



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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‘The Mother of My Lord ’ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Luke 1:39-45

Holy Masses and Services for 21st - 29th December 2024

Date	Mass/Service	
Saturday 21st December Advent Feria	3.30pm-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA	Tom and Eileen O’Reilly RIP
Sunday 22nd December Fourth Sunday of Advent	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS	The People of the Parish Curtis Family Maria Carlota Santos RIP and Filipa Fortes RIP
Monday 23rd December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; SA	Margaret Lane RIP
Tuesday 24th December Advent Feria/ The Nativity of The Lord- Christmas Day	3.30pm Carols followed by 4pm Mass; SA 4pm Mass; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS 6pm Carols followed by 6.30pm Mass; OLOG 11.30 Carols followed by Midnight Mass; HS	Catherine Kitchen RIP Richard Horton RIP Raymond McNamara RIP For Family & Friends of Eileen & Dave Widdicks John Toder RIP and Tom and Louise Shephard RIP
Wednesday 25th December The Nativity of The Lord – Christmas Day	10.30am Mass; SA 10.30am Mass; SMC 10.30am Mass; HS	Damien Kildear Intentions Victoria Kingsley Pallent RIP Chrissie Morgan RIP
Thursday 26th December St Stephen	11am Mass; HS	The Holy Souls
Friday 27th December St John, Apostle and evangelist	11am Mass; SA	David and Margaret McCartney RIP
Saturday 28th December The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	6.30pm Mass; HS	Donal Foley
Sunday 29th December The Holy Family	9am Mass; SA 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	The People of The Parish Carmel McNally RIP Henryk and Margaret Kolasa

Rosary: Monday 9am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Friday 10.15am SMC; 10.30am SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Friday 10.30am SMC; 10am SA.

This week in the parish:

· **After Mass Refreshment** Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG.

[The Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope - Jubilee Prayer](#)

God our Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, awaken in us this Jubilee Year a missionary heart for the coming of your Kingdom. May the gift of your grace transform us, Pilgrims of Hope, into your missionary disciples, blessed with the gifts and talents you give us. Strengthen us to share our Saviour’s message of love, joy, and peace with all the people we meet this year, so that we may help build up your Kingdom on earth. To you our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be glory and praise forever and ever. Amen



The Jubilee Icon

Christmas Message 2024

Dear friends,

As we gather to celebrate the joyful mystery of Christmas, I am filled with gratitude for the blessings of this season and for the gift of our faith community. The birth of Jesus, the Light of the World, reminds us that God's love is made tangible, offering hope and redemption to all.



This Christmas is particularly significant as it coincides with our Jubilee Year, a time of renewal, reconciliation, and gratitude. Just as the Jubilee calls us to reflect on God's mercy and share His blessings, the Nativity invites us to open our hearts to Christ's peace and bring His love to those around us.

In the spirit of this Jubilee, let us embody the message of the manger: humility, generosity, and the courage to walk in God's ways. May we, like the shepherds, hear the call to worship, and like the Magi, be willing to journey wherever Christ leads us.

May this season of joy inspire us to be instruments of God's grace in the world, forgiving one another, and caring for the poor and the lonely. Together, let us make this Jubilee Year a time to renew our faith, strengthen our community, and share the Good News of Christ's birth.

Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed Christmas filled with the light, peace, and joy of the Savior.

God bless, Fr John and Fr Evarist

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

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:

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

We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

Christmas Eve Masses Tuesday 24 December

Christmas Family Masses

- ◆ Holy Spirit - 4pm
- ◆ St Anne - Carols start from 3.30pm and followed by Mass at 4pm
- ◆ Holy Spirit - 6.30pm
- ◆ Our Lady of Grace - Carols start from 6pm and followed by Mass at 6.30pm

Carols and Midnight 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



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.

For St Anne

- WED 25th December and 1st January **NO** 4pm Adoration at St Anne.
- FRI 27th December Adoration at 10am ; Rosary at 10.30am before Mass and **NO** refreshments
- MON 30th December Rosary at 11.30am After Mass / Service

For Holy Spirit

- Rosary on Wednesdays at 10.30am before the 11am Mass
- **NO** Adoration on Friday 27th December

Christmas Offerings to our Priests As is traditional, there is a Christmas collection to provide a gift to our Priests. If you would like to contribute to this, please put the gift in an envelope which is available in our churches or you can donate through digital donation system at Holy Spirit. If you would like to do this by bank transfer please mark the online payment as Christmas Offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Spirit ♦ **CHRISTMAS CHURCH FLOWERS** If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one this Christmas please donate RED roses, red carnations, Red spray carnations, or a poinsettia plant. They will be used in arrangements to decorate the church. Please leave flowers in the narthex from Monday 23rd and up to 10 am on 24th. Any donations of evergreen greenery will be very welcome too. Thank you.

♦ **Holy Spirit Bookshop** New Sunday Missal is now available. Please come and have a look.

Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Cotgrave Community Carols** Sunday 22nd December 6pm at the Rose and Crown with singers from the Cotgrave Churches. All are welcome!

St Anne ♦ **No After Mass Soup Lunch during the holiday** There is no soup lunch on Friday 27th December and 3rd January. ♦ **Bereavement listening hour** It will be resumed on Wednesday 8th January.

St Margaret Clitherow ♦ **QUIZ IN AID OF EMMANUEL HOUSE NIGHT SHELTER** Sales of the quiz in the parish last weekend totalled an amazing £357 and more have been sold since. There are still some left so if you would like a copy for yourself or to give to family and friends (they will be so grateful) please contact Nuala - nmsnow2000@gmail.com. The closing date is not until Jan 8th so you have plenty of thinking time! THANK YOU for your support!

January Mass Schedule Adjustment Dear friends, as Fr Evarist will be in Tanzania for his holiday during January, we kindly ask for your understanding and support during this time. In order to keep our Parish Finances healthy by reducing the need for supply priests, and preserving my energy means there will be an adjustment to the Mass schedule.

During January, there will be **One** Vigil Mass and **Three** Sunday Masses and no Service or Mass on Thursdays in the Parish from the 9th of January. We will review after Fr Evarist comes back.

For further details, please refer to the parish newsletter, or the notice board at the church, or our parish website.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding as we work together for the good of our parish. Peace, John

Note:

St Anne

- FRI 3rd of January **NO** Mass/Service or refreshments
- FRI 10th January Adoration at 10am; Rosary at 1030am; Service at 11am
- Monday 6th January Rosary at 11.30am After Service

For Holy Spirit

- WED 1st and 8th January Rosary on Wednesdays at 10.30am before the 11am Mass
- **NO** Adoration on Fridays at Holy Spirit till the 10th January.

Jubilee Year 2025 As the Year of Prayer in preparation for Jubilee 2025 comes to a close, we look ahead with excitement for the opening of the Jubilee Year which has been titled '**Pilgrims of Hope**'.

Pope Francis will launch the beginning of the Jubilee Year in Rome on Christmas Eve 2024, and Bishop Patrick will do the same for our Diocese on Sunday 29th December 2024.

The Parish Event Calendar for the Jubilee Year will commence in January, with more details to be shared through the parish newsletter, website, and the church notice board.

Luce: The Vatican's cartoon mascot for Jubilee 2025



Luce

Thank you note from SVP SVP Holy Spirit and St Anne's would like to thank the Parishioners for the generous donations towards the Advent Appeal: the charities were very grateful. We would also like to thank everyone, with special appreciation to our young helpers for their efforts in collecting and delivering the donations.

Missio Red Box Collection Many thanks to all Red Box holders. The total from our four parish communities £1161.84 Contact missio.org to see where your donations go.

Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Tony Crump. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



Second Collection: 21st / 22nd December - Parish: Christmas Offerings to Parish Priests

Office closed for Christmas Please note that we are closed from 3pm of Thursday 19th December and we will resume duty on Tuesday 7th January. For any emergencies please contact the Clergy Team. Please refer to the contact details from the newsletter, or the notice board at the church or on the Parish website.

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

There is no better way to pray than to place oneself like Mary in an attitude of openness, with a heart open to God: "Lord, what you want, when you want, and how you want". That is, a heart open to God's will. And God always responds.

EVERY DAY EVANGELISING – EXPLORE SHARING YOUR FAITH JOIN BISHOP PATRICK

Every Day Evangelising – Explore sharing your faith Join Bishop Patrick on Saturday 25th January (10.00am-3:30pm) at Holy Trinity Parish, Newark, for a day focused on how we can share our faith in simple ways every day! The day will be led by Deacon David Palmer (Birmingham Archdiocese) who will help us develop ways to live our baptismal calling to be Jesus' ambassadors in the world. There is no cost to the day but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place here: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising

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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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