

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

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
8th January 2023

JESUS SAVES FROM CLOSE BY

The conversation we just heard, between Jesus and John the Baptist, is a strange one.

John was the last prophet.

His job was to announce that the long-awaited Messiah, the Saviour, had finally arrived.

His job was also to encourage people to repent, to turn their lives around, so that they would be ready to recognise and welcome the Saviour.

John used the ceremony of baptism to help that process of repentance, to give people a tangible way to tell God that they were sorry for their sins and wanted to follow him more closely from then on.

But Jesus had no sins. Jesus was the Saviour.

Jesus had no need to repent, and therefore no need to be baptised.

And yet, he shows up by the river and gets in line anyway.

John sees him and objects,
but Jesus insists on taking his place right beside the rest of the sinners.

Why?

Because Jesus wants to make sure that we know that he loves us.

And so, when he saved us from sin, he did so from close by, from the inside out.

He saved us from suffering by suffering himself.

He conquered death by dying.

He overcame sin by living among sinners.

His baptism is a preview of everything that is to come.

By getting baptised, Jesus expressed his desire to take our place,
to take the punishment for our sins upon himself, so as to free us from them.

Later, on the cross, he actually did take them on himself.

This was why he came. This was his mission. And this is still his mission.

He still wants to save us by coming close to us,
to make sure that we know that he loves us.

RIP FR MICHAEL BEATTIE

Please pray for the soul of Fr Michael Beattie who returned to God this week. As most will know, Fr Beattie has been an invaluable support to the parish, celebrating regular Masses at Holy Spirit and at Mount St Marys with determined devotion. His incredible knowledge was always delivered as a gentle wisdom and his guidance and support of his brother priests was indispensable.

Fr Michael was admitted to hospital on Thursday and died peacefully following a short illness in the early hours of Saturday morning.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Bishop has consented to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation on the morning of Sunday 30th April at The Church of the Annunciation.

Applications are invited from eligible candidates in Year 7 and upwards. Please see one of the priests or catechists after Mass for an application form.

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS WITH DRONFIELD PAGE

To reflect better our Parish of three churches, our Parish Website now has a new address:

parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org

The old address will redirect to the new one so your bookmarks will still work. However, if you could update them and use this address when sharing it will help to better establish the new site.

There is also now a dedicated page on the website for The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield, with a brief history of the church and former parish.

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO are holding LIFE LUNCHES. These sessions, held at Holy Spirit, church provide a warm space to meet with free/pay what you can refreshments, tea coffee, cakes.

Every Tuesday 10.30-2.00 soup and bread from 12.00 noon.

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, many churches including our own have ceased carrying Catholic Newspapers and many have gone to paperless, digital formats. In this light *The Universe* Catholic Weekly Newspaper is offering a 4-issue introductory digital offer.

For more information, please see the website: universecatholicweekly.co.uk or contact Michelle Jones on 0743 661 7650

HEATING IN CHURCH

Would parishioners at the Annunciation Church who sit close to the heaters please refrain from turning them down or off...(that's right, off!!)

This disrupts the system settings and causes the thermostat to misread.

APPLICATIONS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Would all families please note that when seeking the Sacrament of Baptism, the principle Godparent **MUST** be a **PRACTISING CATHOLIC** in accordance with Canon 874 of The Code of Canon Law. The Parish Priest has NO discretion in this matter. You must provide Name Address and Telephone number of the parish where the intended Godparent regularly worships, so their status can be verified.

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday 10th January at 1.00pm at the Olde House. Please note the change of time: this makes it possible for anyone wishing to attend the 12.00pm Mass to come afterwards for lunch and a 'warm up' at the Olde House. For more information please contact Irene O'Donnell on 07941 049 158

CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK

Thank you to all those who contributed toward the *Reverse Advent Calendar* for Chesterfield Food Bank. As we are made aware on a daily basis, the rising cost of living is forcing more and more people to use food banks and demand is higher than ever. We would ask parishioners to please continue their generosity where possible in giving:

TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
RICE PUDDING
SMALL PACKETS OF BISCUITS
SMALL PACKETS OF CEREAL
250g PACKETS OF RICE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO
100g BARS OF CHOCOLATE

Many thanks in advance for your support.
Lisa Eustace and Mary Platts



Learning more about becoming a synodal church.

People asked to have more opportunities to learn; here is an online course run by University of Sophia, on synodality. There are three taught modules online and one in person meeting. The best way of using this resource is to find a few interested people in your parish and meet and study together.

Those who intend to register for the entire course must do so **by 15 January 2023**. Those wishing to follow one or more modules, on the other hand, have a deadline of:

- 4 February for the 1st Module
- 4 March for the 2nd Module
- 6 May for the 3rd Module

Please do not hesitate to email us at formation-mission@hallam-diocese.com if you have any questions.

We don't want money to be a barrier for people to get involved in the formation and mission invitations, so please do get in touch if this is a concern.



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LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 9th January	12noon Annunciation	Joshua Crone
Tuesday 10th January	9.30am Holy Spirit	Private Intention
	12.00noon Annunciation	Gayle Mallender
Wednesday 11th January	7.30am Royal Hospital Chapel	Private Intention
	<i>11am – 11.45am Annunciation</i>	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i>
	12.00noon Annunciation	Doris Johnson
Thursday 12th January	6.00pm – 7.00pm <i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Confessions</i>
	9.30am Holy Family	Private Intention
Friday 13th January	12.00noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Giuseppe Acierno
Saturday 14th January	12noon Annunciation	Elizabeth Reed
Vigil Masses	11.00am Convent	Sr. Catherine
	4.30pm Holy Spirit	<i>Confessions</i>
	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
	<i>5.00pm Holy Family</i>	Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged)
Sunday 15th January	6.30pm Holy Family	Joshua & Gloria Pearce
	8.30am Annunciation	People of the Parish
	10.00am Annunciation	Mary Holian
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year A	<i>3.00pm Holy Family</i>	<i>Polish Mass</i>
	5.00pm Annunciation	George Hinks