



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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‘Today this Scripture has been fulfilled’

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21





Third Week in Ordinary Time Sunday of the Word of God Holy Masses and Services for 25th January - 2nd February 2025

Please note the following changes to the Mass schedule as Fr. Evarist is on holiday in Tanzania during January:

Vigil Mass: 25 January, 6:30 PM at Holy Spirit

Sunday Masses (26 January): 9:00 AM at St. Anne; 11:00 AM at Holy Spirit; 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Grace

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

Saturday 25th January The Conversion of St Paul	6.30pm Mass; HS	The People of The Parish
Sunday 26th January Third Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	John Buxton's Intentions Filomena Difrancesco Marino (90 th Birthday) Michael McKerr RIP
Monday 27th January Feria	9.30am Service; SA	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 28th January St Thomas Aquinas, priest and doctor	9.30am Mass; SMC	Kathleen O'Sullivan
Wednesday 29th January Feria	9.30am Mass; HS	Holy Souls
Thursday 30th January Feria	No Mass 6pm <i>Reception into church</i> ; HS	No Mass Tony Crump RIP
Friday 31st January St John Bosco, priest	12pm <i>Funeral Mass</i> ; HS	Tony Crump RIP
Saturday 1st February Feria	3.30-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA	Fr Anthony Franey's Birthday Intentions
Sunday 2nd February 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

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.

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, Lepra 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. To read some real-life stories of some of the beneficiaries whose lives have been changed through the work of Lepra, please visit

www.lepra.org.uk

Dear Friends

To live out the Sixth Sunday of the Word of God, which will be celebrated throughout the Church to day 26 January 2025, Pope Francis has chosen as the theme the words of the Psalmist, "I hope in your Word" (Ps. 119:74). It is a cry of hope: man and woman, in a moment of anguish, tribulation, and confusion, cries out to God and puts all their hope in him.

Cardinal Archbishop Rino Fisichella, states,

It is a deeply human experience, as is usually found in the Psalter. Everyone hopes, we all have hopes, but what is communicated to us in this Jubilee Year is a "Hope," in the singular. It is not an abstract idea or naive optimism, but a person, alive and present in everyone's life: Christ crucified and risen, the only one who never abandons us. Pauline theology is extremely clear on this point: "Christ Jesus our hope" (1 Tim. 1:1).

Allow the Sacred Scriptures to be your starting point for encouraging others. Share with your brothers and sisters where you see the Spirit of God working in and through them. Point out the fruits of the Spirit you see growing in them, so that you may encourage each other to grow and develop in your spiritual understanding of the Word of God. When we grow in knowledge of the Scriptures we see the power of God at work in our lives. Saint Jerome, reminds us, **Ignorance of Scripture is Ignorance of Christ**. He encourages us to study our Bible seriously and frequently.

Saint Peter guides us in the words he spoke in John's Gospel. "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life" (Jn. 6:68). The words of Jesus remained for Peter and his companions as the last thread of hope in a fullness of life they could only hope for from God.

The word of the Lord reaches the heart, not as a promise of something, but as a promise of someone.

*Dom Mauro-Giuseppe Lepori OCist
Abbot General of the Cistercian Order*

There are three stages in the work of God: Impossible; Difficult; Done.

Hudson Taylor

What stage are you at in reading your Bible?

Peace, John

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.

CAFOD Quiz Night Saturday 1st February 2025 - 7.30 for 8pm start at Holy Spirit Social Centre Entrance by a donation to CAFOD funds. Bar Open, Excellent Raffle.

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.

SPUC White Flower The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) would like to thank parishioners at all our Churches for their generous response to the annual White Flower appeal last weekend. £1,153.56 was raised which is a magnificent result – thank you!

Parish Christmas Quiz Many thanks to all who donated and competed in the Parish Christmas Quiz, which raised the excellent sum of £563.17 for Emmanuel House. Congratulations to the leaders of a strong field, Nick Ferrar of Deal, Kent and Karen Ferrar of Ravenshead (1st prizes) and the Lillie family and the Mercer family, both of Keyworth (2nd prizes), with an honourable mention for Rory and Patti Steele of Canberra, Australia. The answers to the quiz can be found on the Parish website at <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/christmasquiz/>

Sunday of the Word of God

The Third Sunday of Ordinary Time is the 'Sunday of the Word of God' - a day, instituted by Pope Francis on the Feast of Saint Jerome in 2019, devoted to the celebration and study of Sacred Scripture.

This year's theme, **"I hope in your Word" (Psalm 119:74)**, invites all to reflect on the hope and guidance the Bible offers in the Christian journey. As part of the Jubilee Year 2025, Pope Francis will preside over a special Mass in St. Peter's Basilica to mark this occasion.

In his apostolic letter, Pope Francis reminds us that "the relationship between the risen Lord, the community of believers and Sacred Scripture is essential to our identity as Christians." As we approach this special Sunday, let us renew our devotion to the Word of God, allowing it to inspire, guide, and transform our lives.

The Catholic Bishop's Conference of England & Wales has compiled a number of resources available to use in parishes and schools. <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/sunday-of-the-word-of-god/>



Prayer Request for First Holy Communion and Confirmation Program Let us keep all the children who are part of the Parish First Holy Communion and Confirmation Preparation Programme 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.



Diocese Youth Pilgrimage in Rome - The Canonisation of Carlo Acutis 23rd - 28th April 2025, led by Fr John Martin

Carlo Acutis, a shining modern example of faith and devotion, continues to inspire young people around the world. This is your chance to join a special pilgrimage celebrating his canonisation!

Who can join?

- Youth aged 16 and older are warmly invited to participate.
- For participants under 16, a parent or guardian must accompany them.
- A limited number of spaces are also available for adults.

Don't miss this extraordinary opportunity to celebrate together. For more details or to secure your spot, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible—spaces are limited!

Let's come together to honour Carlo Acutis and his incredible journey of faith.



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, Gerald Jennings 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. Mal's Funeral Mass is on 11th February, 11.30pm at Holy Spirit. 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.



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

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.

One bedroom flat at St Augustine's Church: available to rent from 1st February at £700 per month including gas, water & internet charges. It has off-road parking, a new carpet & has recently been painted - suitable for one person or a couple. We are a working parish, so events/services do happen on site at unusual times. For all enquiries, please email the letting agent: anthony@arresidential.co.uk

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/

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

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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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