



The First Sunday of Advent

Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved. Psalm 80

Holy Masses and Services for 2nd – 9th December 2023



Saturday 2nd December Vigil of First Sunday of Advent Enrolment Week for First Holy Communion Programme	St Anne 3.30 - 4.15pm Confession 4pm Rosary 4.30pm Mass Merrill Moone RIP	Holy Spirit 5.30 - 6.15pm Confession 6.30pm Mass Charles Bright	A Second Collection for Next Sunday: Poor and Needy Parishes <hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> For enquiries about Baptism and all Sacraments , please contact the Parish office. 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. For all enquiries regarding RCIA, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme , contact Faith Formation Coordinator.
	St Anne 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass Pray for Peace Peter Brown RIP		
Sunday 3rd December First Sunday of Advent Enrolment Week for First Holy Communion Programme	St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass Chris Lillie RIP	Holy Spirit 11am Mass 5pm Reception Bob Cordell RIP Bernard Steer RIP	Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass Gladys Martin RIP
	St Anne 9.30am Service of Word and Holy Communion Rosary (After Mass)		
	Holy Spirit 10.30am Requiem Mass Bernard Steer RIP		
	St Margaret Clitherow 7pm Reception Mary Therese Thelwell RIP		
Monday 4th December Advent Feria	St Anne 9.30am Service of Word and Holy Communion Rosary (After Mass)	Holy Spirit 10.30am Requiem Mass Bernard Steer RIP	Confessions: Every first and third Saturday.
St Margaret Clitherow 7pm Reception Mary Therese Thelwell RIP			
Tuesday 5th December Advent Feria	St Margaret Clitherow 11am Requiem Mass 7.30pm Advent Reconciliation Service Mary Therese Thelwell RIP	Holy Spirit 9.30am Service of Word and Communion	For all enquiries regarding RCIA, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme , contact Faith Formation Coordinator.
St Anne 7pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament			
Wednesday 6th December Advent Feria	Our Lady of Grace 9.30am Mass Rosary Catherine McClements (After Mass)	St Anne 7.30pm Advent Reconciliation Service	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Advent Family Prayer God of Love, Your son, Jesus, is your greatest gift to us. He is a sign of your love. Help us walk in that love during the weeks of Advent, As we wait and prepare for his coming. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Saviour.
Thursday 7th December Saint Ambrose, Bishop and doctor (mem.)	St Margaret Clitherow 10.15am Rosary 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (After Mass)	St Anne 11am Holy Hour Rosary 12 Noon Mass Bonnie Teeling Light Refreshments after Mass	
Friday 8th December The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Our Diocese (Solemnity)	Holy Spirit 6pm Mass Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (After Mass)	St Anne 4pm Rosary 4.30pm Mass Ruth Pavlovic RIP	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Parish Contact Details: Please find the printed copy at the back of the church or scan the QR code for the e-Copy.
Saturday 9th December Advent Feria	Holy Spirit 6.30pm Mass Patrick Vesey RIP (1 st Anniv.)	St Anne 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass Pray for Peace The People of the Parish	
Sunday 10th December Second Sunday of Advent	St Margaret Clitherow 9.30am Mass Loughlin Hickey	Holy Spirit 11am Mass Candles of Love Mass	<hr style="width: 50%; margin: 0 auto;"/> Parish Safeguarding Team and Details: https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/about/safeguarding/ Diocese of Nottingham (NRCDT) Registered Charity No. 1134449. A company limited by guarantee No.
	Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass Elizabeth and John D'arcy RIP	St Anne 9am Rosary 9.30am Mass Pray for Peace The People of the Parish	
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	Our Lady of Grace 11am Mass Elizabeth and John D'arcy RIP		

Jubilee 2025 in the Diocese of Nottingham From Advent 2023 there will be a whole year of Encounter in 2024, to tie-in with the Year of Preparation focusing on Prayer in its many forms. Each month there will be a different prayer theme considered across the Diocese, various prayer-focused resources will be available through the year of Prayer. Updates will be posted on Parish Newsletter.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

CAFOD online Advent Calendar From the start of December CAFOD is sharing daily Bible reflections, stories of our global family, prayers and practical ideas for action, as we create a space to prepare for the coming of Christ. This will offer an opportunity to pause, reflect, pray and take action as we prepare for Christmas. To sign-up for the Calendar, visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/pray/advent-calendar>



Dear Friends,

As we enter our New Liturgical Year, let's embrace HOPE! During your Advent preparation, ponder what 'Hope' means in your life. Is it life-giving or crushing? Does it aid your growth and set you free?



Hope: How does hope nurture itself within you? What changes, releases, or embraces can deepen your roots of hope?

Optimism: Are you optimistic? Is your heart filled with hope or fear? How do your dreams and wishes manifest in living out your life this Advent?

Power: How do you use your faith's power to strengthen the hope Jesus's resurrection has imbued within your soul?

Eternal: When you reflect on the word eternal, what comes to mind? Is your hope everlasting or fleeting?

Remember, the Season of Advent is brimming with everlasting hope found in Jesus! My prayer for you and your family is that your prayer life affirms, enables, and supports you in rediscovering the meaning of HOPE as you open your hearts and minds to the Mystery of the Incarnation!

Have a blessed and joyous Advent. Peace, Fr John



Celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas - Schedule of Masses and Services.

Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 5th December
7.30-8.30pm | St Margaret
Clitherow

Thursday 7th December
7.30-8.30pm | St Anne

Tuesday 12th December
7.30-8.30pm | Holy Spirit

4th Sunday of Advent

Saturday 23rd December
4.30pm | St Anne
6.30pm | Holy Spirit

Sunday 24th December
9.30am | St Margaret
Clitherow

11am | Our Lady of Grace

Christmas Family Mass

Sunday 24th December

4.30pm | St Anne

4.30pm | Holy Spirit

6pm | Holy Spirit

6pm | Our Lady of Grace

Midnight Mass

Sunday 24th/Monday 25th December

11.30pm Carols followed by

Midnight Mass | Holy Spirit

Christmas Day

Monday 25th December

9.30am | St Anne

9.30am | St Margaret Clitherow

11am | Holy Spirit

11am | Our Lady of Grace

Bishop Patrick and Fr Liam will be celebrating Christmas Mass on Saturday 23rd December 2023 at 9.30 am in a prison in Leicester

Fr Liam would like to invite you to join on this occasion. If you are over 21 and want to celebrate mass, spend time afterwards chatting with the men over a mince pie and cup of coffee, please let Fr Liam know. It is a wonderful opportunity to practice the works of mercy and bring some Christmas cheer to those who will be away from family and friends this Christmas. If you would like to join, please email Fr Liam.

CAFOD Christmas Greetings board in the Narthex in all four Churches From Saturday 9th December CAFOD will have a space for you to pin a Christmas greeting for fellow parishioners instead of sending Christmas cards. Donations to either CAFOD or a charity of your choice.

Friendship Group Come and Join! We will celebrate the start of Advent with tea, cake, music and chat on Wednesday 6th December 2pm, in the Social Centre. We are always pleased to welcome new friends. If you need a lift, please ring Maureen on 8914601.



Let us pray for those who have died recently: Graham Doust (Holy Spirit) and Mary Thelwell (St Margaret Clitherow), may their souls find peace, and may our thoughts and prayers bring comfort to their family and friends. The Requiem Mass for Mary Thelwell is at 11am on the 5th December at St Margaret Clitherow.

Update from our Churches

Holy Spirit: **Candles of Love Mass, Holy Spirit Church 11am on Sunday 10th December** To take part, write a message for someone that you would like to be prayed for at the Candle of Love Mass. All candles will be displayed on the sanctuary throughout this Mass. Donations to CAFOD for the candles.

SVP - Advent Appeal We will collect the donations on the weekend of 16th-17th December. The collections will support homeless charities in Nottingham (Emmanuel House, The Friary and the London Road Hostel). A copy of the list can be found at the church or from Parish website. Thank you for your generosity.

Our Lady of Grace: **Cotgrave Churches Singing Carols Together** In the Precinct, Friday 22nd December 5:00pm. All are welcome - do come and join us. **Our Lady's foodbank** Please continue to support our foodbank collections.

St Margaret Clitherow: **Praying the Rosary for Peace** will continue to be prayed on Tuesday at 9am (before 9.30am Mass) and Friday 10:15am. **Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament** will now take place every Friday morning at 10:30am.

Children's Liturgy It has been a real joy to see more families with children are attending our Sunday morning Mass at 9.30am. Due to the children's enthusiasm and their desire to get involved, we are relaunching the Children's Liturgy this Sunday. The session will be held in the Narthex during the first part of the Mass, parents need to complete a parental consent form at the first session.

Christmas Quiz! Join Quiz Maestro Dick (Francis) for a fun-filled family, in-laws, and neighbourly quiz time! Get your sheets for just £2 at all 4 churches on Sunday 11th December. Donations support Emmanuel House, so be generous and join the festive fun!

Admissions Policy Consultation Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Multi-Academy Trust is proposing to improve the clarity of their Secondary Schools Admissions Policy by amending the wording of the oversubscription criteria. It is a statutory requirement that they publicly consult on this amendment. Further information on the consultation which will run between Monday 27th November 2023 to Monday 8th January 2024 can be found at www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/governance/admissions.

Update of Second Collections of our Parish in the Quarter Ended 30 Jun 2023 Clergy Formation Fund: £1442 | Day for Life: £507
Holy Places of Palestine: £403 | Peter's Pence: £251 | World Communication Day: £617

Make a gift to our Parish We appreciate any donation you wish to give, Bank Account details for setting up the standing orders: Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP | Account Number: 44603560 | Sort code: 30-96-18. If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider to gift aid your donation, scan the QR Code for more details.



If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder and have any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer, please contact Parish Office. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you!