



The Parish of
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CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A
2nd July 2023

The Hard Path is the Best Path

It's hard to follow Jesus Christ, to be a Christian, but it's worth it.

That sums up the message our Lord is trying to communicate to us in today's Gospel passage - and it's a message that we constantly need to be reminded of.

At first, it almost seems like Jesus is trying to discourage us from following him.

He warns that friendship with him is demanding.

To be a true friend of Jesus Christ means that everything else must take second place.

Everything has to be put on the table, even personal dreams, even family ties.

The demands of our friendship with Jesus Christ will require us to carry a cross, to sacrifice self-gratifying desires, maybe even to endure great suffering.

That sounds hard, painful, maybe even unreasonable.

But God knows what he is doing!

And if he calls us to this kind of lifestyle – which he does – it's only because he knows that this is the path to lasting happiness.

If we are truly living for God, to give him glory and to build up his Kingdom in the world, then God will take care of us.

We will not lose our reward.

St Paul understood this.

This is why he tells us in today's Second Reading that to share Christ's life – the life of the redeemed soul, the new life of grace won for us by Christ's passion and Resurrection – we must also share Christ's death.

We have to die to self, to put to death all selfish and self-centred desires, in order to rise with Christ, to live the life of the Spirit, the life that gives true meaning and satisfaction to our lives.

Yes, it is hard to follow Jesus, but it is worth it – nothing else even comes close.

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

The final class for this year's First Holy Communion course is:

NEXT Saturday: 8th July

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

PADLEY INTER-DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE

Next 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 stay and picnic in the chapel grounds following the Mass.

WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE

For those interested in making the Pilgrimage to Walsingham on 22nd 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 the 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

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next meeting of the lunch group is on Tuesday 11th July.

We meet at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp - See you there.

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

RED MISSIO MISSIONARY BOXES

THERE ARE STILL SEVERAL BOXES AWAITING COLLECTION FROM THE BACK OF CHURCH.

PLEASE COLLECT THEM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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

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

RETIRING COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend in aid of
PETER'S PENCE

which supports the upkeep and activity of the Pope and the Holy See.

For those parishioners who prefer to donate by contactless, there is an option on the payment terminals for *Peter's Pence*

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 3rd July St Thomas, Apostle	11.00am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Pat Edwards
Tuesday 4th July	<i>NO PUBLIC MASSES</i>	
Wednesday 5th July	11.00am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Anna Walters
Thursday 6th July	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Betty Marshall
Friday 7th July	12.00noon Annunciation	Mercuri Donato e Maria Uglia
Saturday 8th July 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> People of the Parish
Sunday 9th July Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm</i> <i>Padley Chapel</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	Hilda Coffey John Scott <i>Padley Inter-Diocesan Pilgrimage</i> William O'Brien