



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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‘What, then, shall we do?’

Luke 3:10-18

Third Sunday of Advent

Holy Masses and Services for 14th - 22nd December 2024

Date	Mass/Service	
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
Monday 16th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; SA	Denise Donovan Intentions
Tuesday 17th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	Jennifer Jennings RIP
Wednesday 18th December Advent Feria	9.30am Mass; HS	Barrie and Monica Hough RIP
Thursday 19th December Advent Feria	9.30am Service of word and Communion ; HS	Service of Word and Communion
Friday 20th December Advent Feria	12pm Service of word and Communion ; SA 12.30pm Funeral Mass; HS 7.30pm Mass; HS	Service of Word and Communion Stefano Piraino RIP Jonathan Higham RIP
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

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.

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.

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

Open your Heart And Heal your Soul

Dear Friends,

Following on from my homily last week, I want to encourage you to continue your journey through Advent. These final days of preparation for the coming of Christ anew into our hearts are fast disappearing. On this, the third Sunday of Advent or Gaudete Sunday, we sense a definite mood change. The austerity of what can be a sombre, though hope-filled penitential season, is replaced by a shift of emphasis. We see a burst of colour appearing at the Mass today as rose-coloured vestments replace the violet and we are enjoined at the Introit to: Rejoice in the Lord and again I say rejoice or Gaudete in Domino semper, hence Gaudete Sunday. But why this shift in emphasis? We are edging that bit nearer to celebrating the coming of Our Lord at Christmas, that is undeniably true, but also because St John the Baptist is proclaiming the Coming of our Saviour. As we approach the 3rd Sunday of Advent, let us press the pause button!

Joy comes from knowing that we are redeemed. As the first reading reminds us, it is the joy of knowing that God has removed the judgment hanging over our heads; it is the joy of knowing that our Lord, our Mighty Saviour is in our midst and that "He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival." That joy is not found under the Christmas tree. That joy is not found in all the new expensive toys and gadgets and branded clothing we thirst for. That joy is not found in a new job with better pay and prospects. That joy is not in someone that you've just met, even though you're married. That joy is found only at the foot of the cross. Only when we come to recognise the love of God as displayed on the cross - the Son of God who has died for our sins, only then can we experience joy, lasting joy, real joy, the joy of a forgiven sinner, one who has been redeemed from sin and death. The joy of knowing that my salvation has been won by Christ on the cross and that He will return to complete what He has already begun. If our lack of joy is a consequence of our separation from God, then the reason for our joy is being reunited with Him.

What better way to be reunited with Jesus, in our than through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which brings Healing, Pardoning and Peace! Set your soul free this Advent, with the Sacrament of Reconciliation! Rejoice in the Peace of Christ! John

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.

Advent Reconciliation Services Including Individual Confession

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 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.

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 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! ♦ **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** We have Christmas cards, Nativity Sets, Advent calendars, candles, children's Christmas books in stock now. **New Sunday Missal is now available too!** 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 during the holiday** There is no soup lunch on Friday 27th December and 3rd January.

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.

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 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

Faith Formation Gathering Join us on Thursday 19th 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!

Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass on Monday 16th December 1pm at Cathedral. 16th December marks the 200th anniversary of the priestly ordination of Father Robert William Willson, Nottingham's parish priest who was responsible for the building of Saint Barnabas Cathedral in the 1840s. All are very welcome to attend.

Foundation Governors Event 17th December Christ the King Academy, Arnold are holding a coffee morning for any practising Catholics who would like to know more about becoming Foundation Governors Tuesday 17th December at 9am. There will current Governors, school staff and colleagues from Our lady of Lourdes Trust available to answer any of your questions. For more information or to book a place please email office@christtheking.notts.sch.uk

Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Tony Crump and Stefano Piraino. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. The Funeral Mass for Stefano is on the Friday 20th December 12.30pm at Holy Spirit. 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.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Very often it happens that we do not pray, we don't feel like praying, or many times we pray like parrots, with the mouth, but our heart is not in it. This is the moment to say to the Spirit: "Come, come Holy Spirit, warm my heart. Come and teach me to pray, teach me to look to the Father, to look to the Son. Teach what the path of faith is like. Teach me how to love and, above all, teach me to have an attitude of hope."

JOIN CAFOD ONLINE ON SATURDAY 18TH JANUARY 2025 FROM 10.30AM UNTIL 12.00 NOON FOR GET JUBILEE READY

A general introduction to the Jubilee Year with some special guests. Hear what Jubilee years are all about, how we're celebrating as a global and national Church, and how we can be tangible signs of hope and build a better world together throughout this holy year. Visit: <https://cafod.org.uk/news/events/a-year-of-hope-an-introduction-to-the-jubilee-year>

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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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