

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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PARISH PRIEST

Seventh Sunday of Easter: YEAR C
29th May 2022

What interests Christ most?

Why didn't Jesus save St Stephen from being killed?

Had Jesus forgotten about his faithful disciple, his holy deacon?

Not at all.

Jesus did save St Stephen; he did come to the rescue.

And the way he did so teaches us a crucial lesson about what Jesus really cares about.

The scene we just listened to takes place at the end of a long speech that Stephen made.

He was on trial in front of the Sanhedrin, Jerusalem's Supreme Court.

In his speech, Stephen summarized the whole history of salvation,

explained that Jesus was the Messiah,

and courageously rebuked the leaders of Jerusalem for rejecting Christ.

Instead of believing him, though, the members of the Sanhedrin flew into a rage.

That's when Jesus made his move.

The Book of Acts tells us that Stephen saw Jesus "standing at the right hand of God".

The New Testament describes Jesus at God's right hand many times,

but this is the only time he is standing there - every other time he is sitting.

Jesus has stood up - he has actively come to Stephen's aid by giving him this vision.

The vision didn't save Stephen from his enemies' violent anger.

It didn't save him from suffering.

But it did renew his courage.

It strengthened him to stay faithful to Christ in the middle of a horrendous trial.

Jesus doesn't save Stephen from the evil that others commit against him;

rather, he saves Stephen from committing evil,

from giving into the pressure and faltering in his faith.

This teaches us clearly that what interests Christ most is not our comfort, but our fidelity.

He wants us to stay true to our King and his Kingdom, and he will never fail to help us do so.

Please note the Parish Office will be closed this week

(Fr Adrian will be about his normal duties
and will return any urgent calls as and when he has the opportunity.)

Thursday and Friday are Bank Holidays

FACE MASKS?

Many people have asked me, "Father, when are you getting rid of Face Masks in Church?" the answer is simple, I'm Not! Why? Many of our elderly and more vulnerable parishioners have welcomed the fact that we still in the majority wear face masks. The wearing of a face covering is a choice to protect other people. In wearing one we acknowledge the comfort and safety of others above our own.

As a Catholic Christian Community it is your decision.

I shall continue drawing in the sand!

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

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

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 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.

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@googlemail.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 INTER-DIOCESAN 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.

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 30th May	12.00noon Annunciation	Marie Hyland
Tuesday 31st May THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	12.00noon Annunciation	Pauline Langen
Wednesday 1st June St Justin, Martyr	12.00am Annunciation	Pat Kimmins
Thursday 2nd June	12.00noon Annunciation	Myrtle Cheetham
Friday 3rd June St Charles Lwanga & Companions, Martyrs	9.00am Annunciation	Private Intention
Saturday 4th June VIGIL MASSES	5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> Yorkshire Brethren
Sunday 5th June PENTECOST SUNDAY YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Holy Family 5.00pm Annunciation	Souls in Purgatory The Intentions of H M Queen Elizabeth II <i>Polish Mass</i> People of the Parish