

The Parish of OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C 2nd October

THE POWER OF FAITH

The Apostles did the right thing this time.

They had been traveling with Jesus for more than a year: living with him, hearing him preach, watching him perform miracles and change people's lives. They had been his disciples long enough to start realising that they weren't very good disciples at all.

They still didn't understand many things that Jesus said.

They still couldn't help people as much as Jesus did.

It would have been tempting for them, at that point, to get discouraged.

But instead, they go up to Jesus one afternoon during a lull in their activities, and they ask for his help: they ask him to increase their faith.

Jesus' answer is mysterious: he looks at them and smiles.

He must have been glad that they had asked for help instead of abandoning the mission.

Then he tells them that they don't need more faith,

they just need to use the faith they already have.

He explains that a tiny little bit of faith, the size of a mustard seed
- which is about as small as something can be without getting microscopic –
is enough to do marvellous things.

We are all like the Apostles.

We know in our hearts that we are capable of doing much more, that we were made for greater things.

But we don't realise that God has already given us everything we need to achieve them. He has already planted in our souls the seed of faith, of divine life - he did so at baptism.

Now it's up to us to exercise it. If we do, it will grow.

And the more it grows, the more room God will have to do truly wonderful things both in us, and through us.

Members of the faithful, the Priesthood of the Baptised, are needed from our great and vast Parish and its three (3) churches and various congregations to fulfil the roles outlined:

Altar Servers

If you have made your 1st Holy Communion and are prepared to serve at a Sunday Mass on a regular basis, then please come to a meeting in Annunciation church at **10:30 a.m. on 15th October** to learn all about what is required. You can also speak to either: John Harden (8:30) or Michael Fallon (10:00) after Sunday Mass.

Choir Members (who can sing)

Men and Women with a good singing voice to form part of a regular choir capable of learning and singing music to animate the Mass each week

Readers

People who are willing to proclaim the Word of God publicly, according to a set pattern of training

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Men and Women of good moral standing who are willing to take Holy Communion to the Sick and the Housebound and also assist with the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass

SVP members

(See posters at the back of each Church)

Cleaners (Churches and Halls)

People willing to commit to a regular rota in order to maintain he cleanliness of all our buildings

Children's Catechists

Men and Women to carry out catechesis of our Young ones in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion

Adult Catechists

People with a reasonable level of Catholic understanding who can accompany and instruct adults who wish to become Catholics (RCIA). Also, those who will teach and accompany the parents of those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation

Baptismal Catechists

People who will instruct parents of those who are to be baptised in the implications and privileges of entering into the Life of Christ and Church

Confirmation Catechists

Men and Women to carry out catechesis of our Teenagers/ young adults in preparation for the life with the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Parish Council Members

People to participate in a council to assist with administration of the Parish particularly for a Mission and Outreach perspective and Fund Raising (Previously only 3 nominations were received)

Flower Arrangers

People with an enthusiasm to learn this important skill in beautifying the church throughout the year

WELCOME FR CHRIS

We welcome Fr Chris Ainslie as he takes up the post of curate in our parish.

Fr Chris, originally from Sheffield, was ordained just five years ago and has spent the time since serving the parish of St Peter in Chains, Doncaster.

Some may say that our parish seems to be overrun with Yorkshire priests of late...
...to that I say pray! Pray for Derbyshire vocations!

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.

HOLY SPIRIT PARISHIONER MEETING

Holy Spirit Church meeting will be held on 15th October after 5 o'clock Mass, for those who regularly attend, to discuss the way or ward for our community.

STEW & SQUASH COLLECTION

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

ST BERNADETTE RELICS TOUR

For our diocese, the relics will arrive at St. Marie's Cathedral at 6.00pm on Tuesday 4th October, and then move to St. Peter-in-Chains, Doncaster around lunchtime on Wednesday 5th October, until 6.00pm.

A schedule has been posted at the back of church, on the website and on the Facebook page. Please note, everyone will be very welcome at the Cathedral and at St Peter's, and you can attend even if you haven't registered.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

We have changed the name of the lunch group from Tuesday Lunch Club to Parish Lunch Group to avoid confusion with the Tuesday Club.

The lunch group is open to everyone in the parish. The next meeting is at 12pm on Tuesday 11th October at the Olde House. Everyone welcome! For further details please contact Irene O'Donnell tel 07941 049 158

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!

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

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
Monday 3 rd October	12.00noon Annunciation	Myrtle Cheetham
Tuesday 4 th October St Francis of Assisi	12.00noon Annunciation	Betty Bradley
Wednesday 5 th October St Faustina Kowalska	12.00noon Annunciation	Birthday Thanksgiving
Thursday 6 th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Vivienne Foy
Friday 7 th October	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Patricia Romana
Saturday 8 th October	5.00pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm	Private Intention
	Holy Family	Holy Hour
	6.30pm Holy Family	Thanksgiving Intention
Sunday 9 th October	8.30am Annunciation	People of the Parish
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY	10.00am Annunciation	Andrew Langen
IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	3.00pm Holy Family	Polish Mass
	5.00pm Annunciation	The Eustace Family