



The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
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Second Sunday in Advent: YEAR B
10th December 2023

ST PETER'S ADVENT FORMULA

God has not forgotten about us, and he never will.
Knowing this, St Peter asks in today's Second Reading,
"What sort of persons ought you to be?"

Pessimistic, discouraged, and cynical? Not at all!

St Peter gives us two qualities that should mark the life of every Christian.
Going to the next level in these two qualities should be our spiritual project for Advent.

First, St Peter says our lives should be marked by holiness.

The Greek word is "anastrophe" and it refers directly to our behaviour, to how we act.

Holiness doesn't mean that we go around with our heads in the clouds;
holiness means that we go around as Christ went around,
treating other people with sincere respect,
and looking for opportunities to do good to those around us.

Second, St Peter says our lives should be marked by devotion.

The Greek word is "eusebia", and it refers not to our actions,
but to the fundamental attitude underlying our actions.

This should consist of joyful reverence towards God,
our Creator, Redeemer, and Guide in all things.

Devotion isn't just a matter of saying a lot of prayers;
it's a matter of living at all times in a personal, intimate relationship with Jesus Christ;
that's what prayer is meant to foster.

To make that possible is the reason Jesus came to earth in the first place.

In this Mass God will give us yet another reminder that he hasn't forgotten about us.

When he does, and when he comes to nourish our souls in Holy Communion,
let's ask him to show us how, this week,
we can grow in holiness in our interaction with others,
and grow in devotion in our relationship with him.

ADVENT REFLECTION WITH MARY

We invite everyone to join us in preparation for Christmas: Reflection, the Holy Hour and the Holy Rosary in St Joseph's Convent, 42 Newbold Road, S41 7PL
Sunday 10th December at 3.00pm

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Next Sunday at 4.00pm before the evening Mass, Fr Adrian will administer the Sacrament of the Sick to anyone who feels they may need its strength and grace.

THE BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI & BLESSING OF THE STRAW

Gaudete Sunday 16th/17th December Third Sunday of Advent at all Masses

This tradition was first instituted by St. John Paul II. On the Third Sunday of Advent, the children of Rome are encouraged to bring the baby Jesus (Bambinelli) from each of their Nativity sets to St. Peter's Square.

Following the Sunday Angelus address, the Holy Father blesses the figurines. Now celebrated in thousands of churches around the world, this Advent tradition is a way for all of us to reconnect with the central message of Christmas and the importance of the Crib/Nativity scene in the heart of all our homes, and to connect their Nativity scene at home to the celebration of the Nativity in Church.

CAROLS AND CAKE THURSDAY 28th DECEMBER.

On **Thursday 28th December**, there will be carols in Annunciation Church for everyone to sing from **5pm**. For those who wish there will be cake and family party games afterwards in the parish centre 5.45pm - 7pm. Come and join other parishioners and, if you wish, children please dress up as a nativity character and adults a nativity headdress.

Suggestions of your 3 favourite carols can be added to the PC suggestion box. In the book/sheet at the back of church, please write your name and number of family attending for cake and games, so we have enough cake!

More details from Liz Stead olqpcouncil@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES 2023

So that we may better prepare ourselves and plan our festivities, please see the Mass times for the Feast of the Nativity of the Lord 2023

SUNDAY 24th December: Christmas Eve		
4.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Spirit
6.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
8.00pm	Mass during the Night <i>Preceded by carols from 7.30pm</i>	Annunciation
MONDAY 25th December: Christmas Day		
8.00am	Mass at Dawn (<i>SAID</i>)	Annunciation
9.30am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation
11.00am	Mass (during the Day) <i>IN LATIN</i>	Annunciation
No 5.00pm Mass		

THE SPIRE CHOIR CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT AT THE ANNUNCIATION

There will be a carol concert given by the choir of St Marys Church (The Crooked Spire) on Saturday 16th December at 7pm in the Church of the Annunciation.

Refreshments will be available after the concert in the Parish centre.

A collection for the upkeep of the Church will be taken.

CAFOD ISRAELI-PALESTINIAN CRISIS APPEAL

Donations are urgently needed to help support aid workers providing vital humanitarian aid including food, water, medical care and emergency shelter to those in need.

Donations can be made via the parish website (under the *News* menu) or via the contactless terminals in the Annunciation Church.

Please continue to keep those affected by this crisis in your prayers.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Sunday following 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre Please do join us. Any help is greatly appreciated

- if you would like to help out please let us know.

ADVANCED NOTICE FOR EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a morning of recollection and training for Extraordinary Ministers on Saturday 27th January 2024 10.00 – 12.00noon. Please make a note in your Diary!

PARISH COUNCIL

Can you find a member of the parish council? Please look out for PC members at the end of Mass during the first 3 weeks of Advent. Their photos at the back of church should help you!

They are there to listen and encourage you to make suggestions as to how together we can strengthen our parish and share our faith (a suggestion box is also at the back of church). We

will visit Holy Spirit Church in January, but suggestions welcome now.

Contact us by email at olqpcouncil@gmail.com

WARM SPACES AND LIFE LUNCHESES

Warm spaces and Life Lunches at The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield every Tuesday.

Tea, coffee, cakes and biscuits served from 10.30-2.00.

Homemade fresh soups served from 12.00-1.30

APPEAL FOR READERS AT THE SUNDAY 8.30am MASS

From January 2024, there will be just three readers – Ministers of the Word – to fulfil this valuable ministry at the 8.30am Mass on Sundays. If you have been thinking about offering your services, please would you consider now doing so? Full support will be given.

If you feel able to join this small group, please contact either of the priests in the sacristy, or the parish office on 01246 232686, or Janet Dillon on 01246 567005. Thank you.

YOUR COLLECTION OFFERING

Are you Giving in Cash?

Could you give that amount with your Debit Card using the Contactless machines at the Back of Annunciation Church?

Even better by weekly or monthly Standing Order?

Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card. Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<p>Monday 11th December</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Patrick and Sheila Crean</p>
<p>Tuesday 12th December</p>	<p>9.30am Holy Spirit</p> <p>12.00noon St Joseph's Workshop</p>	<p>Sue Hancock</p> <p>Requiem Mass for Mgr Peter Kirkham</p>
<p>Wednesday 13th December</p> <p>St Lucy, Virgin and Martyr</p>	<p>7.30am Chesterfield Royal Hospital</p> <p>11.00am</p> <p>12.00noon Annunciation</p> <p>6pm until finished</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Exposition and Confessions</i></p> <p>Sam Barry</p> <p><i>Confessions</i></p>
<p>Thursday 14th December</p> <p>St John of the Cross, Priest and Doctor</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Repose of the Soul of Martin Nolan</p>
<p>Friday 15th December</p>	<p>12.00noon Annunciation</p>	<p>Intentions of Fr Joseph Okeke</p>
<p>Saturday 16th December</p> <p>VIGIL MASS</p>	<p>11.00am Convent</p> <p>4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Holy Spirit</p>	<p>Private Intention</p> <p><i>Rosary and</i> <i>Confessions</i></p> <p>Eileen Foley (nee Flanagan)</p>
<p>Sunday 17th December</p> <p>Third Sunday of Advent: Year B Gaudete Sunday</p>	<p>8.30am Annunciation</p> <p>10.00am Annunciation</p> <p>3.00pm <i>Annunciation</i></p> <p>4.00pm <i>Holy Spirit</i></p> <p>5.00pm Annunciation</p>	<p>The People of the Parish</p> <p>Lily Nelis</p> <p><i>Polish Mass</i></p> <p><i>Syro Malabar Mass</i></p> <p>Gillian Gibson</p>