



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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Take nothing with you

Mark 6:7-13

Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Sea Sunday Holy Masses and Services for 13th - 21st July 2024

| Date | Mass/Service | |
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| Saturday 13th July Feria | 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS | Pamela Ursula Pereira Anne Scanlon RIP |
| Sunday 14th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year | 9am Mass; SA  Baptism 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG | The People of The Parish Helena Anna Francis Rose and Joe McCartan RIP Tony O'Dwyer RIP Mary Cunningham RIP |
| Monday 15th July St Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor | 9.30am Mass; SA | Pauline Chesher |
| Tuesday 16th July Feria | 9.30am Mass; SMC | Terri Daragh RIP |
| Wednesday 17th July Feria | 9.30am Mass; HS | Sylvia Butler RIP |
| Thursday 18th July Feria | 11am Mass; HS Confirmation & First Holy Communion | Philip Golden RIP |
| Friday 19th July Feria | 12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS | Maria Fernandes RIP Margaret Harrington RIP |
| Saturday 20th July Feria | 3.30-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confession; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS | For Carmel, Speedy Recovery from the Friendship Group Annie and Ernie Cauldwell RIP |
| Sunday 21st July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year | 9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG | Teresa McPake RIP Curtis Family Agnes McKenzie 95 th Birthday The People of The Parish |

Rosary: Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 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 14th and 21st July After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday 16th July After Mass, SMC; Wednesday 17th July After Mass HS; Friday 19th July After Mass SA.
- **Baby and Toddler Group** Thursday 18th July 10am at the Holy Spirit Social Centre

SECOND COLLECTION ♦ 13th / 14th July | Diocesan: Stella Maris (Sea Sunday) for details, see: <https://stellamaris.org.uk/seasunday/>

Embracing Forgiveness

Dear Friends,

I hope you are all well and sadly like me you will have seen the horrors of war on our TV. The continuing devastation facing the people of Gaza, the unnecessary war in the Ukraine and the mindless attack on a children's hospital, brought me to tears. I ask myself why?



In a world filled with challenges and misunderstandings, forgiveness stands as a beacon of peace and healing. It's not just about letting go of past hurts but about freeing ourselves from the chains of resentment and anger. By choosing to forgive, we open the door to personal growth, stronger relationships, and a more compassionate community. Let's embark on this journey of forgiveness together, fostering an environment where grace and understanding thrive.

My friends let us embark on this transformative journey of forgiveness together. By embracing forgiveness, we can heal our wounds, nurture our relationships, and build a compassionate and resilient world. Remember, forgiveness is a powerful act of strength and courage, and it is a path that leads to a more peaceful and fulfilling life. Please continue to hold the people of Gaza, the Ukraine and all those trouble spots of our world in your humble prayers.

Peace, John

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. John 14:27

Gracious God, we pray for all persons suffering from war.

May they be held in your loving care and protection and given the strength to endure great suffering and hardship. Transform the hearts and minds of all those who perpetuate violence and oppression. Grant wisdom to world leaders in advancing efforts toward world peace; may they not be compromised by self-interest and blind indifference. We ask all this through the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and in the name of your Son Jesus, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Sea Sunday - 14th July 2024 Seafarers and fishers play a vital role in all of our lives, but they often work in difficult, hazardous conditions. Sea Sunday is Sunday 14th July. It is when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Your support will make a big difference to seafarers and fishers in need. You can donate in Second Collection next week. Or by visiting www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate, or by texting 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work, so please give generously. Thank you.

Prayer for Seafarer

Dear Jesus, You understand what it is like to be lonely, scared and away from home. Guide and protect all seafarers and fishers as they work in dangerous situations.

Bring them peace and happiness. Help us to be kind to anyone who we see is lonely or being ignored and help Stella Maris to welcome seafarers when they come to the ports in our country.

Amen.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Defibrillator** A defibrillator has been installed next to the disabled toilet. In the event of an emergency requiring its use, please call 999 and follow the provided instructions.

♦ **Holy Spirit Cricket Club** To commemorate our 21st season as the parish cricket team, HSCC are going on tour this weekend to Somerset to play a match against another Catholic Church team: St John the Evangelist in Bath. Wish us luck on our travels – we will do our best to be good ambassadors for our parish! ♦ **Join**

Our Team as a Children's Liturgy Leader! Are you passionate about nurturing young hearts in the faith? We're looking for someone like you to lead our Children's Liturgy sessions during Sunday Mass. As a leader, you'll guide kids in exploring Scripture and Catholic teachings in a fun, welcoming environment. No prior experience needed—just a love for children and the desire to share the joy of the Gospel. Interested? Contact Ceci Li or the Parish Office to learn more!

Our Lady of Grace ♦ A huge thank you to all who supported the Fairtrade stall recently. We will look forward to seeing you at our next stall on the 14th of July.

Parish RCIA programme (Faith Journey Group) We are excited to announce that our Parish RCIA programme, known as the Faith Journey Group, will be started on Tuesday, 10th September, meeting in the Holy Spirit social centre hall at 7pm. If you know anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, please invite them to join us. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is open to any adults who wish to:

- ◆ Learn about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Prepare for baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist
- ◆ Be received into the Catholic Church

Full details of the programme are available in a leaflet at the back of the Church and on a poster.

Calling for Catechists and Helpers We are seeking volunteers to support the programme as catechists or helpers. If you are interested, please contact Ceci for more details. There will be a briefing meeting for catechists and helpers on Tuesday, 23rd July in the Holy Spirit social centre hall at 7:00pm. No previous experience is necessary—just come along and find out more!

Update regarding our Parish Manager It is with deep sadness that I have accepted Catherine Giavarini's resignation from her role as Parish Manager. Catherine has served our parish with dedication and commitment for almost 14 years. Her invaluable contributions, including her support during the merging of four churches into one parish, have left an indelible mark on our parish community.

I would like to take this moment to express our deepest gratitude to Catherine for her hard work and unwavering support. Catherine was my rock, on my arrival within the parish. Her hard work and efforts have significantly shaped our parish, and I am sure you will want to join me in showing your own appreciation for everything Catherine has done. Please join us in wishing Catherine well as she embarks on her next endeavours. We will miss her dearly and wish her every blessing for the future.

Please make an effort to pop into the hall and express your own personal thanks to Catherine after the **11.00.AM Mass at Holy Spirit on 21st July 2024**. We will celebrate a Thanksgiving Farewell Mass for Catherine on **8th September 11.00AM at Holy Spirit**. If you would like to contribute towards a leaving gift for Catherine, please send the envelope addressed 'For Catherine' to Fr John or the Parish Office.

New Working Hour of Parish Office

Effective from Wednesday 17th July, office working hours will be changed:

- ◆ Tuesday to Friday; from 9am to 3pm

Citizen UK - Appeal for Volunteers to support Afghan refugee families There are around 100 Afghan refugee families who are stuck in limbo in Pakistan who will be arriving in the UK in September. In Notts, we've committed to recruiting around 30 volunteers (to support x5 families) by the end of July. These groups of volunteers will help provide a warm welcome when the families arrive in September and ongoing support and friendship. Please contact Pete Rogers ASAP for more details (pete.rogers@citizensuk.org / 07376009949) or find more details from <https://www.sponsorrefugees.org/get-involved/communities-for-afghans/>

Last year our **Lourdes From Home** initiative allowed hundreds of viewers to join the Lourdes Pilgrimage from home. This year it's back, and even bigger! Registrants have the option to receive a physical 'Pilgrim Pack' posted to their own home, complete with 1) a Pilgrimage Booklet 2) a candle lit in Lourdes 3) prayer intentions taken to the Grotto 4) a live Zoom call with Bishop Patrick 5) daily updates via e-mail 6)... and more! This is an excellent opportunity to engage with the housebound and less-physically-able of our communities, and schools who may wish to embark on a virtual pilgrimage in the last weeks of term. Register today at dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/lourdes or by emailing communications@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Could you help couples prepare for marriage? Marriage Care in partnership with the Diocese of Nottingham are looking for volunteers who would like to train to help local couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. If you would like to know more about what is involved in helping couples build their marriage on a firm foundation come to our webinar (with no commitment to train as a facilitator) on Wednesday 24th July at 7pm. Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book your place.

Monastic Experience Weekend The Abbot and Community of Pluscarden Abbey are delighted to offer young single Catholic men a Monastic Experience Weekend, during which they can live, work and pray with the Benedictine Community of Pluscarden Abbey. This will take place from Friday 16th – Sunday 19th August. Further information is available from Father Benedict Hardy at novicemaster@pluscardenabbey.org

A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, FOR THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY

The prayer of praise! Matthew's Gospel tells us that Jesus, in facing hostility and rejection, responds by praising God. He thanks the Father for who he is and for his love in revealing himself "to mere children" (Matthew 11:25), to the poor and humble of our world. Jesus' example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious. In praising God for everything, even "Sister Death", Saint Francis teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE 12TH - 19TH MAY 2025

8-Day Pilgrimage to Medjugorje led by Fr. John Martin from 12th - 19th May 2025. Please visit Parish website [<https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/mj0929/>] or contact Parish Office for more details.

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

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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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