



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 ‘Peace be with you!’”

John 24:35-48

Third Week of Eastertide Holy Masses and Services for 14th-20th April 2024

Date	Service	Intention
Saturday 13 th	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Maura Falvey RIP Mrs Katie Kilcoyne RIP 6th Anniv.
Sunday 14 th	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Fr Anthony Franey’s Intentions The People of The Parish Bernard Steer RIP Maureen McKerr RIP
Monday 15 th	9.30am Mass; SA	David Jandrell RIP
Tuesday 16 th	9.30am No Mass ; SMC	Service of Word and Communion
Wednesday 17 th	9.30am No Mass ; HS	Service of Word and Communion
Thursday 18 th	9.30am No Mass ; OLOG	
Friday 19 th	12pm Mass; SA 6pm No Mass ; HS	Fr John Abbott RIP Service of Word and Communion
Saturday 20 th	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 st	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Ned Bowe RIP Clare and Sarah Thompson RIP Jim and Val Harrington 50 th Wedding Anniversary 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 Refreshment** Sunday 21st After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday 16th After Service, SMC; Wednesday 17th After Service HS; Friday 19th After Mass SA.
- **Baby & Toddler Group** Thursday 18th 10am HS Social Centre Hall.
- **Baptism Preparation Course** Thursday 18th 7pm St Margaret Clitherow.
- **First Holy Communion Session** Saturday 20th 6pm HS Social Centre Hall; Sunday 21st 10.30am HS Social Centre Hall.
- **Children Liturgy** Sunday 21st during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA.

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

SECOND COLLECTION

21st April: Diocese: Clergy Formation Fund ♦ **28th 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. Please keep their families in your prayers. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace .

The Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Feast Day of our Parish



Thank you for your presence last Sunday morning at the special Mass for our Parish Feast Day, at The Becket School, what a joyous, awesome and spiritual uplifting occasion!

Grateful thanks to all volunteers for their hard work and dedication involved in the preparation. To each and everyone of you who played a huge part in making the Mass and Social Celebration, such a wonderful success. Your dedication and participation are truly appreciated. God bless you all.



Diocesan Pilgrimage

To Melwood All are warmly invited to join this pilgrimage, in honour of Saint Augustine Webster, on **Saturday 4th 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.

To Walsingham Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th 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. For more information, see the poster at the back of church. 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 30th April 2024.

Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain Take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of the 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1968. The Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on Saturday 20th April. Meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen pub on the north side of the bridge, at 9.55am. For more information, please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Rethink Abortion Interactive Training Day, Saturday 11th May Would you like to learn how to have a meaningful and productive conversation on abortion with those around you? In our secular society most people think abortion is okay, because it is legal. So how can we discuss our views with others on this sensitive but important issue? Join us and meet other like-minded people and so become confident in sharing our beliefs in the most effective way. The day is held at Trinity School, Aspley (NG8 3EP), from 10.00am until 4.30pm, and the cost is £25 per person, including a sandwich lunch and drinks. Bookings can be made at: <https://TimetoRethinkAbortionNottingham.eventbrite.com>

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Third Sunday of Easter The beauty and mystery of Creation create in the human heart the first impulse that evokes prayer (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2566). It is an experience that many of us have had. If life's events, with all their bitterness, sometimes risk choking the gift of prayer that is within us, it is enough to contemplate a starry sky, a sunset, a flower..., in order to rekindle a spark of thanksgiving.

The Urbi et Orbi Message of Pope Francis is available on the Parish Website

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

Welcome & Congratulations to our newly baptised

We congratulate Tristan who was baptised recently and received the Eucharist for his first time on Easter Sunday, at St Anne. His desire for faith encourages us all. We wish him much joy in belonging to this parish.



Father Simon introduced me to Mass, and I felt drawn to the church. I started reading the Bible, and luckily, my grandad was able to take me to Mass each week. I have been supported by the parish, and I am very grateful that I have now been baptized and had my first communion.

Tristan

It was a privilege to accompany Tristan on the first part of his journey of faith. It's a big year for him as he has been working to receive the Sacraments of Initiation (while also coping with his schoolwork!) and he is attending Confirmation classes with the intention of being confirmed in May. A very personable young man with a big future!

Steve Murray, Catechist

Fr. John's Diary Fr. John will be away from the parish from Tuesday 16th until Wednesday 24th 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.

New Parish Website We are building a new parish website and please join us in shaping its purpose and content. Please complete the survey and 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>



Baptism Preparation Course for Baby The next course will be on Wednesday 18th April 2024, 7pm at St Margaret Clitherow. Please contact Parish Office to reserve a place.

RCIA We congratulate fourteen members who recently joined our community through RCIA this Easter. There is one more stage of their faith journey after Easter - three further sessions of sharing faith and teaching. These are open to all in the parish who are interested; come and discuss and share on the themes below and meet the new parish members. The sessions are on Tuesdays in the Holy Spirit Social Centre from 7pm-8.30pm: 23rd April, exploring Catholic social teaching; 7th May, exploring parish groups, activities and ministries; 11th June, exploring different vocations including marriage, priesthood, parents etc.

Holy Spirit

◆ **10th West Bridgford (Holy Spirit) Brownies 45th Birthday Celebration. & Retirement of Leader.** Holy Spirit Brownies are celebrating 45 years of Brownies in the Parish and would like to invite any past members to join them on Monday 29th April 2024 at 6.45pm to celebrate the occasion.

Retirement of Brownie Leader 1979 to 2024: After 45years of service to the girls of the Parishes and Girl Guiding, Brown Owl (Claire Spencer) is retiring in April 2024. Claire Spencer (Brown Owl) started the 10th West Bridgford Brownie Pack in 1979, with the assistance of Liz Wheat which was the first uniformed organisation for girls aged 7 to 10 years old in the Parish. Since the formation of the pack over 1000 girls have been members of the Holy Spirit Brownies.

Over the years the Brownies have been on many trips and camps, such as visits to London (Buckingham Palace), the National Space Centre, the Deep, camping at Elton and the annual trip to the Pantomime.

During the past 45 years Brown Owl (Claire), has dedicated her time and effort in ensuring the Brownies have enjoyed themselves and learnt new skills along the way.

Thank you, Alex (Sunny Owl) and Jo (Barn Owl) for carrying on the running of the pack, hopefully for many more years to come. Finally, thank you Claire (Brown Owl) for your service, dedication and time given over the past 45 years, and we wish you all the best for the future.

Our Lady of Grace ◆ **Fairtrade/Ethical Store** Please come and support your Fairtrade/Ethical store this Sunday. There will be a large variety of products on sale from Palestinian herbs to Eswatini curry sauce and Machu Picchu coffee to Liberation mixed nuts! And if you would like to support our local food banks at the same time you can leave a donation and I will donate stock directly to the food bank collection. Thank you.

UPDATES FROM PARISH OFFICE

Parish Finance Administrator Mark Moore has decided to step down from his role as Parish Finance Administrator. We want to take a moment to express our deepest gratitude for his invaluable contributions to our parish. As we embark on this new chapter, we extend a warm welcome to Cecilia Cheung (email: cecilia.cheung@dioceseofnottingham.uk), who has several years of experience supporting Parish Priests before moving to UK. Mark will work until the end of April to support Cecilia's training and orientation. Please share your best wishes as Mark ventures into his next endeavours.

Holy Masses and Service Diary Some parishioners were not aware of the time and location of the Special Mass for the Parish Feast Day. It draws our attention to the importance of staying connected. Please get connected with us through the parish newsletter, website, and posters at the church, or contact the Parish Office.

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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) or email: 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:



Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP Account Number: 44603560 Sort code: 30-96-18

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