



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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'All flesh shall see the salvation of God.'

Luke 3:1-6

Second Sunday of Advent

Holy Masses and Services for 7th - 15th December 2024

Date	Mass/Service	
Saturday 7th December St Ambrose, bishop and doctor	12.30pm Wedding; HS 3.30pm-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30pm-6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Patrick Herity and Isobel Rhodes 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 Evarists' Mum, Agnes Kaniki RIP John Breffit RIP (Anniversary) Sze's Family The People of the Parish
Monday 9th December Immaculate conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patron of Our Diocese	9.30am Mass; SA 1pm Funeral Service; HS	Angela Price RIP
Tuesday 10th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	Molloy Family
Wednesday 11th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; HS	Angela Price RIP
Thursday 12th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; HS	Mr. Michael Hutnyk RIP & Mr. Basil Najda RIP
Friday 13th December St Lucy, virgin and Martyr	12pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Advent Reconciliation ; HS 7.30pm Mass; HS	Thanksgiving Mass for Ann Clayfield Jim Cahill RIP
Saturday 14th December St John of the Cross, priest and doctor	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Elizabeth Harrison RIP John Ward RIP 10 th Anniversary
Sunday 15th December Third Sunday of Advent	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	The People of The Parish Michael Leslie Ferrar RIP In Thanksgiving JS (C) Mr David Robinson 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.

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.
- **Toddler Group** Thursday 10am; HS.
- **Advent Reconciliation** Friday 13th December before evening Mass; HS

SECOND COLLECTION: 21st / 22nd December - Parish: Christmas Offerings to Parish Priests

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU

I would like to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude for the overwhelming support, prayers, and kindness you have shown to me and my family during this profoundly difficult time. Caring for my beloved mum, Agnes, in her final days was a profound journey filled with both sorrow and cherished memories. Her passing has left a deep void in my heart, yet your kindness has made this difficult path a little easier to bear. To be honest, your love and prayers have been a source of strength for me and my family. Knowing that I had such a loving and supportive community surrounding us though from very far, provided comfort during the most challenging moments. I truly felt the love and compassion that binds us together as a parish family.

I am also incredibly thankful for the generous gifts you organized in my mother's memory. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are deeply appreciated and may almighty God bless you abundantly.

Additionally, I have received countless emails, messages and cards filled with kind words and encouragements. Each message reminded me that I am not alone in this journey, and for that, I am sincerely grateful.

Thank you for standing by me and my family during this time of loss. Your support has been a beacon of hope, and I am blessed to be part of such a compassionate community.

Please let us continue to pray for her so that God may grant her eternal rest and peace in His loving embrace.

With heartfelt thanks and blessings to you all,
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.

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.

Advent Reconciliation Services Including Individual Confession

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 - 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

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.

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.

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 while Fr Evarist is away, there will be **One** Vigil Mass and **Three** Sunday Masses and no Service or Mass on Thursday in the Parish. We will review after he 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

Holy Spirit ♦ **Christmas Carolling Event** Saturday, 14th December 2024: Rehearsal starts from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM; Performance starts from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM; Followed by refreshments from 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All are welcome! 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 ♦ **Cotgrave Churches Carols Together** Friday 20th December 5pm at Cotgrave Shopping Centre. All are welcome! ♦ **Cotgrave Community Carols** Sunday 22nd December 6pm at the Rose and Crown with singers from the Cotgrave Churches. All are welcome!

St Anne ♦ **Special collection for Christmas Flowers** An extra collection for Christmas Flowers at 14th/15th December. ♦ **No After Mass Soup Lunch** There is no soup lunch on 13th December.

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.

Week SVP is launching the Advent Appeal. This weekend, we will distribute lists of items (food, toiletries, clothing) that you can bring to support homeless charities in Nottingham (Emmanuel House, The Friary and the London Road Hostel). We encourage you to take the list, shop for some of the items in the list and bring back the bag at Holy Spirit Church on the weekend of 14th-15th December. A copy of the list will be on the Parish website. We thank you for your generosity.

Faith Formation Gathering Join us on Thursday 12th December 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!

Thank you for your support to Emmanuel House Quiz Many thanks to all those who supported the Emmanuel House Quiz Night. The final total raised was £570. Thank you for your generosity.

Thank you note from CAFOD Thank You once again for your very generous support and donations. £460 raised at the Annunciation cake competition and craft fair. This money has been sent to Fr Vincent. £682.34 raised from the Christmas hamper raffle and advent event, we had a raffle winner from every church in our parish. This money has been sent to CAFOD.

Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Angela Price and Ann Shirley Wilson. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Funeral Service for Angela is on the Monday 9th December 1pm at Holy Spirit. The Chapel Service for Ann is on Wednesday 11th December 1.30pm at Wilford Hill Crematorium. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



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.

Newsletter Update During Office Closure The newsletters will be preprinted before the office closure. If you have any inserts to include, please send them to Ceci Li or the Parish Office by the end of 18th December. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

To God who blesses, we too respond by blessing — God has taught us how to bless and we must bless — through the prayer of praise, of adoration, of thanksgiving. The Catechism writes: “The prayer of blessing is our response to God’s gifts: because God blesses, the human heart can in return bless the One who is the source of every blessing” (n. 2626).

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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