The Parish of **OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD**

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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C 26th June 2022

Following Christ 101

Paul reminds us in the Second Reading that life is a battle between the flesh and the Spirit.

The Christian life presents a new way of living, living in a way that you are not enslaved to things and situations, but alive in the Spirit and focused on the spiritual goal.

Even good things, if sought for the wrong reasons, can oppose a life of the Spirit.

The ultimate measure of Christian living is whether you truly love your neighbour or not.

Every direction we take in life is measured by our intentions in taking the next step.

A common denominator in today's First Reading and Gospel is that the disciple asks to do something before following his master.

The subtle difference is that, unlike Elijah, Our Lord can always read hearts and see whether that heart is speaking from the flesh or the Spirit.

Elisha is "liquidating his assets"

and making one last gesture of love for his family before departing The hearts of disciples in today's Gospel are only known to Our Lord, and it is in his response to them that we see a potential conflict between Spirit and flesh that he is trying to help them address.

The first disciple in today's Gospel perhaps doesn't understand that following Our Lord is a lifelong commitment: he's not just headed to the Rabbi's house instead of his own, he is committed to permanently follow Jesus,

just as every Christian is called to do, and go wherever he leads them.

The second disciple wants to attend to important family business,

but sometimes following Our Lord requires sacrifice and self-denial:

in telling the dead to bury their dead Our Lord perhaps is telling him too that the family business he is concerned about can already be handled by another member of his family.

Remember here that, unlike Elijah, the Lord can read hearts.

The last potential disciple wants to go home and say goodbye first:

Our Lord sees something in that request that would put flesh over Spirit.

Perhaps the disciple would go home and stay there. Perhaps his father or mother would convince him not to leave.

Following Christ is the best thing we can do for ourselves and our family, and we must never lose sight of that.

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.

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 afterwards. 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.

JUMBLE SALE

The next jumble sale will take place on Saturday 2nd July from 12 – 2pm. We expect that you used the month off to have a summer clear-out and your donations of shoes, clothes, toys and bric-a-brac are always very welcome.

For information or to arrange a drop-off/collection call Chris on 229517

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.

PADLEY CHOIR

Any persons wanting to participate in the musical liturgy for the Padley Pilgrimage are warmly invited to attend rehearsals in the Annunciation Parish Centre on Thursdays 30th June and 7th July.

For more information please contact Chris Edge at christopher@cemusic.co.uk

CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

A box for regular donations to the Chesterfield Foodbank is 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)

CARITAS COUNSELLING SERVICE

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join this excellent team of counsellors working across schools and parishes within the Hallam Diocese.

If you are a qualified counsellor and are interested in finding out more, please contact Bernie Ware: bware@hallam-diocese.com Tel: 07980406198



SVP Padley Martyrs Conference Activity Summary: April 2021- March 2022 Email: SecretaryE070401@svp.org.uk Facebook page: @SVPPadleyMartyrsChesterfield

- **688 Face to Face Visits** to Beneficiaries either in their homes or Local Authority Care/Retirement Homes and included taking **Holy Communion 79 times**.
- We made 790 Telephone Calls and sent/responded to 146 Text Messages
- We provided **Transport 42 times**
- We donated 22 times to the SVP Shop at Staveley & took 8 Donations to Pathways (the homeless charity). Provided 17 meals, shopped 62 times & took beneficiaries on 44 outings. One member worked over 129 hours supporting their local foodbank and as well as helping at church jumble sales. 2 Auxiliary members helped at the Chesterfield Soup Kitchen over 21 times.
- Sadly, we had 13 attendances at funerals.
- Two members attended 39 Zoom Video Conferences.
- We supported our Nursery, Junior & High School Families with £2260 worth of Food Vouchers, plus an additional £240 of Christmas Food Vouchers for Families at the High School. We delivered £7684 worth of Food Vouchers to the Chesterfield Food Bank.
- At Christmas 2021 we provided 40+ Goody Bags & handmade Christmas Cards (Junior School) to our Beneficiaries
- We helped a local family with Gifts Winter Clothes & Christmas (£150)
- We donated sleeping bags & warm bed-ware for the Homeless, and Personal Hygiene Kits to Pathways.
- We were able to purchase a new gas cooker for a family with no cooking facilities and pay for its installation (£205). Plus helped another family with house furniture & carpet (£425)
- We were able to fund a week's holiday for a troubled teenager (£300)
- We took over a **Twinnage Project** from another Conference that was struggling during the Covid crisis and were able to mount a parishes appeal through social media, the Church Bulletin & Website, which **raised over £1000** to complete the funding a freshwater supply system for a village in Kerala (an area that ironically had been hit with floods and loss of life) The funding was a combination of generous donations & Gift Aid, creating a welcome surfeit of funds.

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

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
Monday 27 th June	11.00am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Melvyn Appleton
Tuesday 28 th June St Irenaeus, Bishop, Martyr	12.00noon Annunciation	Myrtle Cheetham
Vigil Mass of the Solemnity	7.00pm Holy Family	Private Intention
Wednesday 29 th June	12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention
SOLEMNITY OF SS. PETER & PAUL	7.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
Thursday 30 th June	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Joyce Bestwick
Friday 1 st July	12.00noon Annunciation	Delia Britland
Saturday	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
2 nd July VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Family	Holy Hour
	6.30pm Holy Family	People of the Parish
Sunday 3 rd July	8.30am Annunciation	Special Intention for a swift recovery
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY	10.00am Annunciation	John & Natasha Monks
IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	3.00pm Holy Family	Polish Mass
	5.00pm Annunciation	Dorothy Wall