

**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 Nativity of Our Lord– Christmas Day (SOLEMNITY)**

**Sunday 25th December 2022**

### **Christmas Message 2022**

Dear Friends,

Father Liam and I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and all your families and loved ones every blessing for this Holy Season of Christmas.



We arrived on 1<sup>st</sup> September and what a warm welcome we both received! Prior to our arrival we had been working in the background with the Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Teams. We were most impressed by your dedication and commitment. Your tireless efforts and hard work made life a lot easier for us to pick up the reigns from Canon Michael, Fr Anthony and Fr Michael. Both Fr Liam and I owe them a depth of gratitude for preparing the way as John the Baptist did for Jesus!

It is wonderful to be part of such a big Catholic family and that is what we are family! And like all families we need to both tell and remind one another of how much we appreciate one another. Without **YOU** there is no church, this was vividly seen during the Pandemic when our churches were closed. As priests we had to offer Holy Mass in an empty Church, that whole experience was just awful. We want you to know how precious and loved you are. We are committed to accompanying and journeying with you in your personal relationship with Jesus. Jesus is always waiting for us to come home to him. Please use this holy time of year to ask yourself, what more do I need to do in my personal relationship with Jesus? Please give yourself time and permission to engage in this conversation with Jesus during the Christmas Season.

We want to say to the countless army of volunteers who work all year round keeping our churches safe, maintained, clean and looking lovely, be sure your contribution has not gone unnoticed.

To all of our sick and housebound, you are very much in our prayers as you carry your cross of illness and often without much complaining. Please know that we are united with you in prayer and pleas to God. Both Fr Liam and I will get around to seeing you, please God in the New Year!

Young members of our Parish I hope you too know how important you are to us. Your presence in church is so important and our liturgy is all the poorer when you are missing, your church **NEEDS YOU!** You are the Church of today and tomorrow. Fr Liam and I have a duty of care for your young souls. Please do not be strangers come and talk to us, tell us what you need and want from your church and we will do all we can to support you!

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus anew with our families and friends, let us do so with humble and open hearts to receive the bountiful gift of God's abiding love and pray for those who are not as fortunate as us.

With every blessing to you and all you love.

**Fr. John and Fr. Liam**

### **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 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.



### **Christmas Flowers at Holy Spirit**

If you would like to donate flowers for Christmas arrangements 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 December and up to 10 am on Saturday 24th December. We also need holly (preferably with berries), ivy and greenery.



Thank you Liz and Roz.

**Christmas Offerings**- The Christmas Offering collections will take place during the Christmas Octave Masses, and they are your gifts to our priests. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

## Diary for Week Commencing 25th December

### *The Nativity of the Lord– Christmas Day (SOLEMNITY)*

<p><b>Sun 25th December</b></p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> (Sat) 4.30pm Mass- Special Intention          (Sat) 11.30pm and Midnight Mass- Kevin Bratt on his reception into church          9.30am Mass– Catherine Kitchin RIP</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit</b> (Sat) 4.30pm Mass– Raymond McNamara RIP          (Sat) 11.30am Mass and Midnight Mass– Adam and Jadwiga Wojciechowski RIP          11am Mass– John Toder and Tom and Louise Shepherd RIP</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Grace</b> (Sat) 6.30pm Mass– The People of the Parish          11am Mass– Happy repose of the soul of Alan Olley</p> <p><b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> (Sat) 7.30pm Mass- Repose of the soul of John Carlin          9.30am Mass– Margaret Barlett RIP</p>
<p><b>Mon 26th December</b>          Saint Stephen (Feast)          Boxing Day</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 11am Mass– Mary Hendron RIP</p>
<p><b>Tues 27th December</b>          St John Apostle,          Feast , Evangelist</p>	<p><b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> 11am Mass– David Bagshaw RIP</p>
<p><b>Wed 28th December</b>          The Holy Innocents,          Martyrs ( FEAST)</p>	<p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 11am Mass– Jane Law Birthday</p>
<p><b>Thurs 29th December</b>          St Thomas of          Canterbury, ( Becket)          Bishop, Martyr          (FEAST)</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 11am Mass– Holy Souls</p>
<p><b>Fri 30th December</b>          The Holy Family          (FEAST)</p>	<p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 9.30am Mass– Barrie and Monica Hough RIP</p>
<p><b>Sat 31st December</b>          The Seventh Day          Within the Octave of          Christmas          New Year's Eve</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 4.30pm Mass– Taylor Family  <b>Holy Spirit</b> 6.30pm Mass– James.H.Williams RIP</p>
<p><b>Sun 1st January</b>          Mary the Holy Mother          of God.          (SOLEMNITY)          New Year's Day</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 9.30am Mass– Deceased members of the McCann&amp; McGovern Family  <b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> 9.30am Mass–Bernard Barnadier RIP  <b>Holy Spirit</b> 11am Mass– Anne, Pat and John Cassidy  <b>Our Lady of Grace</b> 11am Mass– Eileen and David Widdicks Friends and Family</p>

**Diary for Week Commencing 1st January 2023**

**Mary the Holy Mother of God (SOLEMNITY)**

<p><b>Sun 1st January</b> Mary the Holy Mother of God. (SOLEMNITY) New Years Day</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> (Sat) 4.30pm Mass– Taylor Family 9.30am Mass– Deceased members of the McCann&amp; McGovern Family</p> <p><b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> 9.30am Mass– Bernard Barnadier RIP</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit</b> (Sat) 6.30pm Mass- James.H.Williams RIP 11am Mass– Anne, Pat and John Cassidy</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Grace</b> 11am Mass– Eileen and David Widdicks Friends and Family</p>
<p><b>Mon 2nd January</b> Saints Basil the Great, and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors (Mem.)</p>	<p>No Mass</p>
<p><b>Tues 3rd January</b> Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria</p>	<p><b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> 11am Mass–Deceased members of the Curtis Family</p>
<p><b>Wed 4th January</b> Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria</p>	<p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 11am Mass– Charles Hall RIP</p>
<p><b>Thurs 5th January</b> Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria</p>	<p><b>Our Lady of Grace</b> 4.30pm Mass–</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 6.30pm Mass– Anne McSweeney RIP</p>
<p><b>Fri 6th January</b> The Epiphany of Our Lord (SOLEMNITY) (Holy Day of Obligation)</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 11am Mass-Maria Bach RIP</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 9.30am Mass– Margaret Lane</p>
<p><b>Sat 7th January</b> Saturday after Epiphany</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 3.45pm-4.30pm Confessions 4.30pm Mass– Juozas Baciulis</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 5.45pm-6.30pm Confessions 6.30pm Mass– Teresa Gould RIP</p>
<p><b>Sun 8th January</b> The Baptism of the Lord (FEAST)</p>	<p><b>St Anne's</b> 9.30am Mass– Golden Wedding Anniversary Liz and Richard Ashcroft</p> <p><b>St Margaret Clitherow</b> 9.30am Mass–Sr M Beuno OP</p> <p><b>Holy Spirit</b> 11am Mass– Joan Burke RIP</p> <p><b>Our Lady of Grace</b> 11am Mass– The People of the Parish</p>

**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.

### 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. New members always welcome! We have a full programme planned for 2023, so come along and be part of a lively group.

### CAFOD's Christmas Hamper Raffle

Thank you to everyone who bought raffles tickets, which raised £400 for CAFOD emergency appeals.

The winning ticket was drawn by FR Liam at St Margaret Clitherow on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December, all prize winners have been contacted.

The CAFOD group (from all four Parish Churches) thank you for your continuing support and wish you a Peaceful Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023!

### 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

### 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.

### 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.

**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:

- What we feel resonates with our own experiences – list the top three priorities from those given
- Consider what are the challenges and tensions in each of those three areas
- 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

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.



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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.