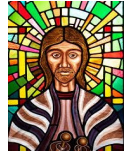




**Newsletter for The Catholic Community of
The Annunciation, Rushcliffe**
Serving the Eucharistic Communities of:
Holy Spirit West Bridgford, and Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave,
St Anne's Radcliffe on Trent, and St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday 18th December 2022

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Holy Spirit - 4.30pm Children's Mass,
Christmas Carols at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass.
Our Lady of Grace- 6.30pm Family Mass.
St Anne's - 4.30pm Family Mass, Christmas Carols at 11.30pm followed by Midnight Mass.
St Margaret Clitherow- Christmas Eve; please note we now have Carols at 7pm, followed by 7.30pm Mass.

Christmas Day

St Anne's- 9.30am Christmas Mass.
St Margaret Clitherow- 9.30am Christmas Mass.
Holy Spirit- 11am Christmas Mass.
Our Lady of Grace- 11am Christmas Mass.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent

On the fourth and final Sunday of Advent, the last candle is lit, which is purple. This candle represents peace and reminds us of the importance of peace as the true saviour of the world is coming.



Advent Reconciliation Services

St Margaret Clitherow, Tuesday 20th December-
11am Reconciliation Service and then Midday Mass.
Our Lady of Grace Thursday 22nd December- 6.30pm Reconciliation Service followed by Mass 7.30pm.



Advent Deanery Reconciliation Services

Monday 19th December 7.30pm Corpus Christi, Clifton.
Southchurch Drive. NG11 9BP
Thursday 22nd December 6.30pm Our Lady of Grace,
Cotgrave. Candleby Lane. NG12 3JG

Christmas Flowers at Holy Spirit

If you would like to donate flowers for Christmas arrangement's in church in memory of a loved one please can you donate.
Red carnations, red roses, red spray carnations or a poinsettia plant. Please place your flowers in the buckets of water in the narthex on Friday 23rd and up to 10 am on Saturday 24th December. We also need holly preferably with berries, ivy and greenery.



Thank you Liz and Roz.

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH MORE GREETERS ARE NEEDED FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES



We urgently need more Greeters for the Christmas Eve Mass at 11.30pm. Please show your support as we do not have enough for this Mass.
Contact the Parish office if you can help.
Email: office@holyspiritwb.co.uk

The Community of the Annunciation Friendship Group

We send our best wishes for a Happy and Holy Christmas to all our members and parishioners.
Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 11th January at 2pm in the Holy Spirit Hall. We look forward to seeing all existing supporters, and new members are always welcome. We have a full programme planned for 2023, so come along and be part of a lively group!

Holy Spirit SVP Advent Appeal

Please return your bags this weekend 17th and 18th December. SVP members will be ready on this fourth Advent weekend to take your donations and will then deliver the bags. Thank you for your support.

Thank you to all those parishioners who bought craft items and cakes from our stall and donated to the SVP last Sunday. We raised a fantastic **£ 322.63**

Thank you for your support.

Diary for Week Commencing 18th December

The Fourth Sunday of Advent

<p>Sun 18th December The Fourth Sunday of Advent</p>	<p>St Anne's (Sat) 4.30pm Mass-Jan Dunn 9.30am Mass- Peter Murray RIP</p> <p>St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass- Margaret Holt RIP</p> <p>Holy Spirit (Sat) 6.30pm Mass-Jonathan Higham RIP (1st Anniv.) 11am Mass- Margaret and Patrick Moore RIP</p> <p>Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass- Deceased members of the Curtis Family</p>
<p>Mon 19th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>St Anne's 9.30am Mass-William Sumner</p>
<p>Tues 20th December Advent Feria</p>	<p>St Margaret Clitherow 11am Reconciliation Service and 12pm Mass-Graham Brindley RIP</p>
<p>Wed 21st December Advent Feria</p>	<p>Holy Spirit 9.30am Mass- Wilfrid and Ellen Martin RIP</p>
<p>Thurs 22nd December Advent Feria</p>	<p>Our Lady of Grace 6.30pm Reconciliation Service and 7.30pm Mass-Vocations and all Priests</p>
<p>Fri 23rd December Advent Feria</p>	<p>St Anne's Midday Mass-John McCanny RIP</p> <p>Holy Spirit 6pm Mass-Ivor and Janice Amos RIP</p>
<p>Sat 24th December The Nativity of Our Lord- Christmas Eve (SOLEMNITY)</p>	<p>St Anne's 4.30pm Family Mass- Special Intention 11.30pm Carols and Midnight Mass- Kevin Bratt on his reception into church</p> <p>Holy Spirit 4.30pm Children's Mass-Raymond McNamara RIP 11.30pm Carols and Midnight Mass- Adam and Jadwiga Wojciechowski RIP</p> <p>Our Lady of Grace- 6.30pm Family Mass- The People of the Parish</p> <p>St Margaret Clitherow- 7pm Carols and then 7.30pm Mass-Repouse of the soul of John Carlin</p>
<p>Sun 25th December The Nativity of Our Lord- Christmas Day (SOLEMNITY)</p>	<p>St Anne's 9.30am Mass- Catherine Kitchin RIP</p> <p>St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass-Margaret Barlett RIP</p> <p>Holy Spirit 11am Mass-John Toder and Tom and Louise Shepherd RIP</p> <p>Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass- Happy repose of the soul of Alan Olley</p>

CAFOD Recycling Project

We have received a cheque (£43) from CAFOD recycling for the latest tech collection from The Holy Spirit parish. This amounts to £400 collected from waste/old tech over the past 2 years. This is great recycling.

We will be extending the scheme to all churches in the new Parish in the New Year 2023.

So please collect all your old tech gathering dust in a drawer (mobile phones, laptops, ipads, games consoles, old/broken jewellery, stamps and old/foreign money) and place them in the box which will be at the back of your parish church.

This collection is for small tech so please dispose of large tech (plugs and connecting wires, TVs, radios, sound systems, speakers etc) at the local recycling site.

Live Simply Festive Tips: Pre-Christmas clean? Try plain white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda, often available in the cleaning products aisle. These and plain soap can be as effective as household cleaners and disinfectants and generally cheaper. Either of these can also be mixed with water and a few drops of your favourite essential oil in a spray bottle to make a more natural air freshener. Alternatively, press cloves into the skin of a whole orange and hang up - a traditional decoration with a festive scent.

Live Simply Instead of sending Christmas Cards this year, use our Cafod Notice board at Holy Spirit to wish your fellow parishioners. **'Good Wishes and Blessings this Christmas'** A donation could be made to Cafod.

Warm Places in Radcliffe As previously announced, St Anne's together with other churches and local businesses is delighted to be taking part in this scheme which will start in January. Grateful thanks to the band of St Anne's parishioners who have responded. Thanks to them, members of the local community will be able to meet and have a drink in the warm. Advice and support will also be on hand. Dates and details will follow. If you wish to be involved please contact Mike Chesters (078909 36164)

St Anne's Christmas For Emmanuel House

Instead of sending Christmas cards to members of our church at St Anne's, you can donate money, to The Emmanuel House winter shelter appeal, for the homeless. You can send your personal wishes by signing the poster in the church porch. Please put your donations into the box below this poster. Thank you for your support.

Donations to Emmanuel House

If anyone would like to make a donation to Emmanuel House, please see the link to the website.

<https://www.emmanuelhouse.org.uk/donations-sponsorship/financial-donations/>

Please remember to gift aid your donation. For advice on gift aid, please speak to Cecelia at St Anne's, Carmel at St Margaret Clitherow, Anne at Our Lady of Grace and Parish office at Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your support.

VOLUNTEER BOOKKEEPER REQUIRED FOR NEW PARISH

Are you a retired bookkeeper with a background in accounting and are computer literate? Are you looking for something to keep you occupied part-time?

We are looking for someone to help with parish bookkeeping.

You would be liaising with Fr. John and the parish admin team. We have mentors who would also give you some training and support.

If you are interested please speak to Fr. John or contact the Parish office.

Email: office@holyspiritwb.co.uk

Please note: the Parish office is closed for Christmas from **Midday Thursday 22nd December**. The Parish Admin Team are back on **Monday 9th January**. For any emergencies please contact the Clergy Team. See below.

OUR CHURCHES

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
NG2 7JW	NG12 3JG	NG12 2AJ	NG12 5BB

CLERGY TEAM

Parish Priest- Fr John Martin Tel: 0115 9814271 Email: john.martin@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Assistant Priest Fr. Liam Carpenter - Tel: 0115 9814271 Email liam.carpenter@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Parish Office - Holy Spirit Presbytery, 29 Charnwood Grove, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NT.

PARISH ADMIN TEAM Catherine Giavarini and Margaret Joby Tel: 0115 9814271 Email: office@holyspiritwb.co.uk

For room hire bookings at the Holy Spirit Social Centre, contact parish office.

A list of all our Community Groups can be found on: <https://www.holyspiritwb.org/our-community-groups/>

Christmas Offerings

The Christmas Offering Collections will take place during the Christmas Octave Masses and are your gifts to our Parish Priests.

Please remember that the collection goes to the priests as they do not receive a salary from the church.

Envelopes are available in our Churches from this weekend.

Holy Spirit Bookshop -

Christmas cards, Nativity sets and Christmas books for children and much more.

Open after weekend Mass.



The Big Sleep Out 2022!

The Live Simply Youth Group based at the Holy Spirit, last Saturday had 10 young people who gave up their beds and usual comforts to brave the bitter cold for a night to raise money for young people facing homelessness.

They are still raising money for Centrepoint. If you would like to donate a special Christmas gift to help young homeless people., please donate to their Just Giving Page

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/live-simply-youth>



ST MARGARET CLITHEROW- Please continue saving ALL used stamps in aid of Leprosy Mission. Thank you!

Traidcraft Our Lady of Grace- I would like to thank all parishioners who have supported our Traidcraft throughout 2022 and to wish everyone a very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and New Year. December has been another successful month with Christmas card sales and lots of donations towards Fairtrade goods for the food bank.

The next stall will be on Sunday the 8th of January, but please see me at Church if you want anything before then. Thank you Lynn.



Next Baptism Course in 2023

The next Parish Baptism Course will be Tuesday

7th February 7pm-8.30pm at The Holy Spirit Church,



First Holy Communion Enrolment



Thank you to all those who handed in Enrolment forms for the new First Holy Communion Programme. The closing date for enrolment is **31st December**.

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.

Bereavement Listening Hour

As Christmas approaches the loss of our loved ones can be harder to bear, so we are holding an extra meeting at St. Anne's on Wednesday 21st. December from 11am. to 12 noon. Whether your loss is recent or some time ago you will be made most welcome. Refreshments will be provided.

St. Anne's Soup and Rolls on a Friday

Our super soupers are taking a break over the festive season so there will be no soup after Friday Mass on December 23rd. or 30th. We look forward to welcoming you back on Friday 6th. January and wish you a peaceful Christmas and many blessings for the New Year.

Matthew Korybut-Daszkiewicz RIP

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Matthew Korybut-Daszkiewicz 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.



PLANNED GIVING BOXES FOR JANUARY

Those of you who have Planned Giving Boxes with envelopes at Holy Spirit will be able to collect your new boxes for next January.

They will be at the back of church at weekend Masses on 24th/ 25th December and at other Masses during the week.

Thank you for your support

The St Anne's One Hundred Club Draw took place recently and the three winners were as follows:

1. **First Prize – Teresa Giles**
2. **Second prize – Helen Newton**
3. **Third Prize – Angela Beves**