

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR A
5th February 2023

OUR MISSION IS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR OTHERS

Jesus chose his words carefully - including the words we just listened to.

They are part of his famous Sermon on the Mount,
which is like a highlight film of all his sermons.

In this section, he is explaining to his followers what he expects of them.

It is like a coach talking to his players before the big game
- but this is Jesus talking to us about the game of life itself.

It is like a general instructing his troops before a big battle
- but this is Jesus talking to us about the battle of life.

He is giving us our life-mission.....And what is that life-mission?

To be salt and light for the world around us.

Salt had two functions in the ancient world:

it gave flavour to food, and it also preserved food.

They didn't have refrigerators back then, so they would preserve meat by putting a thin
layer of salt over it.

Light had the same function then as it does now: to push back the darkness.

But in the ancient world, before the advent of electricity, darkness was a much
more dramatic reality than it is to us.

The ancients understood how helpless they were without a lamp.

We, on the other hand, because electric lighting is everywhere,
rarely even have to think about our need for light.

Salt and light - these are the comparisons Jesus uses to explain our life-mission.

And what is the common characteristic of salt and light?

They are both for something else.

Their purpose is not self-centred, but other-centred.

And that's the point.

A Christian's mission in the world, just like Christ's mission, is to make a positive
difference for others, by bringing them the power and the illumination of the Gospel.

THE ANNUNCIATION CHURCH IS NOW CONTACTLESS

Parishioners attending Sunday Masses at the Church of the Annunciation now have the option of making an offering via contactless payment.

Initially this will be for weekly offertory donations but an option screen will be available as necessary to also allow donations for Easter, Christmas, Special Collection, Flowers etc.

Secure payment terminals are situated at the rear of the church and parishioners can opt for any amount of their choosing before simply tapping their card or mobile device. In addition, a donation portal is available on the website through which anybody may make a one-off donation.

When using the new payment terminals, after selecting a donation value an option button will show on screen Gift Aid YES/NO. If you are a tax payer and wish payments to be gift aided, the YES button will then invite you to complete basic details of Name/House number/Postcode/Email.

These should be completed **EVEN IF YOU ARE ALREADY A GIFT AIDER.**

This is a one-off exercise and all future payments will generate Gift Aid for the Parish but you must continue to use the same payment card.

If you are unable to complete the Gift Aid information when first using the terminal, subsequent completion via the terminal or via our website (parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org)

when making a donation will backdate Gift Aid to your first payment.

For further information contact Peter Sharp, pete@pasharp.co.uk or 01246 569417

Please note: collection bowls will still be available for parishioners who prefer to donate by envelope or loose cash.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2023

15th – 22nd JUNE 2023: £685pp for half board and all travel.
and

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

Pilgrims placing a deposit before 31st January are eligible for a discount of £30pp.

For bookings and enquiries please contact Deacon. Pete Marshall on:
07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

WORKS ON THE ANNUNCIATION PARISH CENTRE

Many people have been asking about the progress on the refurbishment of the Annunciation Parish Centre. As with most projects of this size there have been a couple of setbacks due to building regulations and the recent extraordinarily cold spell.

As of this moment we cannot be exactly sure when the hall will be returned to us, but it is hoped in the coming week we will have a clearer idea of the date no which we can reopen.

Items for the jumble sale will be gratefully received in preparation for the sales restarting.

If you have any items for the jumble sale please contact Chris on 01246 229517

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS WITH DRONFIELD PAGE

To reflect better our Parish of three churches, our Parish Website now has a new address:

parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org

The old address will redirect to the new one so your bookmarks will still work. However, if you could update them and use this address when sharing it will help to better establish the new site.

There is also now a dedicated page on the website for The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield, with a brief history of the church and former parish.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday 14th February at 1.00pm at the Olde House. Please note the change of time: this makes it possible for anyone wishing to attend the 12.00pm Mass to come afterwards for lunch and a 'warm up' at the Olde House.

For more information please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO are holding LIFE LUNCHES. These sessions, held at Holy Spirit, church provide a warm space to meet with free/pay what you can refreshments, tea coffee, cakes.

Every Tuesday 10.30-2.00, soup and bread from 12.00 noon.

FLAME 2023

Join us on Saturday 4 March 2023 at OVO Arena, Wembley for the largest Catholic gathering of young people in England and Wales, Flame Congress. There are a limited number of places available to young people aged 14+ priced £30 inc. travel.

For more information or to reserve a place, please contact youth@hallam-diocese.com.

DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING EVENT

The annual diocesan Safeguarding event: 'Hidden Harms...from Social Distancing to Social Solidarity' will take place on Saturday 25 March, from 9.45am – 4.00pm at St. Joseph's, Wath-upon-Dearne, (there is a Mass of the Annunciation at 9.00am for those who wish to attend). The event is open to all safeguarding representatives, parishioners and volunteers. Refreshments and a free lunch will be provided.

To book a place contact Jo Pearson on 2566453 or jpearson@hallam-diocese.com

CARMEL CARE GROUP

Carmel Care Group - for women who have experienced migration: There is a group running at the Carmel Care Centre, every Friday, from 11.00am–2.30pm, for all women who have experienced migration. It includes a free lunch and activities, including relaxation, art and music. The Carmel Care Centre is at 172 Dykes Hall Road, Sheffield.

For more information, please call Janet on 07927 657462.

DIOCESAN FORMATION AND MISSION EVENT

Diocesan Formation and Mission Event: A Day of Reflection at the Beginning of Lent with Fr Denis McBride CSsR, on Saturday, 4 March, at Whirlow Grange Spirituality Centre, Sheffield, from 10:00am - 4:00 pm. Participants should bring their own packed lunch. You can book at: www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hallam-formation-and-mission-46212155433

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 6th February St Paul Miki	12noon Annunciation	J Phynn
Tuesday 7th February	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Intentions of Andrew & Catherine Bland
Wednesday 8th February	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel <i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm until finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention <i>Adoration & Confessions</i> Monica O’Leary <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 9th February	9.30am Holy Family 11.00am Annunciation	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Gillian Gibson
Friday 10th February St Scholastica	12noon Annunciation	Jean McElvaney
Saturday 11th February Our Lady of Lourdes	11.00am Convent 4.30pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Thanksgiving Intention <i>Rosary & Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) Barbara Zealander
Sunday 12th February Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>3.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	People of the Parish Laretta Risorto <i>Polish Mass</i> Gibbons Family

