



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

Serving the Churches of Holy Spirit, West Bridgford, Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave,
St Anne, Radcliffe-on-Trent and Bingham, St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth

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“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”

Luke 24:45

Third Sunday of the Year Sunday of the Word of God
Holy Masses and Services for 21st - 27th January 2024

Date	Service	Intention
Saturday 20 th January	3.30pm Confession; SA 4pm Rosary; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30pm-6.15pm; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Patrick Rafter RIP Andy Dowding RIP
Sunday 21 st January	9am Rosary; SA 9.30am Mass; SA 9.30am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Pray for Peace Teresa Lambley RIP Pam Wilson RIP Mr & Mrs Saverimuthu Rachel Naylor RIP
Monday 22 nd January	9.30am Mass, SA	Jenny & Simon Lake's Intentions
Tuesday 23 rd January	9am Rosary; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC 7pm Mass, HS	No Mass RCIA Mass Walkthrough
Wednesday 24 th January	9.30am Mass; HS 7pm; HS 7pm Adoration; SA	Service of Word and Communion Confirmation Programme Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
Thursday 25 th January	9.30am Mass; OLOG After Mass Rosary; OLOG	Margaret Simpson RIP
Friday 26 th January	10.15am Rosary; SMC 10.30am Adoration; SMC 11am Holy Hour; SA 12pm Service; SA 6pm Mass; HS	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Holy Hour and Rosary Service of Word and Communion Filomena Difrancescomarino (90th Birthday)
Saturday 27 th January	4pm Rosary; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Margaret Jennings RIP Margaret and John Magee RIP
Sunday 28 th January	9am Rosary; SA 9.30am Mass; SA 9.30am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Pray for Peace For family & friends of Rory Mahood RIP Nellie Irving RIP Nuzieta Maiella RIP Michael McKerr RIP

HS: Holy Spirit; OLOG: Our Lady of Grace; SA: St Anne; SMC: St Margaret Clitherow

This week in the Parish:

- **Children Liturgy** Sunday 21st during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA
- **After Mass Refreshment** Sunday 21st HS, OLOG, SA and SMC; Wednesday 24th After 9.30am Mass HS; Friday 26th After 12pm Mass SA;
- **Faith Journey Group (RCIA)** Tuesday 23rd 7pm HS Social Centre Hall;
- **Confirmation Preparation Session** Wednesday 24th 7pm HS Social Centre Hall;
- **Baby & Toddler Group** Thursday 25th 10am HS Social Centre Hall;
- **First Holy Communion Session** Saturday 27th 6pm HS Social Centre Hall; Sunday 28st 10.30am HS Social Centre Hall;

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SECOND COLLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Charity: Lepra Appeal (World Leprosy Day on 28th)

SACRAMENTS

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

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

Communion to the Sick and Housebound: contact the Parish Office.

Funerals: organised with local funeral directors, please contact the Parish Office to arrange an appointment with the Priest.

Confessions: Every first and third Saturday or by request.

Newsletter inserts contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

HOSPITALS

If you know of anyone in hospital who would like a visit from the chaplain, please call: **QMC:** 0115 9249924 (ext. 83799)

City: 0115 9691169 (ext.837)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH - We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.



PARISH BANK ACCOUNT

Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP
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My dear friends,

“Today This Scripture Is Fulfilled in Your Hearing “ Luke 4:16-30

*“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”*

In the book of the Prophet Isaiah, we know this passage so well. When Jesus had finished the reading, he rolls up the scroll, hands it back to the attendant, and sits down. And all eyes were fixed on him. He declared: “Today this is fulfilled in your hearing.”

My friends, we know Christ’s Kingdom and His saving mission continues among us. Today as we look back when that passage was read by Jesus. The priest plays a central role.

He is one who teaches the faith, and all that God has revealed to us. **He** is one who sanctifies, this happens through prayer and service to the poor and needy. Most especially, it happens in the liturgy and the sacraments of the Church when we participate in the very suffering, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ. **He** is one who shepherd, who imitates Christ the Good Shepherd. He guides the flock entrusted to him, living among them as one who serves. He builds up the Church by making sure that the members of his flock are striving to meet the demands of Christian teaching and life.

Our parish has incredible opportunities, and we must embrace them to allow God’s Kingdom to flourish. Both Fr Liam and I cannot do this without YOU.

Fr Liam and I treasure every opportunity to greet you and spend a little time with you and your families, especially after our celebration of Masses. In our current setting, Fr Liam and I are under immense pressure in rushing from one church to another one. And more importantly, it’s always the same two communities that we miss out in getting to know you and we want to connect with you more deeply. To make space for us to create an opportunity where we can engage with you and your families, after listening and discussing with the Parish Mission Group; Fr Liam and I have decided as of the 1st Sunday of Lent, 18 February 2024 our 09.30.AM Mass in Saint Anne and Saint Margaret Clitherow will begin at 09.00.AM. We understand these adjustments will impact on some of your routines and may cause some frustrations, please do what you can to support the changes.

We thank you in anticipation for your support and understanding.

Fr John and Liam

PARISH CENSUS: Your Parish Needs YOU. Add your VOICE to the Parish!

As we approach the first anniversary as a Parish, as we reflect on this significant milestone, it fills our hearts with gratitude for the journey we have all been through together. This is just a starting point: in the coming years, we may have different kinds of challenges and changes.

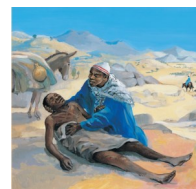
To prepare us in embracing the unforeseen changes, we have to understand "Who we are" before we explore more about "Who we want to be". Therefore, we are asking for your co-operation to complete Parish Census.

Your input will be most helpful in shaping our plans for the future of our parish, we urge participation, please complete the “Contact Slip” (either hardcopy or online version are welcome!), we will send the Census Form to you accordingly.



Christian Unity - Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024, 18th-25th January Unity among all Christians is a key concern for the Catholic Church. Ecumenism, unity or cooperation with other Christian churches, is about healing and forgiving so we can all work together as a united witness to our shared faith in Christ.

The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best known passages of Scripture; it is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family. The chosen theme of the prayer material is “You shall love the Lord your God ... and your neighbour as yourself” (Lk 10:27). The copy can be downloaded from <https://ctbi.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/WPCU-2024-English-pamphlet-Final.pdf>



Churches Together Keyworth Our service this year is being led by members of the Baptist Church. It is being held in the United Reform Church on Nottingham Road at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st January. All are welcome.



Let us pray for those who have died recently: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Jennings RIP who passed away recently. Her Funeral details will follow shortly. Please keep her family in your prayers.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of the Year: If during prayer we feel sluggish and empty, we must at that moment beg that Jesus’ prayer also become our own. “I cannot pray today, I don’t know what to do: I don’t feel like it, I am unworthy”. In this moment Jesus is before the Father, praying for us; let us trust in this! If we are trustful, we will then hear a voice from heaven, “You are God’s beloved, you are a child, you are the joy of the Father in heaven”.

World Leprosy Day - 28th January 2024 This international day is an opportunity to celebrate people who have experienced leprosy, raise awareness of the disease, and call for an end to leprosy-related stigma and discrimination. Your generous donation will help to change the lives of people who have leprosy, giving them a brighter future full of hope. We will have 2nd collection next week to support this appeal.

Dioceses’ forthcoming events can be found on Parish Website 1. Homes for Ukraine Gathering on Friday 2nd February ; 2. Do Justice: For Parishes published by Caritas Social Action Network ; 3. Year of Prayer Podcast ; 4. Year of Prayer Podcast ; 5. A Healing Retreat Day and Evening on Saturday 27th January; 6. A Spiritual Challenge for Lent—40 Days for Life; 7. A job opportunity in Marple Bridge for a Parish Administrator and English Martyrs secondary school for an RE Teacher; 8. Talking Philosophy & Theology: a Carmelite Perspective Zoom meetings.

Update from our Churches

Holy Spirit ♦ **CRAFT CLUB** Craft club is held in the Holy Spirit Social Centre Lounge every month except August and December. Our first three meetings are on Wednesdays the 24th Jan, 21st Feb, March 20th, 2 pm - 4pm. Bring your own craft project, learn a new skill, join in with larger fundraising projects for charity. All are welcome, good company and tea and biscuits provided.

Appeal for volunteer: Safeguarding Representatives for Holy Spirit Are you passionate about ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals within our community? We are currently seeking two dedicated volunteers to join us as a Safeguarding Representative. Please reach out to Parish Office for more details.

Homes for Ukraine Scheme If you are interested in the Government-backed Ukrainian hosting scheme, we are appealing for residents in Radcliffe on Trent to host a woman with her 10 year old daughter from March 2024 for a commitment of 6 months’ minimum. Please contact Fr John or Parish Office for further information.