



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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“Jesus was tempted by Satan, and the angels looked after him”

Mark 1:12-15

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Masses and Services for 17th - 24th February 2024

Date	Service	Intention
Saturday 17th	3.30pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confession; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Teresa Mary Duffy In memory of Annie & Ernie Cauldwell RIP
Sunday 18th First Sunday of Lent	9.00am Mass; SA 9.00am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Anne Cowey 80 th Birthday Chris Lillie RIP Kate Lynaghan RIP Annie Kelly RIP (Anniv)
Monday 19th	9.30am Mass, SA	Valerie Bartlett RIP
Tuesday 20th	9.30am Mass; SMC	Loughlin Hickey RIP
Wednesday 21st	9.30am Mass; HS	Anna Corry's Intentions
Thursday 22nd	9.30am Mass; OLOG	Patrick McNulty RIP (1st Anniv.)
Friday 23rd	12pm Mass; SA 6pm Mass; HS	Repose of the Soul of Maureen Thurman RIP Margaret Lane RIP
Saturday 24th	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Mavis Adams RIP (5th Anniv) Sean Howard RIP (Anniv)
Sunday 25th Second Sunday of Lent	9.00am Mass; SA 9.00am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Margaret Jennings RIP Curtis Family Edmund & Aloysius The People of The Parish

Rosary: Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Thursday after 9.30am Mass OLOG; Friday 10.15am SMC; Saturday 4pm SA

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA;

This week in the parish:

- **Parish Meeting** Monday 19th 7pm St Anne's Church
- **Children Liturgy** Sunday 25th during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA
- **After Mass Refreshment** Wednesday 21st After 9.30am Mass HS; Friday 23rd After 12pm Mass SA; Sunday 25th HS, OLOG, SA and SMC;
- **Faith Journey Group (RCIA) Tuesday 20th** 7pm HS Social Centre Hall;
- **Confirmation Preparation Session** Wednesday 21st 7pm HS Social Centre;
- **First Holy Communion Reconciliation** Wednesday 21st 6.30pm HS;
- **Baby & Toddler Group** Thursday 22nd Feb 10am HS Social Centre Hall;

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

Services and Holy Masses Time during Lent

Service of Reconciliation Thursday 21 Mar

- ◆ 7pm HS

Stations of the Cross - Friday 23 Feb

- ◆ SA – 11.30am; HS – 6.30pm by CAFOD; SMC – 7pm by Youth

Service of Reconciliation Friday 22 Mar

- ◆ After 10.30am Mass SA

Palm Sunday - Sunday 24 March

- ◆ Mass 9am SA; SMC; Mass 11am HS; OLOG

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SECOND COLLECTION ON 24TH / 25TH FEBRUARY:

CAFOD Lent Fast Day

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 terminally ill

We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.



PARISH BANK ACCOUNT

Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP

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Dear Friends,

I am sure you all know that the word 'Lent' comes from an Old English word meaning 'spring,' and it is from this word that we also get 'lengthen,' as the days grow longer. Beginning on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Thursday, Lent is a joyful journey of forty days towards Easter. Lent itself is slightly longer than forty days, as the Sundays of Lent are not included in the count of days of penance. In Lent we are encouraged to focus on re-conversion and re-commitment to our baptismal promises in following Christ. Three main activities of Lent have traditionally and still are **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** to help us grow closer to God in preparation for the Easter mysteries.

People often don't look forward to Lent. Childhood memories of giving up sweets or sitting through weekly Stations of the Cross come immediately to my mind. Words like "sacrifice," "discipline," and "self-denial" are often used in ways that suggest that Lent is something to be endured rather than a time of grace and spiritual growth.

Have you ever thought of Lent as a yearly second chance? Each year the Church gives us six weeks to take a long, loving look at our lives to see if our values and priorities are in line with God's desires for us. Since most of us find that we've wandered from God's path, Lent becomes that second chance, or as the hymn says,

***Come back to me, with all your heart, don't let fear keep us apart.
Long have I waited for your coming home to me and living deeply our 'New Life'.***

As you ponder on how you are going to deepen your life with God this Lent, do so by going into those areas of your life that need healing, compassion and God's mercy, because that's where God wants to be, deep within the sanctuary of your soul refreshing your spirit, healing your mind and brining you his abundance of peace.

As we journey through this season of Lent, let us be mindful of the sacrifice that Christ made for us. Let us remember his suffering and death, and the love that inspired him to give his life for us. May we be inspired by this love, and may it motivate us to live lives of service, compassion, and justice.

May this Lenten season be a time of renewal and transformation, as we journey together towards the resurrection of Christ. May we be open to the movement of the Holy Spirit, and may we be guided by God's love and grace every step of the way.

Fr. John

[Need your support - Petition of Revert Proposed Conversion of \(Nottingham\) Hospital Chapel and reinstate the Crucifix/Cross](#) The sudden change of the City Hospital Chapel and removal of the Crucifix to develop a multi-Faith area has caused a lot of hurt. Your letter to the Chief Executive or signature on the petition can express the depth of feeling felt. Please find the petition on change.org or scan the QR Code to add your voice to the petition. Thank you.



Parish CAFOD group Family Fast Day Appeal is on Friday 23rd February when we will introduce you to James, a fisherman in Liberia. He and his community are benefitting from a brilliant CAFOD project, that blends traditional skills with modern technology and gives them the tools needed to feed their families. **The Big Lent Walk** – walking 200KM to help fight global poverty (which is also the same distance that James had to row in his boat to flee dire poverty). We are hoping that between us (our parish) we can walk 200km in Lent. The first walk is on Saturday 2nd March, starting at 10.30am outside the Ferry Pub in Wilford, which is combined with litter picking. So please bring a litter picker with you and a donation to CAFOD. If you can help to organise further walks, please contact: elizabeth.bonner1@virginmedia.com Please see the CAFOD notice board at the back of Church for further information.

Planned Giving Envelopes for Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Grace are phasing out Due to a significant decline in Planned Giving Envelope usage, we are phasing them out at Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Grace. Please consider switching to a regular Standing Order or contributing to the loose offertory during services. For questions, contact our Finance administrator, Mark, at the Parish Office.

Parish Meeting - Monday 19th February 7pm at St Anne Fr. John will be meeting with the members of our Parish Leadership, the four Local Church Teams, the Futures Group. Fr John would like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who is interested to please come along. The purpose of this meeting is for us to look at the Life and Mission of our parish.

Pilgrimage to Poland & The Divine Mercy 2024 8-Day Pilgrimage to Poland & The Divine Mercy from 16th - 23rd April 2024. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

[A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, First Sunday of Lent](#) The saints recognize that prayer is not always easy, for our human nature is frequently distracted or tempted by seemingly more important priorities. Many of the saints experienced long periods of spiritual dryness and even darkness. They teach us that the only response to these temptations is greater perseverance. In our daily efforts to persevere in prayer may we trust that our own spiritual combat, like that of Jacob and the angel (Genesis 28:16), will bear fruit in a deeper and more mature relationship with the Lord.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Appeal to Families to lead Stations of the Cross** We extend a heartfelt invitation to families in our Parish to lead our upcoming Stations of the Cross on 1st March 6.30pm at Holy Spirit. Your presence will be greatly appreciated, and we believe this experience will not only deepen your family's connection with the Lenten season but also enrich our entire community. Please contact Ceci Li, ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk if you are available to lead one of the Stations of the Cross. **Churches Together World Day of Prayer 2024** Friday 1st March, Church of the Holy Rood, Edwalton NG12 4AB 10.30 AM, Refreshment afterwards. All are welcome.

Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Churches Together World Day of Prayer**, Friday 1st March at 2:00pm, All Saints Church, Cotgrave, All welcome.

St Anne ♦ **Friday Lunch Refreshment after Mass** This will be cancelled on 22nd and 28th March due to the Friday Reconciliation Service and Good Friday.

St Margaret Clitherow ♦ **Churches Together Keyworth Lent Services** during Lent each of the churches in Keyworth will lead a service on a Sunday evening at 6pm to which all are invited. Feb 18th led by Baptists in Methodist Church, Feb 25th Methodist Church, March 3rd St Margaret Clitherow, March 10th Parish Church, March 17th Stanton Church. ♦ **CHICKS for CAFOD** Once again we will be selling knitted chicks in aid of CAFOD. Any donations of Crème eggs will be most gratefully received. Contact Nuala 9374470. Thank you.

[Dioceses' forthcoming events can be found on Parish Website](#) 1. 'Search for the Light' - Retreat at Briars from Thursday 28th to Sunday 31st March; 2. Young Adults' Retreat (18-23 year) organised by Jesus Youth - Friday 23rd and Sunday 25th February at The Briars; 3. A Spiritual Challenge for Lent—40 Days for Life; 4. Job opportunity in Bourne and Deeping St James Parish - Parish Administrator. 5. Applications for The Briars Team 24/25 are now open for a year of volunteer at Briars.