

The Parish of
OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEACE
CHESTERFIELD and DRONFIELD

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT: YEAR A
4th December 2022

UPGRADING OUR PRAYER LIFE

It is not hard to deepen our personal friendship with Christ.

He really wants it to happen, and so for every small step we take closer to him,
he takes a thousand steps closer to us.

Like every friendship, the one thing that best feeds our personal relationship with
Christ is spending time together.

Spending time with Christ as we all know is called prayer.

A Christian who does not pray can hardly call himself a Christian.

All of us here today are Christians who pray

- and our Lord is full of joy at the mere sight of us gathered together
to listen to his words and offer him our worship.

And yet, we live in a society that is no longer Christian.

It is secular. There are many Christians in this society,
but the culture itself has put God in the closet.

When was the last time you saw a TV show or film that showed people praying?

It's a rare occurrence.

That's the culture we live in, and it affects us, whether we realise it or not.

Our prayer lives are not as healthy as they could be,

and as a result, we don't know Christ as well as we could,

and so we don't experience as much as he wants us to the meaning
and deep joy that comes from living close to him.

This Advent, let's change that. Maybe we can't change all the TV shows and the
films, but we can change ourselves and our schedules.

At least for the couple of weeks still remaining in Advent, let's spend some quality
time with Christ every day, even if it's only ten minutes.

Jesus has so much he wants to teach us and do for us - let's give him the chance,
let's upgrade our prayer life.

NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS WITH DRONFIELD PAGE

To reflect better our Parish of three churches, our Parish Website now has a new address:

parishofourladyqueenofpeace.org

The old address will redirect to the new one so your bookmarks will still work. However, if you could update them and use this address when sharing it will help to better establish the new site.

There is also now a dedicated page on the website for The Church of the Holy Spirit, Dronfield, with a brief history of the church and former parish.

NEW PARISH MASS/DEVOTION SCHEDULE

The new timetable for Masses, Confessions and Devotions is now in operation but we would ask that you pay very close attention to the schedule overleaf as times and locations are prone to change depending on the priests' schedules and availabilities (such as this coming week)

CHESTERFIELD FOODBANK ADVENT APPEAL

Our Reverse Advent Calendar Appeal is here again!

The idea is to donate an item of food from the following list for each day of Advent (you might prefer to donate 20p or 50p each day instead).

TINNED MEAT
TINNED FISH
TINNED FRUIT
RICE PUDDING
SMALL PACKETS OF BISCUITS
SMALL PACKETS OF CEREAL
250g PACKETS OF RICE
SPONGE PUDDINGS
PACKETS OF MASHED POTATO
100g BARS OF CHOCOLATE

The donations of food and money will be collected after Christmas.

Many thanks in advance for your support.
Best wishes, Lisa Eustace and Mary Platts

DRONFIELD LIFE LUNCHESES

Holy Spirit Church in partnership with Life Dronfield CIO last week launched LIFE LUNCHESES. These sessions, held at Holy Spirit, church provide a warm space to meet with free/pay what you can refreshments, tea coffee, cakes.

Every Tuesday 10.30-2.00 soup and bread from 12.00 noon.

RED MISSIO BOXES

All boxes now emptied. There are still a few awaiting collection from Annunciation. Please collect your box as soon as convenient

CHRISTMAS FLOWER COLLECTION

There will be a retiring collection at all Sunday Masses for the next two weeks (Sundays 11th & 18th December) in aid of the Christmas Flowers.

Our teams of florists go to great lengths to make our churches so splendid during festive seasons, but these beautiful decorations come at a cost and we therefore ask your generosity.

Christmas Mass Times 2022

In order to help parishioners and their families prepare for the forthcoming seasonal celebrations, both at church and at home, we are happy to announce the Christmas Mass times and locations within the parish:

Saturday 24th December: Christmas Eve

4.00pm	Vigil Mass	Annunciation
5.00pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Spirit
6.30pm	Vigil Mass	Holy Family
8.30pm	Mass during the Night	Annunciation

Sunday 25th December: Christmas Day

8.00am	Mass at Dawn	Annunciation
9.30am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation
11.00am	Mass during the Day	Annunciation

NO 5.00PM MASS

PARISH LUNCH GROUP

The next Parish lunch is on Tuesday 13th December 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 07941 049 158

CATHOLIC NEWSPAPERS

Since the beginning of the Pandemic, many churches including our own have ceased carrying Catholic Newspapers and many have gone to paperless, digital formats.

In this light *The Universe* Catholic Weekly Newspaper is offering a 4-issue introductory digital offer.

For more information, please see the website: universecatholicweekly.co.uk or contact Michelle Jones on 0743 661 7650

LITURGY TIMES AND INTENTIONS

Monday 5th December	12.00noon Annunciation	Don Curnow
Tuesday 6th December St Nicholas, Bishop	9.00am Holy Spirit 9.00am Annunciation	Herbert Sykes Joshua Crone
Wednesday 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop, Doctor of the Church	<i>11am – 11.45am</i> <i>Annunciation</i> 12.00noon Annunciation <i>6.00pm – 7.00pm</i> <i>Annunciation</i>	<i>Adoration and Confessions</i> Requiem Mass for Pamela O'Shea <i>Confessions</i>
Thursday 8th December THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	9.30am Holy Family 12.00noon Annunciation	Holy Souls Gail Mallender
Friday 9th December	10.45am Annunciation	Requiem Mass for Reginald Londt
Saturday 10th December Vigil Masses	11.00am Convent 4.30pm Holy Spirit 5.00pm Holy Spirit <i>5.00pm</i> <i>Holy Family</i> 6.30pm Holy Family	Connors Family <i>Confessions</i> Private Intention Holy Hour and Confessions (pre-arranged) Mary & Cecil Pearce
Sunday 11th December THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT <i>Gaudate Sunday</i>	8.30am Annunciation 10.00am Annunciation 5.00pm Annunciation	Jozef & Jadwiga Kwiatkowski Antonio Palumbo People of the Parish