



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

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**EASTER SUNDAY: YEAR A
9th April 2023**

Each year Lent presents new challenges to prepare us for the coming feasts. This year it has presented more than most. The anxiety of war and the possibility of world annihilation still hang over us a year on.

Evil parades as good and the responsory of Good Friday, sums it up;
“False witnesses rise against me, and falsehood has deceived itself.”

Falsehood and lies are always found out.

I am mindful of the late Fr Michael Beattie as we celebrate the Paschal Mysteries.

A priest who in himself celebrated the life, death and Resurrection of His Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. When I look at his life and witness I see a faithful servant of the Mysteries of Salvation.

A man and priest who believed and hoped in the fulfilment of His master promise;
“You will be with me always to the end of time.”

Hope is a virtue, an act of the will, directed towards future events.

Thus, our hope is born in the Resurrection of Christ, that by God’s grace we will share in that Resurrection; that eternal life.

When we love Jesus through the practice of our faith, hope erupts in us like a spring of water in an arid place.

We place our Hope in God our Father through the power of the resurrection of Christ.

Hope then is born of love and love comes from faith in Christ. Faith comes from an experience and practice of a faith which worships the one true God, made man in Jesus Christ, who lived, died and rose again from the dead.

Faith demonstrates its reality by doing.

Firstly, by worshipping God in the manner in which He has prescribed through His Church. Secondly, by living the Cross. Crossing out the letter “I” and pursuing the good and advancement of our brothers and sisters and not just self.

Finally, Jesus is not immediately recognised after His resurrection. He is somehow different. Following Jesus, we are called to be different. We do this by practising our faith and living a life that is different to those around us, because we live in the light of the risen Christ. He is light and we must be light for others.

Alleluia.

**May we wish you all a Holy and a Happy Easter
and may God Bless you always**

THE PARISH OFFICE IS CLOSED UNTIL MONDAY 17th APRIL

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES: URGENT

It appears that unfortunately a number of boxes of Offertory envelopes have been printed out of sequence. These appear (hopefully) to be only in the number range 30 to 40. If you have envelopes with a number between 30 and 40 could you please check that the correct number, which appears next to name and address on the white label, is the number appearing on the actual envelopes. If incorrect, then when using the envelopes could you please put a line through the incorrect number and write the number appearing on the label next to it each time.

Apologies for any inconvenience created by this.

If you have already used an envelope over the Easter period then this will be amended via our Gift Aid records. For queries contact: Peter Sharp 01246 569417 or pete@pasharp.co.uk

CONFIRMATION CLASSES 2023

Confirmation classes are as follows:

4.00pm at the High School Viva Hall on Wednesdays 19th and 26th April.

Attendance is compulsory.

Confirmations will take place on Sunday 30th April at 12Noon

MAY DEVOTIONS TO OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE

You are invited to come and pray for world peace each Wednesday in May at 7.00pm at the Church of the Annunciation. We will be using the World Mission Rosary where each of the five decades represents an individual continent, each with its own coloured beads. Each service will be based around a scripture reading of Mary with music, peace reflections and a single decade of the Rosary with each Hail Mary prayed in a different language.

If you would like to take part in any section, please sign up on the sheets on the Piety Stall.

For more information, please see Cath Spooner or Irene O'Donnell

RETREAT DAY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

St Joseph's Convent 15th April 9.30am – 4pm (Lunch provided)

For more information or to book a place please contact Sr Mary:

01246 230321 or goncag@hontmail.co.uk

PRAYER BOARDS

Two new prayer boards are available in the porch, one for general petitions and the other to request prayer for the recently deceased. We ask that all prayer petitions are dated and removed after one month. If after that time the same prayer is still needed please make out a new request. This is to avoid an out of date backlog and to keep the prayer requests up to date. Thank you!

WATCH AND PRAY

Watch and Pray is a collection of prayers, hymns and readings collated by the late Fr Michael Beattie SJ for use by students of Mount St Mary's College.

The published book is now available to buy both from the college website: www.msmcollege.com/shop or by placing an order through the Parish Office.

Copies of *Watch and Pray* are priced at £10 each

DRONFIELD PIE 'N' PEAS

On Friday 21st April the Cow Shed Café in Dronfield will be hosting a pie and pea supper at £10 per person - for more information or to book a place please contact

Pat: 07941846035 or Hazel: 01246 569417

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next Parish Lunch is on Tuesday 11th April 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 07941049158

PLEASE READ MASS TIMES AND LOCATIONS CAREFULLY!!

EASTER WEEK MASS TIMES		
Easter Monday 10th April	12.00noon Holy Family	Private Intention
Easter Tuesday 11th April	10.00am Annunciation 11.30am Chesterfield Crematorium 12.00noon Holy Family	Requiem Mass for John Gill Funeral Service for James Kane Paddy Gallagher
Easter Wednesday 12th April	11.00am Annunciation 12.00noon Holy Family	Requiem Mass for Olga Stevenson Private Intention
Easter Thursday 13th April	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Eve Charge Peter Lunardi
Easter Friday 14th April	12.00noon Holy Spirit 12.00noon Holy Family	Private Intention Anne & Arthur Dobbin
Easter Saturday 15th April	11.00am Convent 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Sr Catherine Maguire Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> Forgotten Souls
Sunday 16th April <i>DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY Second Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 3.00pm Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Marilyn & John Di Oro People of the Parish <i>Divine Mercy Devotions</i> Gillian Gibson

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

Monday 17th April	12.00noon Annunciation	Yorkshire Brethren
Tuesday 18th April	9.30am Holy Spirit 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Requiem Mass for Kath Lowry
Wednesday 19th April	12.30pm Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Grace Barrett
Thursday 20th April	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Ted Glennon
Friday 21st April	9.55am High School 12.00noon Annunciation	Private Intention Private Intention
Saturday 22nd April	11.00am Convent 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Sr Catherine Maguire Private Intention <i>Holy Hour</i> People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd April <i>Third Sunday of Easter</i>	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Steve George Peter Strelley Pat & Mary Eustace