

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C
13th February 2022

EARTH IS THE PATHWAY TO HEAVEN

This is Jesus' first big sermon in the Gospel of Luke.

His inaugural address...and it's shocking.

The topic is happiness (being blessed), and in a total reversal of ordinary standards, Jesus links true happiness with struggle, hardship, suffering and opposition, not with the prosperity, popularity, and pleasure that we normally associate with happiness.

What does he mean by this?

Jesus isn't saying that the good things of life are evil - not at all.

They are God's gifts and we are meant to enjoy them.

But he is saying that they cannot satisfy our desire for happiness.

And so, if we put our trust in them, as Jeremiah says in the first reading, our lives will wither and harden, like tumbleweeds in the desert.

No roots, and no fruits.

Rather, Jesus is teaching us that the true path to happiness in this fallen world is paved with life's challenges and hardships.

These remind us that this world is passing and imperfect,

that the only dependable thing in life is our friendship with God.

Hardships and challenges teach us to root our lives in the rich soil of knowing, loving, and serving him; then our lives will be like a flourishing tree, with strong roots and luscious fruits.

This lesson has to be re-learned continually. Because of our fallen nature, we always tend to think we can find heaven on earth by putting together just the right combination of possessions, praise, and power.

But we can't, as our Lord makes perfectly clear.

We are members of the Church militant for as long as we journey here on earth, and that means we need to keep our armour on and our supply lines protected, lest we fall into the enemy's traps.

FACE MASKS IN CHURCHES

We ask that you continue to wear a face covering in church.

As we are constantly being told; the masks are not principally for ourselves but for the care and protection of those around us
– and that, is the Christian message!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MUST NOW TAKE A LATERAL FLOW TEST ON THE DAY OF VISITING THE HOUSEBOUND

JUMBLE SALE

Next sale is Saturday 12th MARCH 2022: 12.00pm – 2.00pm

As always, we need toys, shoes, clothes and bric-a-brac as well as people to help set up and tidy away.

For information or to arrange a drop-off/collection please call:
Chris on 01246 229517

2022 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES:

Friday 24th June – Thursday 30th June (6 nights) £765.00 Full Board flying from Doncaster Airport. Insurance £33. Booking form and further details available from www.hallam-lourdes.com or telephone 07724 650066. Please note: Everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. We feel that it is possible to plan for the pilgrimage to take place safely, but if it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2022

The dates of the 2022 pilgrimages to Medjugorje are:

16th to 23rd June *and* 3rd to 10th September

The cost is £630 per person.

For all booking and enquiries please contact

Deacon Pete Marshall: 07807955836 or petesuemarshall@googlemail.com

SCHOOL VACANCIES

There are a number of teaching, assistant and administrative vacancies in our Catholic schools. For details of all vacancies and information on how to apply please visit: hallam-diocese.com/about-doh/vacancies/

POLISH MASS

Holy Mass will be celebrated in Polish at Holy Family Church every other Sunday at 3pm: Please see the Liturgy times overleaf for relevant forthcoming Sundays

SYNOD INVITATIONS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY



For a synodal Church

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Open Synod Meeting

19th February 2022, St Peter's, Doncaster 10:00-12:30

We, the People of God:

Reading Vatican II for a Synodal Church – a morning to explore and discuss these themes with Greg Ryan

5th March 2022 Blessed Trinity, Wickersley 9:30-12:30

Diocesan Pre -Synod Meeting

26 March 2022 St Peter's Doncaster

10:00-2:30 pm including shared Lunch.

Participants will need to register for free to join by visiting the Eventbrite page and choosing the event they want to attend:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/diocese-of-hallam-synod-38169347133

A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

Many of you may be aware that Andrew Langen has, for the last few years, been undergoing treatment to battle a tumour on his brain. Andrew has now reached a critical point and we ask that you continue to pray for him and his family.

The family have produced prayer cards for the intercession of Bl. Fr Michael McGivney which are available from the priests.

A WORD OF THANKS FROM CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

Dear friends, we wanted to say a massive thank you to everyone at the Church of the Annunciation for your very kind donations in 2021. Your generous donations have enabled us to keep supporting local people in crisis.

In 2021 we supplied food to 6636 people, with 1660 of those sadly being children. Demand for the food bank continues to grow year-on-year and your donations are more essential than ever.

Your donations weighed an amazing **1,392.4kg** which provided **1,535 meals!**

Please continue to support us in 2022 and we ask your prayers for those visiting the food bank as well as our volunteers.

RETURN OF THE TUESDAY CLUB

The Tuesday Club will meet every Tuesday afternoon from 2pm – 4pm in the small hall in the Parish Centre – all are welcome.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 14th February Ss. Cyril & Methodius, <i>Patrons of Europe</i>	12 Noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving intentions of the Lukose Family
Tuesday 15th February	12 Noon Annunciation	Elsie Muhley
Wednesday 16th February	12 Noon Annunciation	Danny Grant
Thursday 17th February B. William Richardson <i>Priest, Martyr</i>	12 Noon Annunciation	Dominic Hesse
Friday 18th February	12 Noon Annunciation	Canning Family
Saturday 19th February VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention Betty Gascoyne
Sunday 20th February SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Holy Family 5.00pm Annunciation	Fr E. Anthony Pearson John Crawford <i>Polish Mass</i> The People of our Parish