

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C
20th February 2022

NEVER DOUBT GOD'S FORGIVENESS

This limitless love of God is the reason why we should never, never doubt God's forgiveness.

One of the Devil's oldest tricks is to convince us that we are too far gone to be forgiven, that our sins are too heinous to be wiped away...there is no such thing!

God's goodness and mercy are like a huge furnace of love, and even our biggest sins are just like drops of water.

When we cast them into the furnace they vanish.

As the psalmist put it in today's Psalm:

"The Lord is compassion and love.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him."

We should never doubt God's love and forgiveness.

When Jesus was hanging on the cross, looking down at the very men who had unjustly condemned him and crucified him, what did he say? "Father, forgive them..."

If there is something you have buried in your heart, something you have hidden from God because you think he won't be able to forgive you for it, now is the time to dig it up and lay it at God's feet.

He already knows what it is, and he has been longing for you to turn it over to him, so he could free you from it.

Do so now, in this Mass, and then make a definitive break with it by coming to confession.

If there is someone in your life whom you haven't forgiven, then decide now to forgive that person.

We are God's children; we have his grace flowing through our hearts.

We have access to the strength to forgive, to start over.

Ask the Lord during this Mass to give you that grace, that strength.

When Jesus comes into our hearts again in Holy Communion, let us thank him for his limitless love, and let us promise that we will do our best to imitate it this week so that we as Christians will be faithful reproductions of this beautiful portrait of Christ.

A REQUEST FOR PRAYERS

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.

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 SHOULD 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

We urgently need clothes!

And as always 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

LENT BEGINS WEDNESDAY 2nd MARCH:

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES WILL BE ADVERTISED NEXT WEEK

PARISH COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

It is now time to elect new members to the Parish Council. The Parish Council is responsible for areas of Mission, Outreach and Fundraising. Nominations are invited for the Parish Council.

Members serve a 3-year term.

Anyone wishing to serve, please complete a nomination form from the back of each church and return it to the priests as soon as possible

MARY'S MEALS COFFEE MORNING

Next Sunday (27th) after 8.30am and 10.00am Masses there will be a coffee morning in support of Mary's Meals

– Pop in! Enjoy coffee & a slice of cake...feed a child in the developing world!

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/



SYNOD INVITATIONS AND DATES FOR THE DIARY

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

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2022

This year for the World Day of Prayer, a service for everyone is to be held on Friday 4th March 2022. It has prepared by the Christian women of England, Wales, and Northern Ireland. (Scotland being it's own region)

The theme is '*I know the plans I have for you*' taken from the book of Jeremiah.

There are 3 services taking place in Chesterfield:

10.30 a.m. - Hasland Methodist Church, Hasland Rd, S41 0SJ.

10.30 a.m. – Holymoorside URC, Cotton Mill Hill, S42 7EJ.

2.00 p.m. – Loundsley Green Church, Pennine Way, S40 4NF.

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 21st February	12 Noon Annunciation	Stuart Bradley
Tuesday 22nd February THE CHAIR OF ST PETER	12 Noon Annunciation	Fr John Fallon
Wednesday 23rd February St Polycarp, Bishop	12 Noon Annunciation	Ruby Brown
Thursday 24th February	12 Noon Annunciation	John Crawford
Friday 25th February	12 Noon Annunciation	Intentions of The Rosary Group
Saturday 26th February VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention Betty Gascoyne
Sunday 27th February EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation <i>4.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 5.00pm Annunciation	John Phynn People of the Parish <i>Syro-Malabar Mass</i> Kevin Purcell