



# 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 answered: ‘Yes I am king’

Thirty-Fourth Sunday of the Year

Mark 13:24-32

### Holy Masses and Services for 23rd November –1st December 2024

Date	Mass/Service	
<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November</b> Feria	3pm Parish Youth Mass; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	For the Youth of our Parish For Therese Daffern The People of The Parish
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>Our Lord Jesus Christ,</b> <b>King of the Universe</b>	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Mrs Victoria Nwogu Birthday Intentions Curtis Family Private Intentions <b>Novena Dead List</b>
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November</b> Feria	9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; SA 1pm Funeral; HS	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>  Mary Thomas RIP
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November</b> Feria	9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; SMC	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b> Feria	9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; HS	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b> Feria	9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; HS	<b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November</b> Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; HS	Helen Sheehan RIP <b>Service of Word and Communion</b>
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November</b> <b>St. Andrew, Apostle,</b> <b>Patron of Scotland</b>	12pm Baptism; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Elliot William Holliday The People of the Parish Patrick Vesey RIP
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b> <b>First Sunday of Advent</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Jenny Lake’s Intentions (B’day and 5 <sup>th</sup> Anniv. Of becoming Catholic) Chris Lillie RIP For Fr Evarists’ Mum, Agnes Kaniki RIP George Morris RIP

**Rosary:** Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Friday 10.15am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday 4pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

**After Mass Refreshments** Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Friday After Midday Mass/Service SA.

**Toddler Group** Thursday 10am; HS.

**FHC Parents Meeting Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November; HS**

**Let us pray for those who have died recently:** With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner Mary Thomas. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Funeral Service for Mary is on the 25th of November 1pm at Holy Spirit. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



**SECOND COLLECTION: 29th November / 1st December: New Lectionary and Mass Books**

Dear Friends,

It is with a heavy heart that we extend our heartfelt condolences to Fr. Evarist on the passing of his beloved mother, Agnes Kaniki RIP on 18th November. Her funeral was held on November 21, 2024. During this time of profound loss, let us surround Fr. Evarist and his family with our love, prayers, and support. On behalf of Fr. Evarist, I want to express his deep gratitude for your prayers, kindness, and support during this difficult time. Your compassion has been a source of strength for him and his family. May her soul rest in eternal peace, and may God's grace bring comfort to all who mourn her passing.

*"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." (Matthew 5:4)*

As you may know, in Fr. Evarist's absence, I am currently the only priest overseeing the care of four churches. While I have done my best to manage these responsibilities, I must acknowledge that the demands are overwhelming. My body is signalling that this pace is not sustainable, and for both my well-being and the health of the parish, I will need to scale back my workload.

As a priest, making this decision is deeply painful. My greatest joy is being present and available to serve you. However, with the current demands—six weekday Masses, six weekend Masses (of which I typically celebrate half), and a multitude of parish activities—I am stretched beyond my limits. These include performing sacraments such as Reconciliation, Baptisms, Funerals, Marriages, and the Sacrament of the Sick; visiting the sick and housebound; and managing extensive administrative tasks. Additionally, there are ongoing meetings with the Parish Mission Group, Finance Team, Parish Planning Team, and bereaved families, as well as safeguarding training, diocesan events, school visits, and Governors' meetings.

To continue serving our community effectively with the resources available, we will need to make adjustments to the schedules for weekday, weekend, and Christmas Masses. I kindly ask for your understanding and support as we navigate these changes. For any inquiries, please reach out to the parish office, where our dedicated team will assist you.

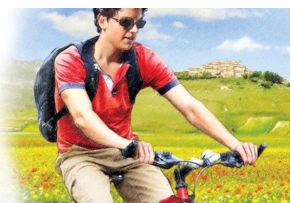
I am profoundly grateful for your patience, prayers, and kindness. These past weeks have been a powerful reminder of the strength and love within our parish family. Let us continue to pray for Fr. Evarist, his family, and all those working tirelessly to sustain our parish during this challenging time.

Thank you for your unwavering faith and support. You are truly God's gift to us all.

With gratitude and blessings,

John

## 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!

**Holy Spirit 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** ♦ Thank you to everyone who supported our Fairtrade stall last Sunday, either by purchasing goods, or leaving donations for me to add goods to our food bank collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated and it has a far reaching positive impact both here in Nottingham and in struggling poorer countries abroad. 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** ♦ **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY** 1) A CHRISTINGLE SERVICE is being organised by Churches Together Keyworth on Sunday December 1st at 4pm in Keyworth Methodist Church. A lovely service for children of ALL ages. Do come ALL are welcome. 2) The Annual joint Catholic Methodist Carol Service is this year being hosted by St Margaret Clitherow on Sunday December 15th at 6.30pm. Do join us for the service and refreshments.

## TENTATIVE Advent and Christmas Masses and Services Schedule

In Fr Evarist's absence, we may need to make last-minute adjustments to our Christmas schedule. Please stay informed by regularly checking the parish newsletter, website, or notice board for the latest updates.



### Advent Reconciliation Services

St Margaret Clitherow

- ◆ Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec After Mass 10-10.30am

St Anne

- ◆ Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.30-11.30am followed by Mass

Holy Spirit

- ◆ Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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 - 9.30am
- ◆ St Margaret Clitherow - 9.30am
- ◆ Holy Spirit - 11am

**Important Note:** The Weekday Mass Time will be at 11am in the week after Christmas (Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> December 2024 to 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025).

**Adjustments to the Weekday Mass Schedule** Until Fr. Evarist's return, we will have two Weekday Masses and two Services of the Word and Communion. Please stay updated by referring to our parish newsletter, website, or notice boards. We greatly appreciate your ongoing support, compassion, and prayers during this time.

**Enquiries or Appointments with Fr. John** For enquiries or to schedule an appointment with Fr. John, please contact the Parish Office via phone: 0115 9814271, email: [annunciation@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:annunciation@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or by visiting us during office hours.

### Prayers for Our Newly Welcomed Enquirers and Candidates

This past week, 25 enquirers and candidates participated in the Rite of Welcome and were warmly embraced by our community. Let us continue to keep them in our prayers as they journey in faith and grow closer to Christ. Thank you for your support and encouragement!



**Volunteer English Teacher/Tutor for a young Afghan refugee** I'm looking for an English teacher/tutor (current or retired) who would be willing to give occasional lessons for FREE to a young Afghan refugee. He's a lovely, bright 19-year-old with good spoken English but he's struggling to pass his GCSE English Language. If you think you can help and want more information, please contact me on 07729059694 or email [Paula.Rawsthorne@ntlworld.com](mailto:Paula.Rawsthorne@ntlworld.com). Many thanks, Paula

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



**Is God calling me to be a priest?** Do you feel that God might be calling you to the priesthood? If so, please contact Father Neil Peoples, Vocations Director, at [vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk) to book a place at the next discernment meeting, taking place in Cathedral House, Nottingham, NG1 5AE after 10.00am Mass on Saturday 7th December.

**Take time in Advent, an afternoon of prayer and reflection for Advent on Sunday 8th December between 2.00pm and 4.30pm in the Presentation Convent, Matlock DE4 3FT.** The afternoon will be led by Sister Angela Murphy and Friends of Nano. The suggested donation is £5; please contact Sister Susan [religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:religious@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more information, or to book a place.

**A REFLECTION FROM POPE FRANCIS FOR THE YEAR OF PRAYER, FOR THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,  
KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

We reflect on how constant prayer was the driving force of the missionary activity of the first Christians. Saint Luke tells us that they “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). In prayer we experience the life of the risen Jesus who, in the power of the Spirit, continues to be present to our world, especially in the Church’s teaching and sacraments, and our efforts to advance his kingdom of reconciliation, justice and peace. Like the early Christians, may we learn, through personal and communal prayer to be ever more closely united to the Triune God of love, and to bring that same love to the world around us.

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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](mailto: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**



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