

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

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**27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time YEAR A**  
**8<sup>th</sup> October 2023**

**GOD IS GOOD, PATIENT, AND MERCIFUL**

God is reminding us today that all good things in life have come from him. Many people often get angry at God and ask why he allows bad things to happen.

Fewer people are humble and honest enough

to ask themselves a much more important question:

Why do good things happen, why is there any good in the world at all, where did it come from?

We should think more about the answers to those questions.

Today's readings paint the picture of a vineyard, or a garden.

Gardens are environments carefully tended & nurtured by gardeners in order to enable plants to be healthy and reach maturity, bearing abundant fruit.

God sees our souls as gardens of virtue.

Just as God supplied the vineyard with air, sunlight, water, soil,  
the wall to protect it, and the tower to guard it,

so he supplies each one of us with life, talents, opportunities, family, sacraments,  
faith, knowledge, conscience, and the guidance of the Church.

There is no good thing we can think of that doesn't owe its origin and existence to God.

Two of the very best things that God gives us are his mercy and his patience.

Today's readings show how many chances God gives his tenants to do the right thing,  
to fulfil their duties, to do what they were put there to do.

When they don't do what's right, God sends three different messengers,  
including his own son.

In justice, however, he didn't have to send any.

He could have evicted those selfish stewards right away.

But God is patient with our sin and selfishness.

He keeps giving us more and more chances, many more than we deserve.

He never gives up on us, even though sometimes we give up on ourselves.

God's boundless mercy is the best evidence of his immense goodness.

## **OCTOBER ROSARY**

An illustrated Rosary service will take place at the Annunciation Church at 7pm each Monday in October. Participants, who wish, may place their prayer intentions in a basket as they arrive. This will be placed on the altar and intentions remembered in our Rosary prayer.

Everyone welcome, especially young people who are new to the Rosary.

For further information please contact Cath on 01246 203932

## **ANSWER MACHINE PROBLEMS**

The Parish Answering machine is causing difficulties and some messages have not shown on the system until hours after they were left...if at all! Please bear this in mind if you are calling and wish to leave a message.

## **CHILDREN LITURGY**

Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Centre during 10 am Mass for all primary school children (and younger with an adult) every Sunday from 8<sup>th</sup> October until 17th December.

Just follow the Catechist as we process out from Church and know where to return to your family at the Offertory. More details from Liz Stead 01246 230319

## **Your Collection Offering**

### **Giving in Cash?**

**Could you give that amount with your Debit Card using the Contactless machines at the Back of Annunciation Church?**

**Even better by weekly or monthly Standing Order?**

*Please be aware that if you are eligible for Gift-Aid, you only need to enter your details in the contactless terminals once, thereafter they will be remembered and applied every time you donate using the same card.*

*Similarly, if you're in a rush, you can enter your Gift-Aid details in the terminals or via the parish website at any time and any previous donations will have the Gift-Aid applied.*

## **PARISH JUMBLE SALE**

The next parish jumble sale will be held on **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

If you have any items you wish to donate please contact Chris Payne directly on 229517

**If you can spare a few hours on Thursday or Friday to help set up for the sale please let Chris Payne know.**

## **PORRIDGE SUNDAY**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October will be Mary's Meals porridge morning after the 8.30am and 10am Mass in the parish centre. All money raised will go to the schools being sponsored in Chigumukile, Zambia. The School sponsors 218 pupils and the hope is to raise £4,174.70 September 2024.

## **SUNDAY COFFEE MORNINGS**

Each Sunday following the 10.00am Mass, teas and coffees will be served in the Annunciation Parish Centre – please do join us

### **PARISH CENTRE MANAGER**

The Parish Priest and Finance Committee seek to appoint a Manager to oversee the bookings, activities, and maintenance of the newly-refurbished Parish Centre. (yes, it is nearing its completion). The position is flexible as the role requires. For a full job description please contact the Parish Office and to apply please send a CV with a cover letter to the Parish Office

### **HALL TOILETS**

We kindly ask that any persons using the facilities treat them with the same respect you would your own.

Children should be accompanied by an adult for safety reasons

### **SAVE THE DATE: CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD**

Help us to celebrate Christmas around the world on **Saturday 9th December 2023** in the Parish Hall. We would like to host this event to bring parishioners from each community to share with us how Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world  
Information on how to get involved will be in next week's Newsletter and on the Parish Facebook page.

### **GREAT NORTH RUN FOR CAFOD**

Sheila Nyland would like to express her gratitude to all those who sponsored her recent successful Great North Run in aid of CAFOD. A total of £650 was raised!

### **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**

There is a bible study group at St Joseph's Convent every Thursday morning at 10.30am. All are welcome.

### **RETREAT FOR YOUNG WOMEN. THE CALL TO HOLINESS.**

**21-22<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

The Daughters of Divine Charity will be holding a retreat for young women entitled "The Call to Holiness" at St Joseph's Convent, Newbold road.

The retreat starts at 9.30am on Saturday and finishes at 4.00pm on Sunday.

If you would like any further information please contact Sr Monika on [matylda0109@gmail.com](mailto:matylda0109@gmail.com) or Telephone 01246 230321

### **PARISH LUNCH GROUP**

The next meeting of the lunch group is this Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October. Please bring your Christmas lunch menu choices with you. We meet at 1pm at the Olde House. Everybody welcome. For further information or to confirm attendance please contact Irene O'Donnell @07941 049 158 or on Parish Lunch Group WhatsApp. See you there.

### **CAR PARKING PERMITS FOR ANNUNCIATION CHURCH**

Permits for the carpark at Annunciation church (for use by parishioners and hall patrons) are available on request from the parish office.

### **SAFEGUARDING EVENT FEEDBACK**

Many thanks to those who attended the safeguarding training on Saturday 23rd. We have given your feedback to Marie and Jo who have asked Liz and Jean to distribute certificates, which we will do over the next few weeks. You can email

[safeguarding2.olqp@hallam-diocese.com](mailto:safeguarding2.olqp@hallam-diocese.com)

if you would like to be emailed the presentation slides.

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St John Henry Newman,</i> <i>Priest.</i>	12.00noon Annunciation	Fr Gerald Creasey
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30am Holy Spirit	Patrick and Sheila Crean
<b>Wednesday</b> <b>11<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St John XXIII, Pope</i>	<i>7.30am</i> <i>Royal Hospital</i>  12.00noon Annunciation  <i>6.00pm – Finish</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Private Intention</i>  Intervention of the Holy face  <i>Confessions</i>
<b>Thursday</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	All Souls in Purgatory
<b>Friday</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <i>St Edward the Confessor</i>	12.00noon Annunciation	Patricia Geraghty
<b>Saturday</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>VIGIL MASS</b>	11.00am Convent  <i>4.30pm</i> <i>Holy Spirit</i>  5.00pm Holy Spirit	<i>Private Intention</i>  <i>Rosary &amp; Confessions</i>  The People of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday</b> <b>in Ordinary Time:</b> <b>Year A</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Danuta Harrington  Harold and Marie Smith  Gillian Gibson