



# 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 child grew, filled with wisdom.’

Luke 2:22-40





### Fourth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of the Presentation of the Lord– Candlemas Holy Masses and Services for 1st to 9th February 2025

Please note the following changes to the Mass schedule:

**Vigil Mass: 1 February, 4:30 PM at St Anne**

**Sunday Masses (2 February): 9:00 AM at St. Anne and at St Margaret Clitherow; 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit;**

*Regular Mass times will resume starting 8th/9th February.*

<b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b> Feria	3.30-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA	Fr Anthony Franey's Birthday Intentions
<b>Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b> The Presentation of The Lord	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 	Anne Cowey's Intentions The People of The Parish Tony Crump RIP
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b> Feria	9.30am Service; SA	Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Gilbert of Sempringham, religious	9.30am Service; SMC 1pm <i>Funeral Service</i> ; HS	Service of Word and Communion Gerald Grenville Jennings RIP
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Agatha, virgin and Martyr	9.30am Mass; HS	Mary Mercer RIP
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February</b> St Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs of Japan	No Mass	No Mass
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b> Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Richard Doodson RIP (Anniversary) Bridget O'Malley RIP
<b>Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> Feria	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	David and Margaret McCartney RIP Special Intention
<b>Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b> Fifth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	For the Intentions of Gill Atkins Chris Lilie RIP The People of The Parish Piera Onesta 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 Mass/ Service SA.
- **Toddler group** Thursday 10am HS.

**Let us pray for those who have died recently:** With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Hugh Farrelly, Mary Lyons, Mal McNulty, Gerald Jennings. Gerald's Funeral Service is on 4th February, 11.30am at Holy Spirit. Mal's Funeral Mass is on 11th February, 11.30pm at Holy Spirit. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



## Thank you to the Parish of the Annunciation, Rushcliffe

Dear Friends,

Thank you all so much for the wonderful experience you have given me while on placement in your parish. The time has now sadly come for me to say goodbye to you all and return to the seminary for the next semester. I have enjoyed every moment of my placement and have learnt so much. There is so much that seminary life does not teach you about parish life and it is only thanks to the generosity of Fr John, Fr Evarist and all of you that I have learnt so much.

The work has been varied with visits to the schools, Nottingham prison, all four of our churches, the briars and engaging in programs like Confirmation and RCIA. It has been great for me to get to know so many people and to share my experience so far of seminary and parish life. Its also been nice to have some friendly fun about our local derby, (yes, for those who don't already know I am a Rams fan and proud of it)! This is something which brings ordinary everyday things to life and makes it easy to build up a good rapport and remember that there is time for business and pleasure whilst on placement, (although being a Rams fan doesn't bring much pleasure just now, but enough about that).

As I prepare to return to seminary could I please ask you for your continued prayers for myself and our other diocesan seminarian, Lukas Mickevicius who is two years below me, and pray that other young men in our diocese may consider the option of the priesthood. We do face a challenging future in our diocese with fewer priests and seminarians and the parish was, in my case, where I first considered the possibility of becoming a priest. So please do pray for vocations to the priesthood and also to the diaconate, religious life and marriage.

My deepest thanks to you all once again and a special word of thanks to Fr John, Fr Evarist, Margaret, Cecilia and Ceci. Be assured of my prayers for you and the parish and I hope to return for a visit when possible.

Finally... UP THE RAMS!!!

God Bless

Michael.

**Urgent: Parking Issues at Holy Spirit on Sundays** We have received numerous serious complaints from our neighbours regarding parishioners blocking driveways during Sunday Mass. This behaviour is unacceptable and disrespectful to those who live in the community.

If this continues, we risk damaging our reputation and facing further consequences. Please do not block driveways under any circumstances. Be responsible, be considerate, and park legally.

Please be mindful and respectful - your cooperation is not just appreciated, it is expected.

**Holy Spirit** ♦ **Join Our Children's Liturgy Team** Do you feel called to share God's word with children? We're seeking passionate leaders and helpers to guide and inspire our youngest members on their faith journey. Don't miss this opportunity to nurture young hearts and deepen your own faith. **Contact the Parish Office today** to learn more and make a meaningful difference!

**Our Lady of Grace** ♦ **Fairtrade/ethical stall** Thank you everyone who supported the recent Fairtrade/ethical stall in Cotgrave. Sales were good and there were many monetary donations which resulted in a lot of Fairtrade products being added to our food bank collection. The next stall is planned for the 9th of February so I hope to see you all then. Lynn Harrison.

**St Anne** ♦ **Children's Liturgy at St Anne's - weekly at 9.00 Mass.** We have dedicated catechists, but we need more children to join! Parents, encourage your little ones to come along—we would love to welcome them!

**Mass Intentions** Mass intentions in our parish are currently delayed, and we are doing our best to manage the situation. If you have an urgent request, please contact the parish office. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

**Baptism Preparation Course for Infants** The next course will be on Wednesday 5th February 2024, 7pm at Holy Spirit. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

**Parish Friendship Group** Will meet at St. Margaret Clitherow on Wednesday, 5th February, our speaker is John Edwards who will speak about St Barnabas Cathedral. All are welcome. Anyone needing a lift, please contact Maureen on 0115 8914601

## Feast of the Presentation of the Lord - Candlemas on Sunday 2nd February

The traditional day of prayer for Religious Life, and our diocesan **Jubilee for Religious**. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus in the Temple forty days after his birth, an occasion when offerings were made and the mother was ritually purified. Simeon's prophecy referred to Jesus as 'a light to enlighten the pagans', summing up the Christmas theme of light coming into the darkness, but also points towards the Paschal Mystery, for He was 'destined to be a sign that is rejected'.



**A special blessing of Candles at Sunday Mass on 2nd February** - Candles symbolise Christ. Like a candle shining in the darkness, Christ is the light of the world. Christ in his birth, life and death, gave up Himself for our salvation. You and I have received His light into our hearts through baptism. He has chosen us personally to be His disciples. And He calls us to share that Light with others.

Learn more about the Feast Day: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/liturgical-holidays/feast-of-the-presentation-of-the-lord.html>

**The Jubilee of the Sick—Sunday 9th February** **Sacrament of the Sick** The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a Catholic Sacrament that provides spiritual and physical comfort to people who are ill. The Sacrament gives grace for the state into which people enter through sickness.

- Bishop Patrick, assisted by Clergy, will administer the Sacrament of the Sick at the Cathedral on **Sunday 9th February at 3pm**. Light refreshments will be available in the hall following the Service. If you are able to donate any cakes or biscuits, they would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome to attend.
- Fr John and Fr Evarist will celebrate a special Parish Mass for the Sick and Housebound on a **Saturday in May 2025**, taking advantage of the warmer weather. More details will be shared via the parish website, newsletter, and church notice board.

**NDCYS - Mission Team Roadshow** Next week, the Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is bringing The Briars to a parish near you! They will be at Sacred Heart Parish, Leicester on Saturday 1st February, Our Lady of Lourdes, Mickelover on Sunday 2nd February, Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham on Tuesday 4th February and Our Lady of Lincoln, Lincoln on Wednesday 5th February. Come and hear about the exciting opportunities at the Youth Service, the skills you will gain and how these opportunities will help you to discover God's call. For more information visit [www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities](http://www.ndcys.com/events-and-opportunities) or email [events@ndcys.com](mailto:events@ndcys.com)

**Mass for Young Adults on Friday 28th February** Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 10pm for Young Adults (18-35) making use of the beautiful lighting in the Cathedral for 'Nottingham Night Light'. If you would like to support the Mass in any way, eg reading, serving, welcoming, then please contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

**Day Retreat for young adults at The Briars on Saturday 22nd March** Youth2000 is running a day retreat for all young adults (18-35) at The Briars, Crich, DE4 5BW. The day will include lunch and dinner, inputs, prayer, and Mass with Bishop Patrick. To purchase a ticket and find out more visit: <https://youth2000.churchsuite.com/events/eo9c6nuj> and for more information contact: [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**Jubilee of Marriages** Bishop Patrick warmly invites all married couples to the Cathedral on Sunday 16th February when we will celebrate Mass at 3.00pm to mark the Jubilee of Marriages. The Bishop will lead a Renewal of Vows during the Mass, impart a special Jubilee Blessing, and afterwards host a Reception in Cathedral Hall. All married couples (and their families) are very welcome to attend, especially those recently married, and those celebrating significant anniversaries this Jubilee year.

**A Retreat for married couples on 'The Four Disciplines of a Family' will take place on Saturday 15th March from 11.00am until 3.00pm.** Mike and Alicia Herson, founders of the famous Messy Family Podcast are coming all the way from Ohio, USA to lead this Retreat. Please see the link below for more details. [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-messy-family-project-st-vincent-s-mission-hub-sheffield-tickets-1116789079199?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-messy-family-project-st-vincent-s-mission-hub-sheffield-tickets-1116789079199?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=attendeeshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=listing&utm-source=cp&aff=ebdsshcopyurl)

## THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, SATURDAY 8TH FEBRUARY

The feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery, takes place on Saturday 8th February. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis describes human trafficking as “blood money” and a “crime against humanity”. We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to [santamartagroup.org/resources](http://santamartagroup.org/resources).

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**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



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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