



# 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 said: 'I am the good shepherd'

John 10:11-18

Fourth Week of Eastertide Good Shepherd Sunday  
Holy Masses and Services for 20<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024

Date	Mass/Service	Intention
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confession; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Mary Mercer RIP  Jo Surguy
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	9am Mass; Baptism SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Ned Bowe RIP Clare and Sarah Thompson RIP Jim and Val Harrington 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary The People of The Parish
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	9.30am Mass; SA	Lillian Bibby RIP
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> St George, Patron of England, Solemnity	9.30am <b>No Mass</b> ; SMC	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am <b>No Mass</b> ; HS	Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am <b>No Mass</b> ; OLOG	
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	12pm Mass; SA 6pm <b>No Mass</b> ; HS	George Clayfield RIP Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 27 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Maura Falvey RIP Private Intention
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Bernadette Flynn RIP For the people of St Margaret Clitherow Bonnie Teeling RIP (Birthday Anniv) The People of The Parish

**Rosary:** Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Thursday after 9.30am Mass OLOG; Friday 10.15am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday 7pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

### This week in the parish:

- **After Mass Refreshments** Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> After Service, SMC; Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> After Service HS; Friday 26<sup>th</sup> After Mass SA.
- **Baby & Toddler Group** Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> 10am HS Social Centre Hall.
- **Confirmation Session** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Youth Retreat SMC.
- **First Holy Communion Session** Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 6pm HS Social Centre Hall; Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 10.30am HS Social Centre Hall.
- **Children's Liturgy** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA.

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

**SECOND COLLECTION** ♦ 21<sup>st</sup> April: Diocese: Clergy Formation Fund ♦ 28<sup>th</sup> April: For the Becket's students who are going to the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

**PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER - FOR THE ROLE OF WOMEN**  
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



### Let us pray for those who have died recently:

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Harrington (Holy Spirit) and Ida Lawlor (Our Lady of Grace) who passed away recently. Ida Lawlor's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 10am at Our Lady of Grace; Please keep their families in your prayers. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the Shrine of Divine Mercy here in beautiful Poland. I have remembered each of you, your families, and loved ones in my time of prayer. Saint Faustina Kowalska was missioned by Jesus to make His Mercy known and loved! You too are charged with spreading His Divine Mercy to others. But first, you have to encounter the Mercy of Jesus in your own life in order to be able to pass it on. If your life radiates Jesus' Divine Mercy, then and only then can you become an agent of Jesus' Mercy within your relationships, your home, family, place of work, or school. This is my prayer for you: Jesus needs YOU to be His sign of Mercy in the world. Don't let Him down!

Today is Vocations Sunday, a special day when we pray for Vocations to Priesthood and Religious Life. My friends, we earnestly need not only to pray for vocations but also to actively encourage our young people to put their lives at the service of the church. We are kicking the can down the road, so to speak, and one day we will go out to kick the can and find there is no can to kick! You see our own situation at the moment where we are waiting for a Priest to come from Tanzania.

- Why are our own young men not coming forward?
- What are we, as the Parish of The Annunciation, doing about vocations?
- How might we as a Parish encourage and inspire our young people?
- What do we need to do?
- Young people, come and talk to me?

The vocation of both a Religious Brother and a Diocesan Priest is just out of this world! Yes, I can speak for both because I have lived the life of a Religious Brother for some 34 years and now as a Diocesan Priest. Both are very different and each unique in their own right. If I had my life to live over again, I would do both!

The life of a religious Brother in the Hospitaller Order of Saint John of God was awesome. I was truly blessed and lived life to the full, saw many parts of the world in my different ministries, and my life was touched by so many courageous, inspiring, and wonderful people!

The Priesthood is such a privileged and incredible life. As unworthy as I am, to be able to stand at the altar of God and say Holy Mass humbles me every day! To be Ordained to offer the sacrifice of the Eucharist, administer the holy sacraments, and see you grow in your faith and be touched by your holiness humbles me! Who would not want to be a Priest, Religious Sister, or Brother?

Yes, these vocations are not without their problems, and neither is Married Life or Living a Celibate Life! The challenges of life help us to become better members of the body of Christ and enable us to grow into the people that God has called us to be! Young people, what is God calling you to? Are you Listening, and most importantly, when are you going to follow that Call and say, "Here I am, use me"? If you do, you will never look back; you will be mesmerized by what you and Jesus can do together if you put your hand into His. Good Luck!

Fr John

**Diocesan Pilgrimage [Link to website]** ♦ **To Melwood** In honour of Saint Augustine Webster, on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May**. Meet before 12.00 noon at Low Melwood Farm on the road between Epworth and Owston Ferry (DN9 1AD; parking is available on site) for the Rosary Procession, and Mass. Bring a chair, optional picnic, and appropriate footwear for walking. All are welcome.

♦ **To Walsingham** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham as we seek Our Lady of Walsingham's intercession for an increase in Vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate and Religious Life in our Diocese. We are planning to arrange a bus for our parish, but it will depend on the number of people. If you would like to reserve your seat, please contact the office or sign-up using the enrolment slip attached to the poster by 30<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

**A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of Easter [Link to website]** All our thoughts and activities should be a part of our daily conversation with the Lord. There is no aspect of our everyday lives, however mundane, that cannot be offered in prayer to God and become an occasion of deeper union with him. In our fragility, prayer is a mark of our supreme grandeur, for prayer can work miracles in our world, transform lives and history, and serve the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace.

**The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2024** is now available to purchase, priced £6.00.

**More details can be found from Parish Website: [Link to website]**

- Diocesan Education Service is seeking to appoint Governance, Admissions, and Appeals Officer
- The Diocesan Youth Service is looking for volunteers to support Faith in Action Award
- Talking Philosophy & Theology

**Vocations Sunday 2024 . 21<sup>st</sup> April . 61<sup>st</sup> World Day of Prayer for Vocations**  
*CALLED TO SOW SEEDS OF HOPE AND TO BUILD PEACE*

**CELEBRATING  
VOCATIONS SUNDAY**

- Read Pope Francis's Message and Reflect on the words of Archbishop Malcolm McMahon
- Check out [ukvocation.org](http://ukvocation.org)
- More can be found from Diocese Website [\[Link\]](#)

**VOCATIONS SUNDAY PRAYER**

God our Loving Father, you called each of us by name through the Sacrament of Baptism to holiness. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, you made us the temples of the Holy Spirit.

Help us to listen to the cry of our Lord Jesus from the Holy Cross 'I thirst' and respond to the call 'Go out to the whole world and proclaim the good news to all the nations'.

Guide us in every step we take in life and lead us in every decision we make in responding to your call. Make us and mould us into the living images of Christ your Son, who was always close to those in need.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,  
Amen.

**Join us for a special Parish Visit to the Mary Potter Heritage on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> June and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June 11am-1pm** Come and experience the story of Venerable Mary Potter, a remarkable woman who founded the Little Company of Mary Sisters on 2nd July 1877. Don't miss this unique opportunity to delve into our heritage. All are welcome! Please contact Parish office or sign-up using the enrolment slip attached to the poster at the back of the churches. [\[Link to Poster\]](#)

**Saint Vincent de Paul Society (SVP) is recruiting new helpers** The SVP Children's Summer Camp in Mablethorpe is seeking new helpers! If you would be interested in volunteering a week of your time from 17<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, please contact Paul Willerton by email to arrange an informal conversation at [mablethorpe@svp.org.uk](mailto:mablethorpe@svp.org.uk)

**Empower Our Young People: Fundraising Events on 28<sup>th</sup> April for the Becket's students who are going to the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage** By coming together as a community, we demonstrate our commitment to empowering our students and nurturing their faith through this transformative pilgrimage journey. This weekend we welcome Students from the Becket school who are doing an appeal at our churches to raise funds for their pilgrimage to Lourdes ♦ **Cake Sales** at Holy Spirit and St Anne in the after Mass ♦ **Second Collection at all weekend Masses** Your generosity will make a profound impact on their spiritual journey. Thank you for your generosity and support.

**Planning Meeting for Holy Spirit's 50th Jubilee Anniversary Celebration** - A meeting will be held on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm-8.30pm in the Social Centre Hall to plan the party for the Holy Spirit's 50th Anniversary. If you would like to be involved in helping to plan the celebration, then please come along to the meeting. Please email Catherine at [catherine.giavarini@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:catherine.giavarini@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to confirm your attendance.

**Red Box 2023: Thank You!** In 2023, our Parish of the Annunciation raised £3,897.46 through our Red Boxes and donations to Missio and the Mill Hill Missionaries. Thank you! Our missionary community here in Rushcliffe is part of a worldwide network of people supporting missionaries overseas through prayer and financial assistance. Your support of Missionary Priests, like Fr Ignatius MHM working with a rural community in Uganda, enables people to come together to celebrate the Eucharist and to work together to improve the lives of the whole community. Visit [missio.org.uk](http://missio.org.uk) to find out more.

**New Parish Website** We are building a new parish website and please join us in shaping its purpose and content. We have received 30 feedback forms, please share your ideas with us. Together, let's create a vibrant online community for our parish! Scan the QR Code or access the online form <https://forms.office.com/e/3sEgscYyuB>



**Holy Spirit ♦ Kneeling for Communion** From this weekend, a Prie-dieu will be set up in the middle of the Church in front of the altar to facilitate parishioners who prefer to kneel to receive Holy Communion.

**♦ Holy Spirit Cricket Club** Did you know the Parish has its own cricket team? We play friendlies on weekday evenings/Sundays against other churches, work teams & clubs. We've got lots of games planned for the summer and are always looking for new players of any standard. Don't be fooled by the Club's name: parishioners from any of our 4 churches are most welcome, as are family & friends, including juniors aged 13+. If you would like to know more, contact David at [David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk) 0795 405 4778.

## UPDATES FROM PARISH OFFICE

**Fr. John's Diary** Fr. John will be away from the parish from Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> until Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April. He will be leading a Pilgrimage to the Holy Sites of Poland, The Shrine of Divine Mercy, Saint Mary's Basilica, Hometown of Saint John Paul II, the cell where Saint Maximilian Kolbe, offered his life for the sake of another prisoner, Czestochowa home of the Miraculous Icon of the Black Madonna and finishing with a visit to the Salt Mines. In the absence of Fr John from the Parish, ONLY in EMERGENCY please contact Fr's David or Richard on their landline 01636 526974 or mobile 07720287514. Please refer to the newsletter, parish website, or posters at each of our churches for the most updated schedule. Thanking you for your understanding and support. Be assured of Fr John's prayers for you and your loved ones as he makes this pilgrimage.

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**QMC:** 0115 9249924 (ext. 83799) **City:** 0115 9691169 (ext.837) or email: [contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto:contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk)

## 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. Please send your insert by Wednesday noon.

## DONATIONS

We appreciate any donation you wish to give by cash, cheque or via online banking. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking, the parish bank details are as follows:



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