



# 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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## ‘This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.’ Luke 3:15-22

### The Second Week of Ordinary Time Peace Sunday Holy Masses and Services for 18th - 26th January 2025

<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b> Feria	3.30pm-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA		Ann Rafter and Patrick Rafter RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b> Second Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 		James O’Connor RIP Curtis Family The People of The Parish
<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b> Feria	9.30am Service; SA		Service of Word and Communion
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b> St Agnes, virgin and Martyr	9.30am Mass; SMC		Loughlin Hickey RIP
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b> Feria	9.30am Mass; HS		Repose of the Soul of Mal McNulty RIP
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b> Feria	No Mass		No Mass
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b> St Francis de Sales, bishop and doctor	7.30pm Mass; HS		Connie Ryan RIP
<b>Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b> The Conversion of St Paul	6.30pm Mass; HS		The People of The Parish
<b>Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b> Third Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG		John Buxton’s Intentions Filomena Difrancesco Marino (90 <sup>th</sup> Birthday) Michael McKerr RIP

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

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

### The Jubilee Year 2025 - Pilgrims of Hope

**The Year of the Jubilee** In the Catholic Church, the concept of Jubilee or ‘Holy Year’ was used to declare special years for forgiveness and reconciliation. The Jubilee Year is a time to re-establish a proper relationship with God, with one another, and with all of creation. A prayer card and a companion booklet (suggested donation £1) is available at the back of the churches. Check our Parish Website for more details:

<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/jubilee-2025/>



The Jubilee Icon

Dear Friends,

I write this note to 'Thank you' for your understanding and cooperation at this time of difficult change within our Parish of The Annunciation. I know for some people not having Holy Mass in your respective churches each week has been painful. For some going to other churches has not been easy and more so for those, unable to get to Holy Mass. This is a challenging time for everyone and inevitably there will be more challenging times ahead. I ask you for your continued support.

Michael, our seminarian student, said, *"While we are blessed to have Lucas and I studying for the Priesthood, I am in my 4th year and Lucas in his 2nd year, and by the time we are Ordained to the Priesthood things are going to change even more so for the churches within our diocese"*.

My friends, you and I need to be proactive in supporting each other. I need to ensure that both Fr Evarist and I keep well, so that we can take care of you and administer the sacraments to you, and you need to look after each other by ensuring where possible you can offer each other lifts, if there is no Holy Mass in your church.

As we are a very big parish, trying to ensure that there are six weekend Masses (one in church), is a challenge. This may mean that we must go where the Holy Mass is actually being celebrated. This is tough for all of us. I hope and pray we will get back to normal upon Fr Evarist's return from his holiday. For the time being we each need to be prepared to step out of our comfort zone and go beyond the boundaries of what we know to embrace what the Lord wants us to encounter and experience. The Joy of His Gospel in another place.

There is no easy solution. It is getting harder to get supply priests, as many of our retired priests who were able to help us in the past are facing changes to their own health needs and are not able to travel around in the way they once did. In four months, last year we spent over £7,000 on supply priests. We can't put a price on the Sacrifice of Holy Mass, we as a Parish Mission Team and Local Church Teams need to work together to ensure that we can support each other through these challenging times.

Friends, can we please be positive and proactive in working together to take care of each other? Let us be an anchor of HOPE and a beacon of LIGHT, so that we can stand together, hand in hand with hearts filled with faith in the one (Jesus) who binds us together.

*"Truth is never determined by majority opinion, but by divine revelation"*

*Book Divine Revelation*

*"Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness"*

**ARCHBISHOP DESMOND TUTU**

*Where is God calling us to Be?*

Peace, John

**St Margaret Clitherow** ♦ **Local Church Group** The next meeting of the St Margaret Clitherow Local Church Group, which discusses a range of matters relating to our local church community, will be at 6.00pm on Wednesday 29th January. All are welcome. If there are any items you would like to see on the agenda, please email Stewart Molyneux (stewartmolyneux71@gmail.com).

**SPUC White Flower** SPUC White Flower: the annual White Flower appeal on behalf of the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) will take place during all Masses this weekend. If you would like to get involved with the local Nottingham branch of SPUC, contact David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk for more information.

**Churches Together Keyworth** There will be a service to mark the start of the WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY at St Mary Magdalene, Keyworth on Sunday January 19th at 6pm. All are welcome.

**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.

**New Lectionary** On the first Sunday of Advent 2024, a new lectionary was 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>

**Let us pray for those who have died recently:** With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Mary Lyons, Mal McNulty and Tony Crump. Reception of Tony's body into Holy Spirit will be on 30th January, 6 pm and his Funeral Mass will be on the 31st January, 12 noon. Please keep their 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.



Dear Friends,

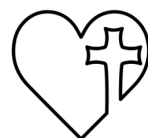
Thank you all for the warm welcome I have received since arriving in your parish for my placement. It has been great getting to meet so many of you and being able to help with Altar Serving, reading at mass, giving out Holy Communion and meeting the catechists and candidates for their First Holy Communion and Confirmation. I will be joining the confirmation group on their trip to the Briars this Saturday, and this will be my first time visiting the Briars since 2020 so am looking forward to it very much. I am also looking forward to shortly visiting St Edmund Campion and the Becket schools and hopefully go out with some of the Eucharistic Ministers to bring Holy Communion to some of our parishioners at home. While I am here with you if anyone would like to ask me anything, or have any questions about priesthood, vocations, seminary life or anything else feel free to do so and I will be more than happy to try my best to answer them.

Wishing you all and your families a good and happy week and with my prayers for you and for our parish.

Michael Furey.

**Prayer Request for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Program** This weekend marks the beginning of the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation Programme. Let us keep all the children, their families, and the catechists in our prayers as they embark on this important journey of faith and spiritual growth. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless them throughout this program.

If you are willing to be a prayer sponsor for one of them, please sign up on the sheet at the back of the church or speak to Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator. Thank you.



**Second Collection for World Leprosy Day on 25th/26th January:** World Leprosy Day (WLD) is observed annually on the last Sunday of January, falling this year on Sunday, 26th January.

In 2025, Lepara is highlighting the vital work of grassroots community groups in India and Bangladesh. These groups play a crucial role in detecting leprosy cases early and reducing its devastating impact on individuals and communities. We kindly invite your generosity and support during the second collection to aid this important cause. Your contributions can make a meaningful difference in the fight against leprosy.

**Every Day Evangelising – Explore sharing your faith** 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 for the day but please bring a packed lunch. Book your place here: [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/every-day-evangelising)

**Prayer and Life Workshops** The Diocese is offering a course to help people grow in their prayer life this spring. The course, Prayer and Life Workshops, will help individuals learn and practise a variety of ways of praying, bringing each person closer to Christ, finding healing, becoming more familiar with the Word of God, and helping live faith through the challenges of life. There was a taster session on Thursday 16th January but you can still join the first weekly session on Thursday 23rd January. All sessions will be at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Derby, DE3 9GE, between 7.00pm and 9.00pm.

**Young Adults Retreat** On Saturday 25th January, any young adults (18-35) are warmly invited to join Joel's Bar for a Day Retreat at Holy Trinity Church, Newark. The day starts at 3.00pm with Mass, followed by a time of worship, supper, a talk and ending in worship. To buy a ticket for just £10, visit: <https://linktr.ee/yaminthedon>

**A brand-new Young Adult Formation Course run by the Diocese of Nottingham** If you would like to deepen your faith, grow in community with other 18-35 years olds as well as engage more fully in your parish then the brand-new Young Adult Formation Course run by the Diocese of Nottingham is the course for you. For more information contact [charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or sign up at: <https://forms.office.com/e/9qvH5SjRH>

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** It runs Jan. 18–25, takes on special significance this year because of the 1,700th anniversary of the first ecumenical council in history, the Council of Nicaea in A.D. 325.

The theme for the week, "Do You Believe This?" (Jn 11:26), is inspired by the dialogue between Jesus and Martha during Jesus' visit to the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany after their brother Lazarus had died as recounted in John's Gospel.

Check out the prayers and reflections resources: <https://ctbi.org.uk/resources/week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity-2025/>



## VACANCY IN DIOCESE

**The Diocesan Youth Service is looking to appoint a Business Manager** The Business Manager will provide managerial oversight and hands on control of all aspects of financial management and reporting, people management and other resources such as the facilities in Derbyshire. The role is for 37.5 hours per week, with a salary in the range £38k-£42k. The deadline for applications is Friday 31st January, and more details can be found on the poster, or at: [www.ndcys.com/job-vacancies/](http://www.ndcys.com/job-vacancies/)

**Part-time parish administrator** An exciting opportunity has arisen at All Saints, West Nottingham parish for a part-time parish administrator, working 10 hours per week (Mondays and Fridays). For more details see the poster; the closing date for applications is Friday 31st January

## PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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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



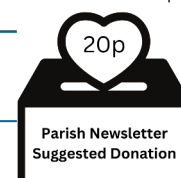
We appreciate any donation you wish to give by cash, cheque or via online banking. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking, the parish bank details are:

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