

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS		
Monday 9th May	12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren
Tuesday 10th May	12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention
Wednesday 11th May	10.00am <i>High School</i>	<i>Leavers' Mass</i>
	12.00noon Annunciation	Thanksgiving (DM)
Thursday 12th May	10.00am Dronfield Cemetery	Funeral Service for Mary Powell
	12.00noon Annunciation	Robert Langen
Friday 13th May <i>Our Lady of Fatima</i>	9.00am Annunciation	Anna Walters
	11.30 <i>High School</i>	<i>Leavers' Mass</i>
Saturday 14th May VIGIL MASSES	12.30pm	Wedding Service: Frost & Preece
	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
	5.00pm <i>Holy Family</i>	<i>Holy Hour</i>
	6.30pm Holy Family	Patrick Harvey
Sunday 15th May FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: YEAR C	8.30am Annunciation	People of the Parish
	10.00am Annunciation	Sheila Maloney
	5.00pm Annunciation	Gibbons Family

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**Fourth Sunday of Easter: YEAR C
8th May 2022**

God Is the Good Shepherd

One of God's favourite ways to describe himself is by saying he is like a good shepherd.

Jesus did so more than once, as he does in today's Gospel.

In the Old Testament, the comparison is everywhere:

- God chose shepherds to be the Patriarchs;
- He chose shepherds to be Israel's first kings;
- The prophets ceaselessly speak of Israel as a flock and God as their shepherd;
- The image returns again and again in the Book of Psalms, as in the beautiful expression from today's Psalm: "Know that the Lord is God; he made us, we are; his people, the sheep of his flock."

We are used to this image, but even so, the Church likes to remind us of it, frequently.

Why? What is it about this image that God likes so much?

It is interesting to note that among world religions, this image is unique to Judaism and Christianity.

Even though most primitive religions are polytheistic, they usually express some inkling that behind all the powers of the universe there is one supreme god.

Usually this god is associated with the sky, or the sea, or the mountain - with some natural phenomenon that the culture depends on.

In none of these instances, however, is god seen as a divine shepherd of humankind.

Comparing God to a good shepherd can only happen in a religion that recognises a special connection between the human person and God

- for instance, that man is created in the image of God.

Only then does the comparison make sense, because a God who is a good shepherd is a

God who walks with his people and cares about their every joy and sorrow.

That, Jesus tells us, is what our God is like.

PARISH MEETING

There will be a Parish meeting on Sunday 22nd May following 10.00am Mass in the Annunciation Parish Centre.
We will discuss the future shape and workings of our vast parish...
...with only one priest

**Thank you to all those people who made last week's
24 hour Adoration a success**

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.

JUMBLE SALE

Many thanks to all who supported the recent jumble sale and also those who helped with setting up and running.

PLEASE NOTE: Due to the Platinum Jubilee weekend -

THERE WILL BE NO JUMBLE SALE IN JUNE

However, this does allow you extra time that seasonal clear-out: we are always in need of your unwanted clothes, shoes, toys and bric-a-brac!

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM

The Hallam Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham will take place this year on
23rd July.

The coach will depart from Chesterfield Train Station and the cost is £18.00pp.
If you would like to join the Pilgrimage there is now an enquiry form on the Parish website or you can call the Parish Office.

2022 DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO 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.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2022

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

COFFEE MORNING IN SUPPORT OF UKRAINE

Next Sunday's (15th May) coffee morning following 10am Mass will be a fundraiser for the people of Ukraine. All monies raised will go toward supporting Ukrainian refugees who have been forced to flee to Poland.
Please show your support, and contribute toward helping those who are suffering as a result of an ever-intensifying humanitarian crisis.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

After a long absence, the Ministry of the Word once more comes into operation today, and 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.

If you would like further information, please contact:
Janet Dillon on 01246 567005. Many thanks.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Children's Liturgy will resume at Sunday 10am Mass *this Sunday* and will be every second and fourth Sunday in the month up to and including 10th July.

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre for all primary school children (and younger with an adult): 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.

40 DAYS OF LENT - FOODBANK COLLECTION.

Many thanks to all those who have passed on their donations to us in the form of either food or money. It is much appreciated.

Please contact either Lisa Eustace: 07583 391 823 or Mary Platts: 07542 140 163 (preferably by text) and we can arrange to collect your donations.

On completion the full totals will be published in the bulletins.

Many thanks once again.

Yours in Christ - Lisa and Mary.

TEA AND COFFEE WILL BE SERVED FOLLOWING SUNDAY 10AM MASS IN THE PARISH CENTRE-- ALL ARE WELCOME

**There will be a retiring collection after all Masses this weekend in aid of
The Priests Training Fund**