



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

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**Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time: YEAR C**  
**9<sup>th</sup> October**

**THE POWER OF GRATITUDE**

At the end of St John's Gospel, we are told that if everything Christ did during his brief earthly life were written down, the entire world would not contain the books. We can infer, therefore, that many - maybe even the majority - of Christ's miracles and encounters were not recorded in the New Testament.

So why did St Luke include this one?

Clearly because of the lesson that Christ teaches us by it: the beauty of gratitude.

The one leper who came back to thank Jesus is praised for this gratitude.

We can almost hear the sadness in Christ's heart at the lack of gratitude in the other nine who were healed.

Why does Christ value gratitude so much? Is he vain?

Is his self-esteem so weak that he gets depressed if we don't praise and thank him?

No. He values gratitude because gratitude is valuable

- it's valuable for us, for the health of our souls.

In the first place, gratitude keeps us grounded in the truth, which is key for our ongoing relationship with God.

To be ungrateful to God is not only unjust, but it's also living an illusion.

The simple fact is that everything we have is a gift from God:

creation, life, talents, opportunities, hope in heaven, the grace that helps us persevere in doing what is right - these are all God's gifts.

We don't create ourselves!

In the second place, gratitude is the perfect antidote to sin.

Sin turns us in on ourselves, gratitude opens us up to God and neighbour.

It directly contradicts self-centeredness, self-indulgence, and self-absorption.

It builds bridges, unites communities, and softens hearts.

It counteracts depression and releases anxiety.

Gratitude is one of the most beautiful flowers in the garden of virtue

- what a pity that it's so rare!

## **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 next Saturday 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 is collecting Stew and Squash for the St Wilfrids Centre. A box will be placed in the church porch for any donations.

## **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 *this* Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at the Olde House.

Everyone welcome!

For further details please contact Irene O'Donnell tel 07941 049 158

## **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](http://www.st-marys.derbyshire.sch.uk/vacancy)

## **THANKYOU FROM YOUR SVP**

The collections taken on Sept 24/25th came to a total of £1430, for which we are very grateful. This will help us to support our work in the difficult months ahead.

Thanks to everyone who donated so generously – we will remember you in our prayers. For those who asked about donating on-line direct into our Conference

Bank Account, the details are: Account Name: SVP Padley Martyrs

Sort Code: 60-60-04 Acc no. 460 877 02

## **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**

November is the month in which we remember our faithful departed: each year the Dead-List is laid upon the altar mensa throughout the month so that we may pray for the repose of their souls. Please submit any names in an envelope clearly marked Dead List together with your offering.

Further to the November Dead List, this year we will be remembering those close to us who have died during the Covid-19 pandemic, especially those who were denied a 'normal' funeral due to the various restrictions. We invite parishioners to bring photographs of their loved ones (preferably framed) to the 10.00am Mass on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at the Annunciation Church and the Mass will be offered for the souls of those deceased.

## **CHURCH TOILETS**

Due to the ongoing refurbishment works in the Annunciation Parish Centre, the hall toilets are presently not in use (they're actually a pile of rubble). There is a temporary portaloo in the car park but it is only for one person at a time. We therefore ask that, where possible, you 'pay a visit' before leaving home and young children take a 'tactical try!' We apologise for any inconvenience but assure you of much better facilities upon the hall's completion.

## **CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK**

A box for regular donations to the Chesterfield Foodbank is placed at the back of the Annunciation church.

We have been asked to focus on the items most urgently needed: long-life fruit juice, long-life FULL FAT milk and small packets of tea.

If you are unable to bring donations to church, please call/text us to arrange collection. Many thanks for your continuing generosity,  
Lisa Eustace (07583 391823) & Mary Platts (07542 140163)

## **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!

## **WEDDINGS 2023**

We already have a number of weddings booked in for next year.

If you are engaged and wanting to be married in one of our churches next year, please contact the Parish Office before the end of the month to arrange a meeting in order that we may begin the process of filling in the pre-nuptial paperwork

**There will be a retiring collection after all Masses on the weekend  
of 15<sup>th</sup>/16<sup>th</sup> October in aid of  
WORLD MISSION SUNDAY**

## LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Gail Mallender
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9.30am Annunciation	Gwen McManus
<b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	10.00 Annunciation  <b>12.00noon Annunciation</b>	Andrew Langen  <b>Requiem Mass for Anthony Firth</b>
<b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	12.00noon Annunciation	Lisa Marshall
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>11.00am Annunciation</b>	<b>Requiem Mass for Mary Holian</b>
<b>Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	5.00pm Holy Spirit  <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i>  6.30pm Holy Family	Private Intention  <i>Holy Hour</i>  Intentions of Josie Taylor
<b>Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>  <b>TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME: YEAR C</b>	8.30am Annunciation  10.00am Annunciation  5.00pm Annunciation	Winnie Smith  Simon James Taylor  People of the Parish