "lack of communication" or "miscommunication".

An international business consulting firm did a study a few years ago

about the most common obstacles to productivity.

They concluded that over 85% of problems in the business world stem from miscommunication.

In family relationships, I would estimate that the percentage is even higher.

Jesus has given us the method for breaking down this ubiquitous barrier.

Before allowing ourselves to pass judgment on someone,

we should make an effort to see things from their perspective.

Until we can express the other person's point of view even better than they can, we should refrain from passing judgment on it.

That's what Jesus did.

Instead of passing judgment on sinful humanity, he came down from heaven and lived among us. He showed that he knew our perspective.

And so he was able to break down mankind's misunderstanding of God and open the way for a renewed relationship of trust.

Today let's promise that we will follow in Jesus' footsteps, doing our little part in this great Pentecost mission of uniting a divided world.

WARNING: PARISH CENTRE KEYHOLDERS

Parishioners with access to the parish centre are reminded that this privilege allows them to gain entry to the church <u>only</u> and that the Parish Centre is still an active building site with a great number of hazards.

Besides the obvious health and safety risks, over the next two weeks the floors will be sanded, waxed and sealed, and therefore the hall is strictly out-of-bounds to all.

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.

MEETING FOR ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

The meeting for all EMHCs on Monday 26th June at 7pm is **CANCELLED**

due to lack of numbers

"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 3rd June** 10am-12:30pm at St Vincent's Mission Hub Solly Street Sheffield S1 4DE. For more information contact Fr Lee Marshall [Marshall [Marshall]]]

RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

HIS LOVE ENDURES FOREVER

17th 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 conclude 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: 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th

July: 1st & 8th

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

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

14th – 21st September 2023: £630pp for half board and all travel. For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on: 07807955836 petesuemarshall@googlemail.com or

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

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

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.

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

St Mary's Catholic High School Vacancies Teaching assistant (from 1/9/2023)

Part time (0.5FTE) Religious Studies teacher (from 1st September or 4th November)

Director of Music (from 1st September or 1st 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.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
Monday 29th May Mary Mother of the Church	11.00am Annunciation	Michael Jones
Tuesday 30 th May	9.30am Holy Spirit	Herbert Sykes
	12.00noon Annunciation	Philomena Scavkins
Wednesday 31 st May	10.00am Annunciation	Pauline Langan
	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Centlear Andrews
The Visitation of The Blessed Virgin Mary	6.00pm until finished Annunciation	Confessions
Thursday 1 st June	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel	Private Intention
Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30am Holy Family	Yorkshire Brethren
	12.00noon Annunciation	Fr Michael Beattie SJ
Friday 2nd June Ss Marcellinus & Peter	12.00noon Annunciation	Christine Gibson
Saturday 3 rd June VIGIL MASSES	11.00am Convent	Jean Railton
	4.30pm Holy Spirit	Rosary & Confessions
	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Annie Flanaghan
	5.00pm Holy Family	Holy Hour
	6.30pm Holy Family	Ann Kelly
Sunday 4 th June	8.30am Annunciation	People of the Parish
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY	10.00am Annunciation	Pat Savage
	5.00pm Annunciation	Gillian Gibson