



The Holy Family

My eyes have seen your salvation

Luke 2:22-40

Holy Masses and Services for 30th December 2023 - 7th January 2024

Saturday 30th December Sixth Day Within the Octave of Christmas	St Anne	4pm 4.30pm	Rosary Mass	Michael Crowley RIP
	Holy Spirit	5.30 - 6.15pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass	David Blake
Sunday 31st December The Holy Family (Feast)	St Anne	9am 9.30am	Rosary Mass	Pray for Peace The Family of Mary, Amsterdam
	St Margaret Clitherow	9.30am	Mass	John Breffitt RIP
	Holy Spirit	11am	Mass	Chapman Family
	Our Lady of Grace	11am	Mass	Intention of Kevin Melia
Monday 1st January Mary, The Holy Mother of God (SOLEMNITY)	St Anne	11am	Mass	Peter Brown RIP
Tuesday 2nd January Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, bishops and doctors (Mem.)	St Margaret Clitherow	10.30am 11am	Rosary Mass	Christine Breffitt
	Holy Spirit	11am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
Wednesday 3rd January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	St Anne	7pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	Our Lady of Grace	11am	Mass Rosary	Kathleen Holland
Friday 5th January Christmas (Before Epiphany) Feria	St Margaret Clitherow	10.15am 10.30am	Rosary Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament	
	St Anne	11am	Service of Word and Holy Communion	
	Holy Spirit	11am	Mass	Family Members of the Jahina Family
Saturday 6th January Epiphany of the Lord (SOLEMNITY)	St Anne	3.30pm 4pm 4.30pm	Confession Rosary Mass	The People of the Parish
	Holy Spirit	5.30 - 6.15pm 6.30pm	Confession Mass	Margaret Lane (Sick)
	St Anne	9am 9.30am	Rosary Mass	Pray for Peace David Breen RIP
Sunday 7th January Epiphany of the Lord (SOLEMNITY)	St Margaret Clitherow	9.30am	Mass	Martin and Imelda McQuaid
	Holy Spirit	11am	Mass	Jane Law's 80 th Birthday
	Our Lady of Grace	11am	Mass	Private Intention

A Second Collection for next Sunday: Life Charity

For enquiries about Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation Programme and Faith Journey Group (RCIA), please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

For Marriage: six months' notice required. Please contact the Parish office.

For Communion to the Sick and Housebound: contact the Parish office.

Funerals: are organised with local funeral directors, but do contact the Parish office to arrange an appointment with the Priest.

Confessions: Every first and third Saturday.

Newsletter's insert, contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Prayer to the Holy Family
 O Holy Family, bless and protect all the families of the world; safeguard their unity, fidelity, integrity and dignity. Enable them to live according to God's law that they may fulfil their sublime vocation. May their lives be a reflection of yours and may they enjoy your presence forever in heaven. Amen.

Parish Contact Details:
 Please find the printed copy at the back of the church or scan the QR code for the e-Copy.



Parish Safeguarding Team and Details:
<https://parishoftheannunciatorushcliffe.co.uk/about/safeguarding/>

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Parish Office Notice: Weekday Masses Time during Christmas and New Year - 26th December 2023 to 5th January 2024 We understand that the holidays can be a busy time for everyone, and we want to ensure that our community can fully immerse themselves in the spirit of Christmas. By adjusting the **Weekday Masses time to 11am for all churches**, we hope to provide you with a more relaxed and enjoyable experience, allowing for meaningful moments with family and friends.

Office closed for Christmas Please note that we are closed from midday of Friday 22nd December and we will resume duty on Monday 8th January. For any emergencies please contact the Clergy Team. Please refer contact list at the church or on Parish website.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer One does not only pray with the mind; the entire person prays, the person in his or her entirety, just as one does not pray only with one's feelings. The ancients used to say that the organ of prayer is the heart, and thus they explained that the whole person, starting from the centre — the heart — enters into a relationship with God.

More updates can be found from Parish website:
[Year of Prayer Sources shared from Diocese](#) | [Synod 021-2024's updates](#)

Dear Friends

Fr Liam and I, hope you all had a blessed Christmas Day and that you continue to enjoy this Christmas holiday time with your families and friends; reaching out to those who may have no one or who are alone.

We would like to express my deepest thanks to all of you who worked so hard to make our Christmas Celebrations such a special and wonderful experience for all of us. You know who you are; We know who you are; and, most importantly, God knows who you are. Well done to you all!

Both Fr Liam and I, would like to express our deepest gratitude to you all for your beautiful Christmas cards and the many gifts and generous offerings you gave to us both. We cannot find the words to express how touched we are by your warmth and the many kindnesses you have shown to us throughout the year.

Our prayer for you and your families, and those who are lonely, is that God will reveal himself to you in the fullness of his Divinity in the coming year 2024. And we pray that your encounter with him, will help you to prepare for the 'Holy Year 2025' and may it be an opportunity for you to grow stronger in his love.

Let us continue to hold all the sick and housebound of our Parish of The Annunciation, in our love and prayers!

Peace,

Fr's John and Liam



Parish Friendship Group - Social Evening on 6th Jan 2024, approx. 7.30pm (after the vigil Mass) We are organizing a social gathering to celebrate the Epiphany at the Holy Spirit Social Centre, following the Saturday evening vigil Mass at around 7:30pm. All members of our Parish are welcome. We kindly request attendees to provide their names for catering arrangements. Please add your name to the attendee list at your church. There is no admission fee; we appreciate voluntary donations. The bar will be open for beverage purchases, offering an evening filled with friendship, food, and live music. For additional details, please contact Maureen at 8914601.

St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary School Foundation Open Morning on Tuesday 9th January 9.30am St. Edmund Campion, your local Catholic primary school, will be holding an open morning for all parents who have children that will be eligible to start school in September 2024 (ie. Born between 1/9/2019 to 31/08/2020). This is an excellent opportunity to look around the school, and meet the teaching team. If you would like further information please contact the school direct on 0115 9147889, or e-mail: office@st-edmundcampion.notts.sch.uk

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2019 and 31/08/2020

The deadline for submitting your application for a school place is 15th January 2024. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you should also complete a supplementary information form, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You MUST also include the supporting evidence* as required with this form, eg baptism certificate (photocopies acceptable). Failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place. *If you do not have the required evidence please contact the parish where your child was baptised for a copy certificate in good time.

Thank you from Fr John McCay Thank you for all who donate Hats and Gloves to Fr. John McCay's Appeal. It was greatly appreciated'.

Our Parish needs YOU - Appeal for Volunteers

As we come together to celebrate the spirit of community and faith, we are reaching out to our cherished members to invite you to become an active part of the heartbeat of our parish. Your time, talent, and enthusiasm are invaluable, and we are excited to extend an invitation for you to join us. There are a variety of opportunities to serve, if you feel called to contribute your time and talent, please reach out to Parish Office or Faith Formation Coordinator, Ceci Li at ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk. They will be happy to discuss the various opportunities available and help you find a role that aligns with your interests and skills.



Let's come together, grow together, and make a positive impact on the lives of our parishioners. Your participation is not just welcomed; it is essential in building a vibrant and connected parish community. Thank you for considering this invitation. We look forward to working side by side with you in service to our parish.

Nottingham based faith Group—TNT (Transforming Notts together) invites you to watch a short film called 'Far From Home', made by Sanctuary Foundation, to show the link between the Christmas story and the lived experience of the 100 million people around the world who have been displaced. Video link: <https://youtu.be/vmi5xQcB9zA>

Update from our Churches

St Anne ♦ **St Anne Friday refreshments after Mass - Christmas break** We will recommence light refreshments after 12 midday Service/Mass on Friday January 5th. We look forward to welcoming you back! ♦ **Bereavement Listening Hour** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 10th January from 11am to 12 noon in the Meeting Room at St Anne's. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Whether you are recently bereaved or have suffered the loss of a loved one some time ago you will be made most welcome.