

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
18th December 2022

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection at all Sunday Masses this weekend (18th December) in aid of the Christmas Flowers.

Our teams of florists go to great lengths to make our churches so splendid during festive seasons, but these beautiful decorations come at a cost and we therefore ask your generosity.

SHARING THE MEANING WITH OTHERS

Christ came all the way from heaven to announce this Good News to us, to invite us to follow him to the truly abundant life.

And twenty centuries later, we can still hear that invitation because his followers through the years have continued to pass that Good News on to every generation.

Now it's our turn: We know Christ: We know the true meaning of Christmas.

But all around us there are people who do not know Christ, or who have given up on him. All around us there are people who may be celebrating Christmas on the outside, but on the inside they are hurting. Their lives are falling apart and they don't know where to turn.

We do know where to turn.

Our lives aren't in perfect shape by any means, but we have heard the call of Christ; we know his voice; we have set out on the path that leads to the only lasting fulfilment available to human beings.

We at least have hope; we have access to the spiritual gas station of the Eucharist and the spiritual clinic of confession.

And this gives us strength in our struggles.

It guarantees that even in the darkness of winter, at least a few Christmas lights are always shining in the depths of our hearts.

All of this we have because someone, at some point, took the trouble to tell us about Jesus Christ, to invite us to follow him.

In these beautiful days ahead, let us keep our eyes open for those people who need someone to tell them about Jesus Christ, and when we see them, let's pass on the Good News.

That's the best possible present we can give Jesus on his birthday.

ADVANCED NOTICE
PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas Holidays from
Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve until Tuesday 3rd January.
Please note all non-urgent emails and phone calls will be dealt with once the office
reopens. Fr Adrian will be available for Last Rites and Funeral appointments .
We pray and hope that you too will have a peaceful and a happy Christmas break
from the routine and pressures of normal life,

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.

NEW PARISH MASS/DEVOTION SCHEDULE

The new timetable for Masses, Confessions and Devotions is now in operation but we
would ask that you pay very close attention to the schedule overleaf as times and
locations are prone to change depending on the priests' schedules and availabilities

CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK ADVENT APPEAL

Our Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal is here again!
The idea is to donate an item of food from the following list for each day of Advent
(you might prefer to donate 20p or 50p each day instead).

TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
RICE PUDDING
SMALL PACKETS OF BISCUITS
SMALL PACKETS OF CEREAL
250g PACKETS OF RICE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO
100g BARS OF CHOCOLATE

The donations of food and money will be collected after Christmas.
Many thanks in advance for your support.
Best wishes, Lisa Eustace and Mary Platts

RED MISSIO BOXES

All boxes now emptied. There are still a few awaiting collection from Annunciation.
Please collect your box as soon as convenient

BAMBINELLI BLESSING

In the traditional manner, all parishioners are invited to bring the baby Jesus figure from their Nativity displays to be blessed at the end of all Masses this weekend.

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.

PLEASE BE AWARE: There will not be a Life Lunch on Tuesday 27th December

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, many churches including our own have ceased carrying Catholic Newspapers and many have gone to paperless, digital formats.

In this light *The Universe* Catholic Weekly Newspaper is offering a 4-issue introductory digital offer.

For more information, please see the website: universecatholicweekly.co.uk or contact Michelle Jones on 0743 661 7650

HEATING IN CHURCH

Would parishioners at the Annunciation Church who sit close to the heaters please refrain from turning them down or off...(that's right, off!!)

This disrupts the system settings and causes the thermostat to misread.

If you are too warm, simply move.

To transform the world, God chose a humble young girl from a village in Galilee, Mary of Nazareth, and challenged her with this greeting: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you." In these words lies the secret of an authentic Christmas. God repeats them to the Church, to each one of us: Rejoice, the Lord is close! With Mary's help, let us offer ourselves with humility and courage so that the world may accept Christ, who is the source of true joy.

(Pope Emeritus HH Benedict XVI Angelus address, Advent, 2005)

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 19th December	9.00am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation	Joshua Crone Funeral service for John Dicker
Tuesday 20th December	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Jan Raczek
Wednesday 21st December	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel 11.00am Holy Family <i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm – 7.00pm</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Peter Lunardi <i>Adoration and Confessions</i> Audrey Firman <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 22nd December	<i>8.45 – 11.10am</i> <i>St Mary's High School</i> 9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	<i>High School Masses</i> John & Gloria Pearce Mary Rodgers
Friday 23rd December	9.00am Annunciation	Lily Nelis & Family
Saturday 24th December Vigil Masses	4.00pm Annunciation 5.00pm Holy Spirit 6.30pm Holy Family 8.30pm Annunciation	Vigil Mass: Private Intention Vigil Mass: Private Intention Vigil Mass: Private Intention Mass of the Night: Private Intention
Sunday 25th December THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD	8.00am Annunciation 9.30am Annunciation 11.00am Annunciation	Dawn Mass: Private Intention Mass of the Day: Private Intention Mass of the Day: People of the Parish NO 5.00pm MASS