



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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'Your redemption is drawing near.'

Mark 13:24-32

First Sunday of Advent

Holy Masses and Services for 30th November - 8th December 2024

Date	Mass/Service	
Saturday 30th November St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron of Scotland	12pm Baptism; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Elliot William Holliday The People of the Parish Patrick Vesey RIP
Sunday 1st December First Sunday of Advent	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Jenny Lake's Intentions (B'day and 5 th Anniv. of becoming Catholic) Chris Lillie RIP For Fr Evarist's Mum, Agnes Kaniki RIP George Morris RIP
Monday 2nd December Advent Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SA	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 3rd December St Francis Xavier, priest	9.30am Mass; SMC 10am Advent Reconciliation ; SMC	Terry Espinet RIP
Wednesday 4th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; HS	Graham Doust RIP
Thursday 5th December Advent Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; HS	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 6th December Advent Feria	10.30am Advent Reconciliation ; SA 12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Mrs Peggy Fennell RIP Beatrice Cassarino RIP
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor	3.30pm-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30pm-6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Mrs Victoria Nwogu Birthday Intentions Judith Oldfield RIP
Sunday 8th December Second Sunday of Advent	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	For Fr Evarist's Mum, Agnes Kaniki RIP John Breffit RIP (Anniversary) Sze's Family The People of the Parish

Rosary: Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Friday 10.15am SMC; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 4pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 6.30pm HS.

This week in the parish

- **After Mass Refreshment** Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Friday After Midday Mass SA.
- **Toddler Group** Thursday 10am; HS.
- **FHC Introduction Meeting Saturday 30th November; HS**
- **Advent Reconciliation** Tuesday 3rd December after Mass; SMC; Friday 6th December before Midday Mass; SA

SECOND COLLECTION: 7th / 8th December: Diocese: Poor and Needy Parishes

A Season of Hope: Renewing Faith This Advent

Dear Friends

As we enter this blessed season of Advent, a time of preparation and hope, we are called to reflect on the renewal of our faith and the promise of Christ's coming. Advent is a journey—a time to rekindle the flame of faith in our hearts, to seek deeper communion with God, and to prepare for the joy of Christmas with a spirit of penance and prayer.

This year, our Advent journey also invites us to look ahead with anticipation to the Jubilee Year 2025, a special time proclaimed by the Holy Father as a "Year of Hope." The jubilee theme, "Pilgrims of Hope," calls us to renew our commitment as a Church to be witnesses of Christ's love and mercy in the world.

Additionally, this Advent marks the introduction of the new translation of the lectionary, The Word of God. This renewed translation enriches our encounter with Sacred Scripture, helping us to hear God's voice with greater clarity and depth. The Word of God shapes our prayer and worship, drawing us closer to the heart of Christ and strengthening our faith. As the readings are proclaimed during this holy season, let us listen with open hearts, allowing God's message to inspire and transform us both as individuals and as a parish community.

As we light the first candle of the Advent wreath today, let it be a symbol of our renewed dedication to the light of Christ. Together, let us open our hearts to the grace of this season, allowing it to transform us as individuals and as a parish community.

May this Advent bring you and your families closer to the Lord, and may it prepare us all to embrace the joy of His coming with renewed hope and faith.

In Christ's love,
John



Welcome Back, Fr Evarist! We are delighted to announce that Fr Evarist will return to our parish on **Sunday, 1st December**, and will resume his pastoral duties starting **Tuesday, 5th December**.

Fr Evarist expresses his heartfelt gratitude for your prayers, support, and care during this time of bereavement. Your love has been a source of strength for him and his family.

You may view the funeral Mass of his beloved mother, Agnes Kaniki RIP, on YouTube through the following link: <https://youtu.be/qDKSECPFvBo?si=a1zjLBqYQjE8hw8g>. Let us continue to keep Fr Evarist and his family in our prayers as they heal and find peace.

Celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas - Schedule of Masses and Services

Advent Reconciliation Services

St Margaret Clitherow

- ◆ Tuesday 3rd Dec After Mass 10-11am

St Anne

- ◆ Friday 6th Dec 10.30-11.30am followed by Mass

Holy Spirit

- ◆ Friday 13th Dec 6.30-7.30 pm followed by Mass

Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Family Masses

- ◆ Holy Spirit - 4pm
- ◆ St Anne - 4pm
- ◆ Holy Spirit - 6.30pm
- ◆ Our Lady of Grace - 6.30pm

Carols and Mid-night Mass

- ◆ Holy Spirit - 11.30pm Carols followed by Midnight Mass

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday 25 December

- ◆ St Anne - 10.30am
- ◆ St Margaret Clitherow - 10.30am
- ◆ Holy Spirit - 10.30am



Important Note: To support our priests during the busy Christmas season and to ensure their wellbeing - especially with Christmas Day falling in the middle of the week. Special arrangements will be made as follows:

Weekend of 21st/22nd December:

- Saturday, 21st December: Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm, St Anne.
- Sunday, 22nd December: Sunday Mass at 9:00 am, St Anne and St Margaret Clitherow. Sunday Mass at 11:00 am, Holy Spirit.

Weekend of 28th/29th December:

- Saturday, 28th December: Vigil Mass at 6:30 pm, Holy Spirit.
- Sunday, 29th December: Sunday Mass at 9:00 am, St Anne. Sunday Mass at 11:00 am, Holy Spirit and Our Lady of Grace.

Weekday Masses (Post-Christmas): From Thursday, 26th December 2024, to Friday, 10th January 2025, weekday Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 am.

These adjustments have been thoughtfully made to take care of our priests and support their wellbeing during this joyful yet demanding time. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Christmas Carolling Event** Join us on Saturday, 14th December 2024, for a festive evening of music and community. The event begins with a rehearsal from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM, followed by a heartwarming performance from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM. Afterward, enjoy refreshments from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. This event is open to the public with free entry; donations are welcome to support the Church. We look forward to celebrating the season with you! ♦ **Holy Spirit Bookshop** We have Christmas cards, Nativity Sets, Advent calendars, candles, children's Christmas books in stock now. Please come and have a look.

Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Fairtrade** There are still some Christmas cards for sale on the table and there will be a further stall before Christmas on the 9th of December. I will look forward to seeing you all then. Thanks again. Lynn Harrison.

St Anne ♦ **New access arrangements** As from 1st December, St Anne's will be open for private prayer from 9 am to 5 pm daily. Please note there will be no access to the church outside these times

St Margaret Clitherow ♦ **The Annual joint Catholic Methodist Carol Service** This year being hosted by St Margaret Clitherow on Sunday December 15th at 6.30pm. Do join us for the service and refreshments.

The Friendship Group Will meet on December 4th at St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth at 2pm for an afternoon of seasonal readings, Music and festive tea. All are welcome especially, new members. Anyone who needs a lift please contact Maureen on 0115 8914601.

Faith Formation Gathering Starting from December 5th, join us each Thursday at 7pm in Holy Spirit Church Social Centre for a special Faith Formation Gathering for Adults during Advent. Let this season of preparation be an opportunity to grow in faith, reflect on the hope of Christ's coming, and deepen our spiritual journey together. All are welcome!

New Lectionary On the first Sunday of Advent 2024, a new lectionary will be introduced. Here are some sources where you can get a personal Missal.

- **Hardcopy** ♦ Catholic Truth Society (CTS): <https://www.ctsbooks.org/product-category/lectionary/> (Search Sunday or Daily Missal) ♦ Redemptorist Publication: <https://www.rpbooks.co.uk/missals-1-1>
- **Universalis apps:** <https://universalis.com/n-apps.htm>



CAFOD's Christmas Hamper Raffle Tickets Are available from next Sunday in all Churches, There are three hampers donated by Una Karai and family, and an expensive bottle of whiskey. The raffle will be drawn on Sunday 1st December, at the CAFOD Advent Event, after 11 am Mass in the Holy Spirit Social centre. £1 per ticket.

Update about Fr Liam We are pleased to announce that Fr Liam has been appointed to St. Philip Neri Catholic Church in Mansfield and officially begins his ministry on 1st of December. Let us wish him all the best as he embarks on this new journey. May his time there be blessed and fruitful!

Exciting news! Pope Francis has announced the canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis, the first millennial saint, to take place in Rome in April 2025.



Carlo Acutis, a modern example of faith and devotion, inspires countless young people worldwide. If you are 15 years or older and interested in joining a pilgrimage for this momentous occasion, we encourage you to participate! To express your interest, kindly get in touch with Parish Office. Let's celebrate this incredible event together!

Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Angela Price, Sheila Jones and Ann Shirley Wilson. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Funeral Service for Sheila is on 5th December 1.30pm at Wilford Hill; The Funeral Service for Angela is on the 9th December 1pm at Holy Spirit. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



Invitation to Advent Celebration Evening at The Becket School, NG2 7QY

It is with great joy that we invite you to a special Advent Liturgy Evening, organised by The Becket School's chaplaincy team. This prayerful reflection will take place on Thursday, 12th December, at 6:00 pm in The Becket School chapel. Parishioners, families and friends are invited to join us for a peaceful evening of music, worship and reflection as we prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christmas. The celebration will be followed by refreshments and festive treats, for a small donation, which will support The Becket's Sixth Form students' pilgrimage to Lourdes.

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

The world is divided in two: those people who do not give thanks and those who do; those who take everything as if it is owed them, and those who welcome everything as a gift, as grace. The prayer of thanksgiving always begins from here: from the recognition that grace precedes us.

CARITAS LEICESTER AND LEICESTERSHIRE ADVENT CALENDAR

in this Advent season, we are amplifying the reach of some local charities which aim to bring light into darkness. There are, of course, many others. Please have a look and join us in raising hopeful voices. The colour version is at: <https://bit.ly/3ZmMGul>, and the black and white version is at: <https://bit.ly/40UwnGw>

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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 at Holy Spirit and St Anne before Mass 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:
Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP Account Number: 44603560 Sort code: 30-96-18
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