

**The Parish of**  
**OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE**  
**CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD**

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**THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD: YEAR A**  
**6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**

**A GLIMPSE OF GLORY**

Today we celebrate Our Lord's transfiguration, the moment where he gave his closest disciples a glimpse of his divinity and glory to help them for the ordeals of his Passion that were about to come.

In today's Gospel, the Lord reveals his divinity and glory to his closest disciples: Peter, James, and John. It's an event recalled in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke.

In Matthew's account, the Lord's clothing becomes as white as light. John in the prologue to his Gospel described the Lord as the true light that enlightens every man.

Christ is not only illuminated but illuminating.

The Lord is flanked by Moses and by Elijah to show that he is the culmination of the Law (represented by Moses) and the prophets (represented by Elijah).

They converse with Jesus and show their deference to him.

It's interesting that Peter says something to Jesus in "reply": Jesus doesn't seem to have said anything, but the scene speaks to Peter, and he struggles to formulate an adequate response in the face of so much glory. Maybe a shrine?

This gradually paints the portrait that Our Lord is not only worthy of glory but divine.

His clothes don't just radiate light, but his face as well.

The Messiah is not just an incredible man; he is God.

If there was not already enough evidence of his divinity the voice of the Father booms from Heaven and declares Jesus to be his beloved and pleasing Son, worthy of their attention. That's too much for the apostles, who fall prostrate in fear.

Almost as soon as it happens it is over: Jesus gets them up, tells them not to be afraid, but also makes sure they will recount the vision to the others after he is risen from the dead. Even the Transfiguration is an event meant for everyone, not just a trusted few.

**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](mailto:safeguarding.olqp@hallam-diocese.com)**

**PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

There will be **no meeting** of the lunch group in August.

The next meeting of the Parish lunch group will be on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp.

See you there!

**Your Weekly Offering**

A huge thank you for all your generosity. But could we ask your help with two things

1. If you give in cash would you be able to give by either Standing Order or through one of the Card Debit machines. Why? Paying Cash in now is now done through the Post Office Counters for which we are charged by the Bank. The charges are steadily increasing (averaging £120 per month) and we would like to avoid your donation lining the pockets of the International Banking systems and Bankers' profits.
2. If you already give by Standing Order perhaps you could you review your amount and consider whether it is still a reasonable donation for the work of your church. All your donations go to the work and supporting of the Church. Thanks to the NHS and the number of funerals the priests are doing, they are completely self-funded!!

**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 payer and would like to join the scheme then please contact Peter Sharp Tel 01246 569417 or email [pete@pasharp.co.uk](mailto: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.

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Carol Beck
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>  St Dominic Priest & Doctor	9.30am Holy Spirit  12.00noon Annunciation	Peter Tracey  David and Anne
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> August</b>  St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross Virgin Martyr	7.30am Royal Hospital  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm - finished Annunciation</i>	Private Intention  <i>Thanksgiving {Wedding Anniversary}</i>  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August</b> St Lawrence Deacon & Martyr	9.30am Holy Family  12.00noon Annunciation	Elizabeth  Mark Mottram
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August</b> St Clare Virgin Religious	12.00noon Annunciation	Intentions of Miah Philomena Booth
<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August</b>  VIGIL MASSES	<i>4.30pm Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	<i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  Private Intention  <i>Holy Hour</i>  People of the Parish
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Private Intention  Pat Edwards  Gillian Gibson

### HOLY FAMILY MASS

The final Mass at Holy Family will be celebrated on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

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<b>Monday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> August</b> St Maximillian Kolbe	12.00noon Annunciation  6.30pm Holy Family	Bernadette McLintock  Michael Partridge
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> August</b> <b>THE ASSUMPTION OF</b> <b>THE BLESSED</b> <b>VIRGIN MARY</b>	12.00noon Annunciation  7.00pm Holy Spirit	Kathleen and Gerard Hardman  Intentions of Paddy Walsh
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> August</b>	7.30am Royal Hospital  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm - finished</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention  Peter Hill  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> August</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	John Scott
<b>Friday</b> <b>18<sup>th</sup> August</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Bernadette McLintock
<b>Saturday</b> <b>19<sup>th</sup> August</b>  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 &amp; Confessions</i>  Private Intention  <i>Holy Hour</i>  Elizabeth Dunkley
<b>Sunday</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> August</b>  <b>Twentieth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time:</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Jeremy Finn  People of the Parish  Mrs Marie Gillot