



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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You are my friends, if you do what I command you. John 15:9-17

**Sixth Week of Eastertide Safeguarding Sunday
Holy Masses and Services for 4th - 12th May 2024**

Date	Mass/Service	Intention
Saturday 4th	3.30pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confession; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Catherine Kitchen RIP George Jackson RIP
Sunday 5th	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	In Memory of Annie and Ernie Cauldwell RIP Sr Beuno RIP Mrs Mary Ann Jahina RIP (Birthday Anniv) The People of the Parish
Monday 6th	9.30am Mass; SA	Private Intention
Tuesday 7th	9.30am Mass; SMC	Loughlin Hickey RIP
Wednesday 8th	11am Funeral Mass; HS 7pm Vigil Mass; SA	Margaret Harrington RIP Mary Thelwell RIP
Thursday 9th The Ascension of The Lord Holy Day of Obligation	9.30am No Mass ; OLOG 11am Funeral Mass; HS 7pm Mass; HS	Dr. Kevin Bratt RIP Bernard Steer RIP
Friday 10th	12pm Mass; SA 6pm Mass; HS	Margaret Lane RIP Bonnie Teeling RIP
Saturday 11th	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Mike and Della Mercer 64th Wedding Anniversary Oriella Giavarini RIP
Sunday 12th	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Rosina O'Connor RIP Curtis Family Ben Connery RIP 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.

This week in the parish:

- **After Mass Refreshment** Sunday 5th and 12th After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday 7th After Mass, SMC; Friday 10th After Mass SA.
- **Confirmation Session** Friday 10th 6pm Preparation of Confirmation Mass; HS
- **First Holy Communion Session** Saturday 11th 6pm HS Social Centre Hall; Sunday 12th 10.30am HS Social Centre Hall.
- **Children Liturgy** Sunday 12th during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA.

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

SECOND COLLECTION 12th May: Diocese - Catholic Communications

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Sixth Sunday of Easter

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We now consider the importance of perseverance in prayer. Reflecting on Saint Paul's encouragement to pray unceasingly, the Russian ascetic tradition developed the prayer of the heart, based on repeating the words, "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner", until they become like the air we breathe. Prayer thus becomes the backdrop against which every action of our lives finds its deepest meaning. If God can find time for each of us, surely we can find time for him!

Dear Friends,

As we enter this beautiful month of May 'Our Lady's Month' let us entrust our hopes, joys and sorrows into her loving care as we thank her for her Motherly protection.

Last weekend 28 young members of our Parish, gathered at Saint Margaret Clitherow Church for a 'Day of Recollection' in preparation to Receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The day was led by four amazing Chaplains, Ruth and Joe Martin, chaplains from the Becket School, Beth Richards, Chaplain at Christ the King School and Pete Vickers, Prison Chaplain. What an awesome and inspiring day it was!

It was a day truly blessed, by the engagement of our young people. They entered the Spirit of the day from the word go. Their involvement, and enthusiasm was a joy for all to see. The Theme for the Day was 'Be Sealed with the Holy Spirit'. And believe me, the Holy Spirit made His presence felt. The prayerful way in which each person embraced the exercises and allowed themselves to be open to the Spirit of God working within them was just powerfully amazing.

As our young people and other members of our parish are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, on the 18th May the Eve of Pentecost, let us hold them in our love and prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and lead to that sacred moment when they will be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit, by Bishop Patrick.

Peace, John



Join Us in Preparing for Our 50th Jubilee Celebration

Friday 3rd May is the 50th anniversary of the Dedication of the Church of Holy Spirit, it was consecrated in 1974. Learn more about our history on <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/holy-spirit-west-bridgford/>.

We are calling for your assistance, If you can lend a hand, please get in touch with Catherine (catherine.giavarini@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

- ◆ **Memories Collection:** Share Your Parish Moments for Our Jubilee Celebration! If you have any cherished photos or special memories from the past fifty years, please email them to the Parish Office. We'll compile your photos and stories for the parish website and a special edition of our newsletter.
- ◆ **Talented bakers:** Preparing cakes for Jubilee celebration. Your contribution will sweeten the occasion and create lasting memories.

Inspire and Lead: Youth Group Leaders Opportunity! Join us in shaping the future of our community! We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to lead our youth group in our parish. Whether you have experience or simply a heart for guiding young souls, your dedication can make a real difference. Get involved and help nurture the next generation of leaders. Contact us today to learn more about this rewarding opportunity. ***Come to join our initial meeting on Tuesday 21st May 7pm at Holy Spirit Social Centre, come along and explore more!***

New Parish Website - consultation has been extended to 15th May Take the final opportunity to share your ideas in shaping the new parish website's purpose and content. 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>



Let us pray for those who have died recently: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Harrington and Dr. Kevin Bratt. Margaret Harrington's Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 8th May, 11am at Holy Spirit. And Dr. Kevin Bratt's Funeral Mass is on Thursday 9th May, 11am at Holy Spirit. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



Diocesan Pilgrimage <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/forthcoming-events-diocese/>

- ◆ **To Melwood** On **Saturday 4th May**. Meet before 12.00 noon at Low Melwood Farm.
- ◆ **To Walsingham** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of 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 11th May 2024.***

May - Month of Mary

May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.



Marian Prayer—Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

Thank you note from the late Peter Davies's family Thanksgiving for all those from St Margaret Clitherow who have supported the Funeral Mass and Wake of Peter Davies RIP.

Join us for special Parish Visit to the Mary Potter Heritage on Saturday 8th June and Wednesday 12th 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. <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/parish-visit-mary-potter-heritage/>

The Easter quiz in aid of CAFOD We have raised a very pleasing £374.10. Congratulations to the winners, the Lillie family, Sue Dexter and the Curran and Welham family, who will receive the usual prizes. The answers to the quiz may be found at <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/05/Easter-quiz-2024-answers.pdf>

CAFOD's Annual Plant and Cake Sale Will be held at St Margaret Clitherow Church. Saturday 25th May 2024, 10am – 12noon. Plants, Cakes, Raffle, Books, Soaps and Traidcraft. All Welcome

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 17th to 24th August, please contact Paul Willerton by email to arrange an informal conversation at mablethorpe@svp.org.uk

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, especially his key role in merging the accounts of four churches into one unified book. We wish him all the best in his future endeavours. 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.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Urgent Need - Safeguarding Rep and Health & Safety Volunteers** We urgently need new volunteers to share the Safeguarding Representative role. This is a very rewarding position and is crucial for our church. Additionally, we are seeking two Health & Safety Volunteers to assist with checks around our church. Guidance and information will be provided by the Parish Office. Please contact Catherine at the Parish Office for more information. ♦ **Our Lady of Visitation** The month of May, is a special month of devotion to Mary, it is hoped to foster family prayer and the recitation of the rosary for the intention of peace in our homes and in the world. It gives a chance for those families to come together in prayer for peace, perhaps saying the rosary together or to come to church and say the rosary. At the Holy Spirit Church, Our Lady's statue is passed from household to household. There is a list in the porch for you to sign up for whichever day of the month you would like to have the statue in your home. ♦ **The Social Club Committee - Volunteer Appeal for Bar** We need help with the bar. Full training will be given prior to the event. Apply to Catherine on catherine.giavarini@dioceseofnottingham.uk or Chris Hoban on hobanschris@gmail.com

St Anne ♦ **Bereavement Listening Hour** The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 8th May from 11-12pm in the Meeting Room at St Anne. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Whether you are recently bereaved or have suffered the loss of a loved one some time ago, you will be made most welcome.

DIOCESAN UPCOMING EVENTS

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- ◆ A choral concert of music in honour of Our Lady, Queen of the May, on Saturday 11th May at 7.45pm Cathedral
- ◆ Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm Register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw
- ◆ Talk 'The New Evangelisation: How's it going for you?' Presented by Canon Jonathan Cotton on Thursday 13th June at 7.00pm in the Hutton Hall, Rosmini Centre, LE7 4SJ.
- ◆ The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2024 is now available to purchase, priced £6.00.

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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Office will be opened: Tuesday to Friday, from 9.30am to 4.30pm

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Safeguarding Coordinator for the Diocese:

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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:



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