

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Sixth Sunday of Easter: YEAR C
22nd May 2022

ST THOMAS AQUINAS SHOWS US THE WAY

True love for Christ is always shown in humble obedience to Christ's true Church. All the saints show this in the way they react to controversies, which occur throughout history.

In the Middle Ages, one major controversy was about the Eucharist.

The Church had only recently converted many pagan peoples, who still held on to superstitious tendencies. These tendencies gave many uneducated Catholics a lopsided devotion to the Eucharist. Instead of seeing it as Christ's loving, sacramental presence, they saw it as a kind of magical charm.

That was wrong, and the Church strove to correct it.

But some theologians overreacted, going to the other extreme and teaching that Christ was only symbolically present in the Eucharist.

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One of the Church's greatest theologians, St Thomas Aquinas, lived and worked in this period. He was [by all accounts] more intelligent and better-educated than any of the popes he served, yet he always supported their official teaching, in this and every controversy. His dying words beautifully show how true love for Christ always overflows in humble docility to the official teaching of Christ's Church.

Upon receiving the Eucharist for the last time he is quoted saying:

"I firmly believe and know as certain that Jesus Christ, True God and True Man, Son of God and Son of the Virgin Mary, is in this Sacrament. I receive You, the price of my redemption, for Whose love I have watched, studied, and laboured.

You have I preached; You have I taught.

Never have I said anything against You:

if anything was not well said, that is to be attributed to my ignorance.

Neither do I wish to be obstinate in my opinions, but if I have written anything erroneous concerning this sacrament or other matters, I submit all to the judgment and correction of the Holy Roman Church, in whose obedience I now pass from this life."

PARISH MEETING

There will be a Parish meeting *THIS* Sunday 22nd May following 10.00am Mass in the Annunciation Parish Centre.

We will discuss the future shape and workings of our vast parish...
...with only one priest

WE ASK THAT YOU CONTINUE TO WEAR A FACE COVERING IN CHURCH

HOLY HOUR AT HOLY FAMILY

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on Earth." - St Teresa of Calcutta

Each Saturday from 5.00pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, at Church of the Holy Family.

JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to all who supported the recent jumble sale which raised **£598**

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Platinum Jubilee weekend -

THERE WILL BE NO JUMBLE SALE IN JUNE

However, this does allow you extra time for that seasonal clear-out: we are always in need of your unwanted clothes, shoes, toys and bric-a-brac!

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

After a long absence, the Ministry of the Word once more comes into operation & we thank all the readers who have offered their services in this valuable ministry.

While volunteer numbers are quite healthy for the 10am and 5pm Masses, only three people have offered to read at the 8.30am Mass.

This will reduce to two at the end of June.

Please consider putting your name forward to present the words of scripture to the congregation at the 8.30am Mass.

Minimal training is necessary, and full support will be given to anybody who wishes to volunteer.

For further information, please contact:

Janet Dillon on 01246 567005

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre for all primary school children every second and fourth Sunday in the month up to & including 10th July.

Just follow the Catechist out from Church and know where to return to your family after the Bidding Prayers.

In two groups we will listen to, reflect on, and discuss how we can all live out the message of the Sunday Gospel during the week.

**TEAS AND COFFEES WILL BE SERVED IN THE PARISH CENTRE
FOLLOWING SUNDAY 10AM MASS – ALL ARE WELCOME**

THANK YOU

On behalf of the Polonia Chesterfield Polish Society – a huge thank you to those who supported last week's coffee morning. An incredible **£900.80** was raised which will be going towards the food bill for 1000 Ukrainian Refugees who have been welcomed by the community in the village of Pszczolki (near Gdansk - North of Poland). It was also a lovely occasion to meet up so many people who we hadn't had a chance to see for a long time.

The response and the generosity have truly been overwhelming!

CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

Following the success of our Foodbank Lenten Appeal, a box for regular donations to the Chesterfield Foodbank will be placed at the back of the Annunciation. We've been asked to focus on the items most urgently needed: long-life fruit juice, long-life FULL FAT milk and small packets of tea.

If you are unable to bring donations to church, please call/text us to arrange collection. Many thanks for your continuing generosity,

Lisa Eustace (07583 391823) & Mary Platts (07542 140163)

PILGRIMAGES – NEAR & FAR

MEDJUGORJE

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@gmail.com

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 or at the back of church.

PADLEY

THE PADLEY INTERDIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE IS BACK!

Sunday 10th July

The procession from Grindleford Train Station takes place at 3.00pm and Holy Mass commences at 3.30pm.

Rt. Rev. John Arnold, Bishop of Salford will preach and pilgrims are invited to arrive early if they wish to picnic in the chapel grounds.

WALSINGHAM

The Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on **23rd July**.

The coach will depart from Chesterfield Train Station at 7.20am and the cost is £18.00pp. If you would like to join the Pilgrimage there is now an enquiry form on the Parish website or you can call the Parish Office.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 23rd May	10.00noon Annunciation 12.00noon Annunciation	Funeral Service for Dennis Rhodes Heroes of East Timor
Tuesday 24th May	12.00noon Annunciation	Sheila Maloney
Wednesday 25th May Vigil of the Ascension	11.00am Annunciation 6.30pm Holy Spirit	Requiem Mass for Emilia Del Prete Private Intention
Thursday 26th May SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION	12.00noon Annunciation 7.00pm Holy Family	Intentions of Angie Walker Private Intention
Friday 27th May	1.00pm Holy Spirit	Requiem Mass for Monica Machon
Saturday 28th May VIGIL MASSES	12.30pm Annunciation 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Wedding Service Nyland & Bradley Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 29th May SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Pat Kimmins Maureen & Bernard Mannion Jean Ennis