

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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29th Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A
22nd October 2023

The Duties of Heavenly Citizenship

What exactly belongs to God?

Do we owe any taxes to the heavenly Inland Revenue?

All of us know the answer immediately; it is written in the very first pages of the Bible. All that we are, all that we possess, and all that we can hope for has come to us from God.

Just as the Roman coin bore the image of the Emperor who made it, so the human soul bears the '*image and likeness*' of God (Genesis 1:26), our Creator and our Father.

He called each one of us into existence; he wants each of us to exist, so that we can enter into and develop a personal relationship with him.

This is the whole purpose of our lives: to live in communion with God, starting now and leading into everlasting life.

As the Catechism puts it: *Coming from God, going toward God, man lives a fully human life only if he freely lives by his bond with God.* (CCC#44).

Freely living by our bond with God means living as he created us to live.

And he has shown us how to do that by sending us his Son, the model of every Christian life, the Friend of every human soul.

And so, giving to God what belongs to God means obeying his commandments, following the example of Christ, our Saviour and older Brother, and heeding the teachings of his Church.

Ignoring God and his commandments, as if he were far away, uninterested, or foolish - that would be a kind of spiritual thievery, like stealing the Emperor's coins.

This is an important point for us to remember on World Mission Sunday, every one of us is called individually by God to follow him and fulfil a mission in life.

As Saint Pope John Paul II put it at the beginning of his papacy:

'It is essential for us to understand that Jesus has a specific task in life for each and every one of us.

"Each one of us is hand-picked, called by name by Jesus!

"There is no one among us who does not have a divine vocation!"

(Saint Pope John Paul II, June 1, 1982)

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT FOR PEACE

This Monday, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed from 9am until 12noon for adoration and prayers for Peace in the World.

There is a rota at the back of church for you to sign up for your slot

OCTOBER ROSARY

An illustrated Rosary service will take place at the Annunciation Church at 7.00pm each Monday in October. Participants, who wish, may place their prayer intentions in a basket as they arrive.

This will be placed on the altar and intentions remembered in our Rosary prayer.

Everyone welcome, especially young people who are new to the Rosary.

For further information please contact Cath on 01246 203932

SECOND COLLECTION FOR MISSIO (WORLD MISSION SUNDAY)

There will be a second collection taken this weekend after all Masses in aid of

Missio (World Mission Sunday)

There is also an option on the contactless terminals for your donation.

Thank you

!!SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 9thDecember !!

Get ready to embark on a joyous global adventure as we celebrate the spirit of Christmas in a unique and heart-warming way! Join us for our special event,

"Christmas Around the World,"

At this festive gathering, we will come together as a diverse community to learn, share, and celebrate the rich and beautiful traditions of Christmas from various corners of the world.

It's a wonderful opportunity to embrace the cultural diversity within our parish and strengthen our bonds of unity.

Christmas Stories from Around the Globe: Parishioners from different communities will share their cherished Christmas traditions, stories, and experiences from their home countries.

Discover the unique customs, delicious cuisines, and heart-warming tales that make Christmas so special in each culture.

Crafts and Activities: Bring your creativity to life with fun Christmas crafts and activities. Get hands-on and make memorable keepsakes.

International Cuisine: Savour a delectable feast with a potluck lunch showcasing dishes from around the world.

Share your family's favourite Christmas recipes or simply indulge in the global flavours on offer.

We need volunteers from all of our communities in church!

As the church celebrates one of its first social events post COVID, let's make this Christmas preparation a truly memorable celebration!

If you would like to be involved in the celebrations please contact Hazel James - olqpcouncil@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre during 10am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday from 8th October until 17th December.

Just follow the Catechist as we process out from Church and know where to return to your family at the Offertory. More details from Liz Stead 01246 230319

PORRIDGE SUNDAY THANK YOU

Thank you to all that came and supported the porridge morning. Grand total of £143 was raised. This will get 7 children to school and fed for a whole school year.

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 mark this in your Diary!!

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN DRONFIELD & DISTRICT QUIZ

The CTDD quiz night will take place on Friday 3rd November at Holy Spirit Church from 7.15pm. If you would like to be in the quiz team or can help with refreshments, please leave a message on the Holy Spirit WhatsApp group. Alternatively contact Ruth Gibbs (quiz team) on 01246 410003, or Eileen Giles (refreshments) on 07989 646198.

SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS

Each Sunday following the 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre – please do join us.
If you would like to help out please let us know.

BELONG RETREAT

Saturday 18th November, 10am - 10pm

St Vincent's Mission Hub in collaboration with Youth 2000, open to anyone aged 16-35. This will be a day of fun, friendship and faith as we accept the Lord's invitation to BELONG in His kingdom and find hope, joy and peace through Him. Tickets available via the QR code on the poster or at www.youth2000.org/events/belongretreat. Tickets are limited so please book early!

Your Collection Offering

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.

ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS

The Parish Answering machine is still causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left...if at all! Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

On Sunday 26th November after the 10am Mass there will be a meeting for any/all our Young Catholic families within the Parish. The aim is to bring our young parents/families together to discuss the joys and challenges of living out the Catholic Faith in our modern post COVID society, and to develop ideas how we can best support each other in this effort.

PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES.

These are available on the notice board at the back of Church.

CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church (for use by weekday parishioners and hall patrons) are available on request from the parish office.
Please be respectful at all times of the disabled bays closest to the church: these are reserved for blue-badge holders.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 23rd October	9.00 – 12.00 noon 12.00noon Annunciation	<i>Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.</i> Billy and Danny Nelis
Tuesday 24th October	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Herbert Sykes Joshua Crone
Wednesday 25th October	7.30am <i>Royal Hospital</i> 12.00noon Annunciation 6.00pm until Finish <i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Private Intention</i> Thanksgiving for Fr Adrian <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 26th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Members and Benefactors of the Yorkshire Brethren
Friday 27th October	12.00noon Annunciation	James Patrick Collins
Saturday 28th October SS Simon and Jude, Apostles VIGIL MASS	11.00am Convent 4.30pm <i>Holy Spirit</i> 5.00pm Holy Spirit	<i>Private Intention</i> <i>Rosary and Confessions</i> The People of the Parish
Sunday 29th October Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Winnie Smith John & Maralyn Di'Orio The Gibbons Family