

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C
23rd October

Those who recognise their need for God will get God

Why was the tax collector's prayer better than the Pharisee's prayer?

Because the tax collector actually made a connection with God,
but the Pharisee only made a connection with himself.

Tax collectors were despised by the Jewish community in Palestine.

They were Jews who collaborated with the occupying Roman forces by collecting taxes from fellow Jews. They often collected more than the law required, pocketing the extra.

The Pharisees were just the opposite.

They were the most respected members of the Jewish community, the elite,
the undisputed religious leaders of the nation.

And yet, Jesus praises the tax collector's prayer and criticises that of the Pharisee.

Through the centuries, in fact, the tax collector's simple prayer, "O God, be merciful to me, a sinner," has been taken up as a complete summary of Christian spirituality.

There are even cases of monks who made this prayer the only words that they spoke, and reached heights of sanctity by means of it.

This prayer makes a connection with God because it recognises two things:

First, it acknowledges God's greatest quality in relation to fallen mankind: his mercy.

The word "mercy" comes from the Latin *misericors*
miser (wretched, miserable) + *cor* (heart)".

Literally, it means to take someone else's wretchedness into one's heart.

That's what God does with us.

Second, the tax collector's prayer recognises his need for that mercy.

He accuses himself of being a sinner, someone who has selfishly abused God's gifts
and used instead of loved his neighbour.

The Pharisee's prayer shows no knowledge either of God's mercy or of his need for God;
rather, it is an exercise in narcissism, in self-admiration.

God wants to connect with us, but he can only do so if we let him,
and we can't let him if we don't think we need him.

RCIA JOURNEY IN FAITH REGISTRATION 2022/23

Applications are now being welcomed for the Journey in Faith course This is a wonderful opportunity for those wishing to know more about Catholicism (whether new to the church or life-long Catholic) to learn about the Church, its teachings, and its practices.

Classes are held on a Tuesday evening and run until Easter 2023.

STEW & SQUASH COLLECTION

The Church of the Holy Spirit is collecting Stew and Squash for the St Wilfrids Centre. A box will be placed in the church porch for any donations.

ST MARYS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL VACANCIES

Would you like to work in our wonderful primary school?

We are looking for caring, flexible and conscientious individuals who can display total commitment to the principles of inclusion.

We are seeking to appoint qualified and experienced Learning Support Assistants who work with pupils with SEND.

We have the following temporary vacancies:

Learning Support Assistant - 20hrs Grade 7-Point 8 to 11 required for October 2022

Learning Support Assistant - 25hrs Grade 7-Point 8 to 11 required for October 2022

Follow this link to our website for more information:

www.st-marys.derbyshire.sch.uk/vacancy

THANKYOU FROM YOUR SVP

The collections taken at the end of September came to a total of £1430, for which we are very grateful. This will help us to support our work in the difficult months ahead.

Thanks to everyone who donated so generously – we will remember you in our prayers. For those who asked about donating on-line direct into our Conference Bank

Account, the details are: Account Name: SVP Padley Martyrs

Sort Code: 60-60-04 Acc no. 460 877 02

WEDDINGS 2023

We already have a number of weddings booked in for next year.

If you are engaged and wanting to be married in one of our churches next year, please contact the Parish Office before the end of the month to arrange a meeting in order that we may begin the process of filling in the pre-nuptial paperwork

CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

With the cost of living soaring, the demands on the Chesterfield Foodbank are increasing as donations continue to fall. Every week we need to buy between £500 - £700 of food just to stay open (many foodbanks across the country have already had to close). If you are able to make a regular gift to the Foodbank through Direct Debit (no amount too small) please contact Pat or Roisin on 07984 589456.

Mary Platts and Lisa Eustace will be running the Reverse Advent Calendar appeal again in December; details to follow!

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST

November is the month in which we remember our faithful departed: each year the Dead-List is laid upon the Altar Mensa throughout the month so that we may pray for the repose of their souls. Please submit any names in an envelope clearly marked '*Dead List*' together with your offering.

MASS FOR THE DEAD: SUNDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Further to the November Dead List, this year we will be remembering those close to us who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic (from whatever cause), especially those who were denied a 'normal' funeral due to the various restrictions. We invite parishioners to bring photographs of their loved ones (preferably framed) to the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 6th November at the Annunciation Church and the Mass will be offered for the souls of those deceased.

JUMBLE SALE

There may not be any jumble sales until next Spring but we are very-much in need of items for when the sales do return: Clothes, shoes, toys and bric-a-brac. Donations can be brought to church whilst the hall is out of use, but please do notify Chris Payne (01246 229517) ahead of depositing any items so that they are not left to clutter the church

ST JOSEPH'S LITTLE SCHOLARS TODDLER GROUP

St. Joseph's are looking to start the toddler group up again.

Little Scholars Toddler group would like to start 3rd November, 9.15 - 11.15am and then continue weekly in term time, only.

We desperately need some volunteers to help run this group.

Please contact Miss Jessie on 01246 232392 or stjosephsmanager@gmail.com if you think you would be able to help.

RED MISSIO BOXES

Can parishioners who hold these boxes please return them to their respective church as soon as possible - This does not apply to those who only received boxes in July this year...unless they particularly need emptying!

CHURCH TOILETS

Due to the ongoing refurbishment works in the Annunciation Parish Centre, the hall toilets are presently not in use (they're actually a pile of rubble). There is a temporary portaloos in the car park but it is only for one person at a time.

We therefore ask that, where possible, you 'pay a visit' before leaving home and young children take a 'tactical try!' We apologise for any inconvenience but assure you of much better facilities upon the hall's completion.

FUNERAL MASS OF JOSIE TAYLOR

Please note: the Funeral Mass of Josie Taylor which was due to take place at Holy Spirit Church will now be celebrated at the Church of the Immaculate Conception (Spinkhill) on Friday 4th November, 12 Noon.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 24th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Sr. Catherine FDC
Tuesday 25th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving Intention
Wednesday 26th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Cherly
Thursday 27th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Andrew Langen
Friday 28th October <small>Ss Simon and Jude, Apostles</small>	12.00noon Annunciation	Michael McParland
Saturday 29th October	5.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 30th October THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Denise O'Sullivan Edward & Ruth Morris Our Spiritual Leaders

ANDREW LANGEN MEMORIAL PRAYER CARDS

Memorial prayer cards are available for Andrew Langen in the Annunciation Sacristy. The family would like to thank all who prayed for Andrew during his illness; please continue to remember him in your prayers