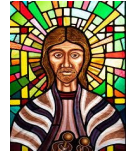




**Newsletter for The Catholic Community of
The Annunciation, Rushcliffe**
Serving the Eucharistic Communities of:
Holy Spirit West, Bridgford, and Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave.
St Anne's, Radcliffe on Trent, and St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth.



Mary the Holy Mother of God (SOLEMNITY)
Sunday 1st January 2023

New Year Message 2023



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As Christians, we are a people of hope. Jesus's birth at Christmas reminds us that light illumines the darkness and now at New Year's Eve we must look ahead, as the magi did on their journey to Bethlehem and kept their eyes fixed on the star, with the trust of a better tomorrow because we have Emmanuel, God-with-us.

This Sunday we begin the New Year by celebrating the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. This Feast reminds us that God humbly took on our human nature so that we could share in His Divine life. Later this week, we celebrate the Solemnity of the Epiphany which reminds us that God was born for all people and that no one who seeks him will be left disappointed.

And as we enter 2023, may our hearts be uplifted with the joy and hope that Christ's birth brings. We are precious to God, so let us move forward boldly with confidence!

I offer here a few reflections which may help you to reflect on the year that has passed and put into place some good spiritual habits that will help to give real purpose to 2023, bringing Jesus to the centre, in spite of any storms that may threaten us.

We may ask ourselves, What prayerful or spiritual habit will I adopt this year to help me grow? What time or space in my day or week will I set aside to prayer and reflection? Is there a person or group of people that I can commit to supporting this year in a special way? Is there a person, group of people or organisation that I need to reach out to for extra help/ support in an area I am struggling with? All of these questions you can answer yourself, to help you start the New Year in a positive direction. New year's resolutions that are worth keeping!

But more importantly, Fr. John and I would like to take the opportunity to thank all our volunteers who helped during our Advent, and made the Christmas Masses very special for everyone in all our churches. We look forward to the New Year with renewed hope and confidence as we eventually come together as the new parish of the Annunciation. We continue to work together, in that spirit of co-responsibility, that Bishop Patrick so eloquently reminded us of during the Mass for Fr John's Induction as Parish Priest. We know that united we may face new challenges positively, so our Catholic Community continues to thrive.

We would also like to thank you most sincerely for your very generous Christmas offerings and gifts. We hope you have enjoyed the festive period with your families and friends and wish you a very Happy and Blessed New Year! With every blessing,

Fr. Liam and Fr. John.

THIS WEEKEND'S SECOND COLLECTION IS FOR :
The Diocesan Quota

White Flower Appeal 2023 - The Society for the Protection of Unborn children (SPUC) will be holding its annual White Flower appeal at all Masses on the weekend of the 7th/8th Jan.

Matthew Korybut-Daszkievicz RIP
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Korybut-Daszkievicz who died recently.
His Funeral Mass will be on Tuesday 10th January at 12pm at the Holy Spirit Church.
Please keep his family in your prayers.



SPUC wants a world where abortion is unthinkable, and is raising awareness of the widespread problem of abortion coercion.

Jennifer Jennings RIP
Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jennifer Jennings who died recently.
Please keep her husband Michael and family in your prayers.



Diary for Week Commencing 1st January 2023

Mary the Holy Mother of God (SOLEMNITY)

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| <p>Sun 1st January Mary the Holy Mother of God (SOLEMNITY)</p> | <p>St Anne's (Sat) 4.30pm Mass–Taylor Family 9.30am Mass– Deceased members of the McCann& McGovern Family</p> <p>St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass– Bernard Barnadier RIP</p> <p>Holy Spirit (Sat) 6.30pm Mass-James.H.Williams RIP 11am Mass–Anne, Pat and John Cassidy</p> <p>Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass– Eileen and David Widdicks Friends and Family</p> |
| <p>Mon 2nd January Saints Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors (Mem.)</p> | <p>No Mass</p> |
| <p>Tues 3rd January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria</p> | <p>St Margaret Clitherow 11am Mass–Deceased members of the Curtis Family</p> |
| <p>Wed 4th January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria</p> | <p>Holy Spirit 11am Mass- Charles Hall RIP</p> |
| <p>Thurs 5th January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria</p> | <p>Our Lady Grace 4.30pm Mass-</p> <p>Holy Spirit 6.30pm Mass -Anne McSweeney RIP</p> |
| <p>Fri 6th January The Epiphany of Our Lord (SOLEMNITY) <i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i></p> | <p>St Anne's 11am Mass- Maria Bach RIP</p> <p>Holy Spirit 9.30am Mass- Margaret Lane</p> |
| <p>Sat 7th January Saturday after Epiphany</p> | <p>St Anne's 3.45pm-Confessions 4.30pm Mass– Juozas Baciulis</p> <p>Holy Spirit 5. 45pm-6.30pm Confessions 6.30pm Mass– Teresa Gould RIP</p> |
| <p>Sun 8th January The Baptism of the Lord (FEAST)</p> | <p>St Anne's 9.30am Mass–Golden Wedding Anniversary of Liz and Richard Ashcroft</p> <p>St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass–Sr M Beuno OP</p> <p>Holy Spirit 11am Mass– Joan Burke RIP</p> <p>Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass–The People of the Parish</p> |

Diary for Week Commencing 8th January

The Baptism of the Lord (FEAST)

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| Sun 8th January The Baptism of the Lord (FEAST) | St Anne's (Sat) 4.30pm Mass– Juozas Baciulis 9.30am Mass– Golden Wedding Aniversary Liz and Richard Ashcroft St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass– Sr M Beuno OP Holy Spirit (Sat) 6.30pm Mass–Teresa Gould RIP 11am Mass– Joan Burke RIP Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass–The People of the Parish |
| Mon 9th January Feria | St Anne's 11am Mass– Kathleen O'Donnell RIP |
| Tues 10th January Feria | Holy Spirit 12 Noon Funeral Mass- Matthew Korybut–Daszkiewicz RIP |
| Wed 11th January Feria | St Margaret 'Clitherow 11am Mass– Private Intention |
| Thurs 12th January Feria | St Anne's 11am Mass– Wladys Juszkaluk |
| Fri 13th January Feria | Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass–Mass Intention for the Priests and People of our Parish of the Annunciation |
| Sat 14th January Feria | St Anne's 4.30pm Mass– Angela Beves Holy Spirit 6.30pm Mass–Lewis Stockwell RIP |
| Sun 15th January Second Sunday of the Year | St Anne's 9.30am Mass– James O' Connor RIP St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass– The People of the Parish Holy Spirit 11am Mass– John William West 1pm Baptism– Aine Catherine Murray Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass– |

News from the Diocese: The Synod– Continental Stage Consultation. All the Synod feedback from parishes, dioceses, and national Bishops' Conferences around the world has been gathered, considered, discerned, and distilled into a report. This is now being given to each continent to consider in light of their own tradition, history, experience, and religious perspective.

Within Europe we now have the opportunity to consider the Synodal feedback from around the world and to report on:

- a) What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given
- b) Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas
- c) Define the next steps which move us (parish, deanery, diocese, the Church) forward.

Please engage with this consultation by either: Completing the form soon to be available in your church or Complete the feedback form on-line at: <https://forms.office.com/e/2Yfs77hHsp>

Follow the QR code and access the on-line diocesan consultation

All responses should be received **by 9th January 2023** so they can be included in the overall diocesan response. Let us dream of the Church the Holy Spirit is calling us to become.

Please see Holy Spirit website:

<https://www.holyspiritwb.org/diocesan-participation-in-the-synodal-process/>



A second online **Warmer Welcome Workshop** takes place on **Tuesday 10th January** at 4.00pm. Anyone in the diocese involved in running a 'warm hub', community café or drop-in is welcome. It will be an opportunity to exchange ideas and good practice, and ask for advice from peers and from diocesan staff, with a focus on defining volunteer roles and safe recruitment. Further workshops are planned for 13th February and 14th March at 7.00pm.

To book for any of these sessions visit

bit.ly/WarmerWelcome

First Holy Communion Meeting

There will be a First Holy Communion meeting for parents on **Wednesday 11th January 7pm** at the Holy Spirit church. **Please note: this meeting is only for parents who were unable to attend the meeting at St Margaret Clitherow Church in November.**

The meeting will be with Fr. John and the Catechists.

Parents who did attend the previous meeting need not attend this meeting in January.

Next Baptism Course in 2023

The next Parish Baptism course will be **Tuesday 7th February 7pm-8.30pm** at the Holy Spirit Social Centre.

Vacancy for Lay Chaplain for Trinity school and four of its feeder providers. Full time and Part time applications are considered. To find out more go to: ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/

The House of Commons Health and Social Care Committee has [launched an Inquiry into assisted suicide](#), and is inviting comments from individual members of the public and interested organisations to comment, and also to suggest what actions might be helpful for the debate. Options include a "Citizens' Assembly", further independent research, or a referendum. It is especially important that those who respond should oppose the idea of a "Citizens' Assembly" or referendum on this issue, as these are easily abused to try to legalise assisted suicide. The timeframe for answering the consultation is a short one. Submissions must be in by Friday 20 January. We encourage as many people as possible to contribute their own submission to the Inquiry, so as to inform public and Parliamentary debate, and help maintain a more just and compassionate society. Please read more info on the Parish website.

<https://www.holyspiritwb.org/inquiry-on-assisted-suicide/>

OUR CHURCHES

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| The Holy Spirit | Our Lady of Grace | St Anne's Church | St Margaret Clitherow |
| Melton Road | Candelby Lane | New Road | Willow Brook |
| West Bridgford | Cotgrave | Radcliffe- on-Trent | Keyworth |
| Nottingham | Nottingham | Nottingham | Nottingham |
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Please note the Parish Office is closed from 23rd December, and will be open on Monday 9th January.

For any emergencies please contact the Parish Clergy during this time. Thank you.