

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD: YEAR C
9th January 2022

FACE MASKS ARE NOW MANDATORY IN ALL CHURCHES

In line with the recent government announcements all parishioners are expected to wear a face covering which covers their mouth *and* nose.

This ruling applies to all unless exempt because of young age or medical reason. This ultimately is a small price to pay to attend Holy Mass, and it expresses a care for our neighbours' safety and wellbeing.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION MUST NOW
TAKE A LATERAL FLOW TEST ON THE DAY OF VISITING THE
HOUSEBOUND

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME 2022

For those children who have already registered, First Holy Communion classes will begin on Saturday 15th January in the Parish Centre (upstairs) from 9.30am – 11.am.

Please be aware that windows/doors will be open for ventilation and to dress accordingly

JUMBLE SALE

Next sale on Saturday 15th January 2022: 12.00pm – 2.00pm

As always, we need toys, shoes, clothes and bric-a-brac as well as people to help set up and tidy away.

For information or to arrange a drop-off/collection please call:
Chris on 01246 229517

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May we begin by thanking you all for your generous Christmas Offerings and the many gifts and presents we received. Also, for the many cards and the messages of support and encouragement they contained. These mean a great deal. Thank you! We hope your Christmas and New year went peacefully and you like us, are ready to face the challenges of 2022.

The Pandemic has challenged us all in many ways, and once more we wish to acknowledge the great effort made by those of you who were able to help us through these difficult times.

One of the unseen effects of the pandemic is our churches have been pushed 10 years into the future. As this moment many of our regular parishioners and our young families have not returned to Mass. Some have chosen, for a variety of reasons, to discontinue to practice of their faith and contribution to the life of the Catholic Community. Our numbers, like everywhere in the diocese and the country, have not returned to the levels we had pre-pandemic.

Sick and Housebound numbers have also increased dramatically, and at this moment we are still unable to commit to regular priestly visits. We pray we can do so soon.

In addition, during the pandemic for a number of reasons, both pastoral and fiscal, we committed to ministry in both the Hospital and the High School. Both are vitally important strands of our ministries.

Despite our strenuous efforts to maintain and continue some semblance of normal life in the enormous parish that is Our Lady Queen of Peace, there are still those who either with malicious gossip or unfair comparisons seek to undermine the good work of this large community.

At the beginning of the pandemic two priests of our diocese decided to leave the priesthood. At Christmas, another priest began an indefinite leave of absence. Whatever their reasons this leaves your priests deflated and depleted in the service of the Church in Hallam.

Change is an unspoken message of The Nativity scene. The advent of Christ, changed everyone's lives forever, be they parent or shepherd, Wise men or innocent bystander. So, it must be with us. Change and its many aspects is a central part of the Christian life. We must change often in the hope that we become more and more Christ like. To refuse change is a refusal to grow in our life in Christ.

At this moment we are truly blessed to have two full time priests in Our Lady Queen of Peace, a responsibility that was previously shared between seven full time priests. As we look to the future we cannot guarantee even this as the situation across the diocese continues to change.

None of us can predict the future. All we can do is read the signs of the times and make educated forecast of where we may be going. In so doing, our future will treasure the essential things of the past and adapt to accommodate our new circumstances.

In the coming weeks and months, we will come together to discuss how we continue on our journey and task of preaching the Gospel, both to ourselves and those around us. The way we will face the challenges of the future is together. We are One faith, One Parish family in God, and on One journey on the road to Salvation.

ORDINATION OF HENRY WOODHOUSE

Many thanks to those who were able to attend and support Deacon Henry Woodhouse at his ordination this week. Please continue to keep Deacon Henry in your prayers as he continues his formation and journeys toward his priestly ordination later this year.

HOLY SPIRIT WHATSAPP GROUP

The Church of the Holy Spirit has set up a WhatsApp group so that parishioners can easily be contacted if, for example, Mass has to be cancelled at short notice. If you wish to be included in this group (Smart Phone and app required) please contact Pat Shipman, Eileen Giles or 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. Please note: Everyone participating in the 2022 pilgrimage must be fully vaccinated against Covid-19. We feel that it is possible to plan for the pilgrimage to take place safely, but if it does not prove to be possible and the diocese cancels, then full refunds will be made.

THANK YOU FROM PADLEY MARTYRS SVP

The Padley Martyrs SVP Conference would like to thank everyone who so generously donated to our pre-Xmas appeals. Your kindness allowed us to provide over 40 Xmas Goody Bags to our local beneficiaries who were able to enjoy some seasonal treats, & a personalized Xmas card, created by the pupils of St Mary's Primary School. After a difficult year due to Covid, when many of our beneficiaries spent a lot of time isolated, they really appreciated the gift, and the generosity of OLQP Parishioners

In addition, we received some exceptionally generous donations to our appeal to fund a freshwater piping system for a village in the Kerala Region of India (which was devastated by floods last year) This appeal was generated by one of the SVP Conferences in the region. Padley Martyrs SVP Conference is twinned with two other Conferences in India and have funded several projects in recent years. The installation has been completed and we are now awaiting photos which we will publish when we receive them.

Once again, we would like to thank everyone who donated so generously to both appeals, we will remember you all in our prayers

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 10th January	12 Noon Annunciation	Leanne Wainwright (née Marklew)
Tuesday 11th January	12 Noon Annunciation	Vincent O'Connor
Wednesday 12th January	12 Noon Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Michele de Angelis
Thursday 13th January	12 Noon Annunciation	Danny Grant
Friday 14th January	12 Noon Annunciation	Mrs Wachlavz
Saturday 15th January	5.00pm Holy Spirit	Private Intention
VIGIL MASSES	6.30pm Holy Family	Noel O'Malley
Sunday 16th January 2022	8.30am	People of the Parish
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C	10.00am	Intentions of Sr. Catherine FDC
NB: All Masses are at the Annunciation	5.00pm	The People of Northern Ireland