



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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The Feeding of the Five Thousand

John 6:1-15

**Seventeenth Sunday of the Year World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Holy Masses and Services for 27th July - 4th August 2024**

As the Summer break begins, Fr Evarist and I would like to wish all of you a pleasant summer and a restful break. We are looking forward to welcoming you back in September filled with energy, enthusiasm and a joyful spirit to embrace the challenges of the gospel. Every blessing, Fr John and Fr Evarist.

Date	Mass/Service	
Saturday 27 th July Feria	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Catherine Pereira RIP Kevin Bratt RIP
Sunday 28 th July Seventeenth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	John Clark RIP Carmel Zawodniak's Intentions McArthur Special Intentions The People of Parish
Monday 29 th July Saints Martha, Mary and Lazarus	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SA	
Tuesday 30 th July Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	William Sumner RIP
Wednesday 31st July St Ignatius of Loyola	9.30am Mass; HS	Mass of Thanksgiving
Thursday 1 st August St Alphonsus Liguori	9.30am Mass; HS	Catherine Giavarini's Intentions
Friday 2 nd August Feria	9.30am Mass; HS 12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Christine Stock RIP Anne Alexander (Unwell) For Friends of Bonnie Teeling, From Bonnie's Family
Saturday 3 rd August Feria	9.30am Mass; HS 3pm Wedding ; HS 3.30-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Marie Taylor RIP Matthew Helienek and Phillipa Gamble John and Alice Doyle George Jackson RIP
Sunday 4 th August Eighteenth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 1pm Baptism ; HS 3pm Baptism ; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Speedy recovery for Sophie Tony Molloy RIP Gordon Patrick Atkinson RIP Theodore Rose Esme Reid 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.

Let us pray for those who have died recently: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Greg Franks of Tollerton who passed away recently. Please keep his family in your prayers. His Funeral Mass is on Thursday 8th August 12noon, St Anne. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



PRIESTS'S DIARY: Fr John: on leave from 11th August to 4th September, Pilgrimage to Mexico 21st September to 3rd October. Fr Evarist: on leave from 28th July to 5th August.

SECOND COLLECTION ♦ 27th / 28th July | Diocesan Quota

Dear Friends,

“Do not cast me off in my old age”, Pope Francis

This Sunday, 28th July Catholics around the world are invited to take time to reflect on the great heritage and wisdom passed on by their grandparents and the elderly.

Our Grandparents hold a unique and precious place in the lives of their grandchildren and families. Their importance transcends generations, providing a wealth of love, wisdom, and support that is invaluable. Grandparents are so precious they have lived through many experiences, hardships and can offer invaluable life lessons and advice. Their stories and insights provide a sense of perspective and guidance that is rooted in faith and personal life experiences.

They make so many sacrifices for their grandchildren. They also help preserve family traditions and heritage, passing down customs, recipes, and stories that keep their family history alive. Grandparents often offer a unique form of unconditional love and emotional support, providing a safe space for grandchildren to express themselves. They are often nurturing figures, offering comfort, encouragement, and a sense of stability.

Let us give thanks to almighty God for our grandparents and the elderly members of our families, who pray and work tirelessly to support us, to navigate our way through life!

Grandparents are so precious for their wisdom, love, support, and the special bond they share with their grandchildren. They enrich our lives in countless ways, and their influence extends across generations. Celebrating and cherishing grandparents not only honours them but also strengthens family connections and ensures that their legacy lives on.

Last Friday we celebrated the Feast Day, Saint’s Joachim and Anne, parents of Our Blessed Lady and the grandparents of Jesus.

Saint Joachim and Saint Anne

Pray for us

Peace

John and Evarist

Heads-up - Rev. Fr. Vincent’s visit to our Parish We are excited to announce that our old friend Fr. Vincent will be visiting our parish this August and staying through September. Fr Vincent will be supporting us in celebrating Masses during his visit. If you haven't had the chance to meet Fr Vincent yet, please take the opportunity to chat with him about his parish in Uganda, St. Joseph’s Ibaako. Let's give him a warm welcome and make him feel at home during his stay.



Baptism Preparation Course for Baby The next course will be on Thursday 19th September 2024, 7pm at St Margaret Clitherow. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

Parish Friendship Group The Friendship Group will be taking a break for the month of August and will restart meetings in September from the Wednesday the 4th at St Anne from 2-4pm with a talk about ‘Medical Detection Dogs’. All are welcome!

Volunteer to provide transportation for Fr. Evarist and Fr. Vincent Fr. Evarist and Fr. Vincent need assistance with transportation to different churches to celebrate Mass. We are appealing for volunteers who can provide transportation for them to and from our churches for Mass and services. Your generous support and time will make a significant difference in their ability to serve our community effectively. If you are able to volunteer or would like more information, please contact the parish office.

New Lectionary Update On the first Sunday of Advent 2024, a new lectionary will be introduced. Consequently, we need to update the Mass Books we use. After consulting with PMG and considering parishioner feedback from our recent survey, we propose:

- ordering 30 copies for Our Lady of Grace, St Anne and St Margaret Clitherow and 60 for Holy Spirit.
- providing reusable Mass cards
- encouraging parishioners to purchase their own Sunday Missal
- having a second collection for purchasing new lectionary and Mass books.

For further details, please refer to the FAQ and leaflet available at the back of the church. Feel free to contact Ceci Li or your Local Church Group for more details or sharing your feedback.

Save the Date for Parish Events!

Exciting times are ahead for our parish community, and we invite you to join us in the celebrating several upcoming events. Please mark your calendars and save the dates for these special occasions.

- ◆ **Sunday 15th September, Family Mass at normal Sunday Mass times in our churches:** We warmly invite families to join us in planning and taking part in our upcoming Family Masses. Your involvement will make this celebration truly special. Children, young people, and grandparents are all welcome. Please contact Ceci Li or Sacristan at your Church, Jim Harrington at Holy Spirit, Tess Foster at Our Lady of Grace, Celia Radcliffe at St Anne, Carmel Zawodniak at St Margaret Clitherow for more details. We look forward to your participation!
- ◆ **Sunday 6th October 11am, International Mass at Becket followed by an International Lunch in celebrating the rich diversity of our parish community:** We invite you to bring a food or dish from your hometown to share with others, showcasing the unique flavours and traditions from our diverse backgrounds. More details will be shared in September.
- ◆ **Thursday 24th October, Ruby Jubilee of St Margaret Clitherow** (Consecrated on 24th October 1984) Bishop Patrick will celebrate the special Jubilee Mass followed by refreshments. More details will be shared in September.

Mass Time on Holy Day of Obligation (not falling on a Sunday)

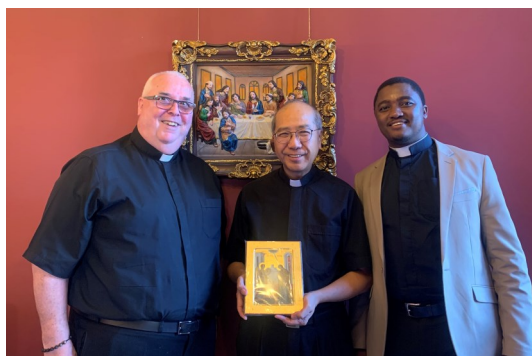
August - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- ◆ Vigil Mass, Wednesday, 14th August, 7pm at St Anne, 7pm at St Margaret Clitherow;
- ◆ Mass, Thursday, 15th August, 10am at Holy Spirit;

Visit from Auxiliary Bishop Joseph Ha (O.F.M), Catholic Diocese of Hong Kong Bishop Joseph will be staying in the UK for two weeks. During his visit on the 22nd and 23rd of July, he joined us to celebrate the Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene, followed by a delightful dinner gathering. In his homily, Bishop Joseph offered words of encouragement to our group of parishioners, many of whom have recently moved to the UK from Hong Kong. Drawing parallels to Mary Magdalene, he acknowledged the darkness and pain we may feel during this transition, yet he reminded us of God's unwavering love.

This divine love, Bishop Joseph emphasized, is our source of strength and encouragement, guiding us on our journey. He reminded us that every experience is an opportunity for growth, as God desires us to strengthen our faith. Bishop Joseph encouraged us to recognize and feel God's love in various forms and to share this experience with others, just as Mary Magdalene did when she proclaimed, "I have seen the Lord."

He also expressed gratitude for the continued support from Fr. John for the Hong Kong community and was pleased to see many of us actively volunteering in our church community.



Newsletter Update There will be no newsletter in August as the parish office is taking this holiday season to plan, wrap up, and get ready for upcoming key events and sacramental programs. We will continue sharing the weekly Holy Masses and Services Diary, and communicating highlights through email. If you would like to subscribe to the mailing list or receive a hard copy, please contact the parish office. For inserts for the weekly email, please send them to Ceci Li by the end of Wednesday noon.

LOCAL CHURCH UPDATES

Holy Spirit

◆ **Be part of the Local Church Team** We are inviting anyone who would like to participate more in the life of our church to join our Local Church Team. Joining this group is a great way to be involved in shaping the future of our church and our parish. Please contact **Mary Macarthur or Fr John**.

◆ **Holy Spirit Cricket Club:** we had a great welcome by St John's parish in our trip to Bath last weekend. Unfortunately Holy Spirit lost the cricket, but we made good friends. St John's is a very active parish, just like our own, and we hope to welcome them to Nottingham in a return fixture next year. If you would like to get involved in the parish cricket club, please contact David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk to find out more.

Our Lady of Grace

◆ **Call for Volunteers** The Local Church Team at OLOG is in need of volunteers in the following roles: Health and Safety support, First aider and an additional Parish Safeguarding Representative. Please contact Aleisha Turner - Aleisha.turnerPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk for more information.

◆ **Be part of Local Church Team** We are also inviting anyone who would like to participate more in the life of our church to join our Local Church Team. Joining this group is a great way to be involved in shaping the future of our church and our parish. Please contact Aleisha Turner for more information - Aleisha.turnerPSR@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

◆ **Fairtrade** The next stall will be held on the 18th of August, but if anyone is away and wants to make a purchase then please ask if you see me at OLOG Church.

◆ **Heartfelt thank you from St Anne's Midwifery Team to Charity Shop** St Anne's Midwifery Team sent a thank you letter for continuous support from our Charity Shop. Donations over the past year have helped many parents to keep their babies safe and clothed.

St Anne ◆ **Friday refreshments after Mass at St Anne** It will be suspended for the month of August. We look forward to welcoming you back the first Friday in September! If anyone would like to join our rota to help with these much valued social occasions please get in touch with Celia Radcliffe 07808 211018/ infocelias@aol.com. Thank you.

St Margaret Clitherow ◆ **CHURCHES TOGETHER KEYWORTH** They are organising a Holiday Club for primary school aged children 9-12 on Mon 29th and Tues 30th July in the Methodist Church. We are also participating in Fun On The Field on the rec on Monday August 5th 11am -2pm.

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

The Catechism encourages the prayerful reading of Scripture, a dialogue between God and ourselves (cf. No. 2653). The interplay of prayer and the reading of Scripture is seen especially in the practice of lectio divina: slowly reading a biblical passage, then spending time meditating on the text in openness to the Holy Spirit, speaking to us through a particular word, phrase or image. The fruit of this prayerful dialogue is contemplation, as we silently rest under the Father's loving gaze. The Scriptures thus become an inexhaustible source of peace, wisdom and strength as we grow in charity and service of others.

ANNUAL MARCH FOR LIFE IN WESTMINSTER

As Catholics we must do all that we can to defend human life, in all forms and at all stages. But our belief that life is a sacred gift from God is not shared by all. Under the new government, decriminalisation of abortion and assisted suicide will both soon be debated in Parliament. On Saturday 7th September there will be an opportunity to witness to our belief in the value of life with the annual March for Life in Westminster. More information is available at www.marchforlife.co.uk/2024-event-page. There will be a coach going from Nottingham; for information, and to book, contact MarieLangford@live.co.uk (07948 151 264).

CITIZENS UK IN THE EAST MIDLANDS IS HIRING

Nottingham and Leicester/Leicestershire Citizens are looking to recruit a senior organiser to start work in 2024. We're looking for a motivated person, driven by a desire for social justice and a serious interest in working pragmatically with people to make change. Could this be you? If so, you probably have some questions. What does it mean to be a senior organiser with Citizens UK? What kinds of people and organisations would you be working with? What kind of change could you make happen? What would your diary look like day-to-day? We're available to have an informal conversation about the role. Please contact dan-iel.mackintosh@citizensuk.org.