



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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‘Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’

Luke 23:35-43

**CHRIST THE KING ♦ DIOCESAN JUBILEE OF YOUNG ADULTS AND UNIVERSITIES
THIRTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C**

A Message from the Parish Priests

We would like to thank everyone who has taken part in our parish consultation journey, and for the prayers you offered in preparation for our recent meeting with Bishop Patrick. The meeting took place on 14 November, with diocesan clergy representatives, representatives from Our Lady of the Angels' Parish Council, Parish of the Annunciation's PMG, and Pat Jones, who leads the volunteering data analysis team.

Throughout the consultation and during the meeting, the depth of reflection shared by parishioners—your hopes, concerns, and lived experience of parish life—has been truly inspiring. Each contribution reflected a genuine faith, deep love for your communities, and a strong commitment to the Church's mission. We want to assure you that your responses and reflections were listened to with great care and respect by Bishop Patrick. Following the meeting, several important points have been confirmed:

- Holy Spirit Church will remain open and in use.
- There are no plans to purchase new land.
- The option of building one new church for the entire area is not being pursued.

Throughout the consultation responses, parishioners expressed a heartfelt desire to maintain our local faith communities, recognising the vibrancy of their groups and the vital mission and presence each community brings to its neighbourhood. We gladly affirm our commitment to the spirit and outcomes of the consultation process, especially this shared hope.

There is also a clear and shared understanding that some changes will be needed to safeguard the wellbeing of our clergy, to balance workloads responsibly, and to support the long-term sustainability of our worship life and pastoral mission. More than 50% of priests in our diocese are now over 60 years of age, and this reality places increasing pressure on our clergy as they continue to serve with great dedication. Recognising this, the direction ahead seeks to honour the hopes and strengths of our communities while responding realistically and faithfully to the needs of our parish today.

Bishop Patrick and the curia team will now take time to continue discerning the best structural path forward. We will then have further work to do to plan how to move forward. We hope that the next steps can be shaped thoughtfully and collaboratively, ensuring that our communities remain strong, supported, and united.

We understand how important clarity is for parishioners, and how deeply this process touches the life of each community. Please be assured that careful, prayerful, and thoughtful consideration is essential for a decision of this significance. We will keep you updated as further details emerge.

As we look ahead, we do so with hope and confidence. Our parish life—formation, catechesis, outreach, worship, and mission—will continue to flourish through the shared gifts, generosity, and faith of all of us. Becoming a more vibrant community of missionary disciples is a journey we take together, trusting in the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

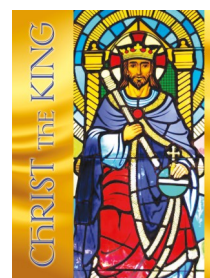
Thank you once again for your honesty, your patience, and your deep love for your parish communities. Let us continue to walk this path in faith, unity, and hope.

Fr John Martin, Fr Michael Williams

Solemnity of Christ the King As we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King, we are reminded of Jesus' gentle leadership and His invitation to each of us to follow Him with joy, hope, and trust. This feast calls us to renew our commitment to living as His disciples and to nurturing a parish community where faith can flourish across all generations.

Today, we especially hold our children and young people in prayer. They are not only the future of the Church—they are a vital and vibrant part of our parish today. We are called to embrace, encourage, and support them as they grow in their faith and discover the path Christ has prepared for them.

This Sunday, our children and young people will take a special part in our Sunday Mass, bringing their energy, gifts, and enthusiasm to our celebration. Their involvement is a joyful reminder of the vibrancy of our parish and the living faith that continues to grow among us. May their presence strengthen our community and inspire all of us to walk more closely with Christ our King.



Holy Masses and Services for 22nd to 30th November 2025

Saturday 22nd November St Cecilia, virgin and martyr	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Christine Marquina RIP The People of the Parish
Sunday 23rd November Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG 1pm <i>Baptism</i> ; HS	Novena Dead List For all families, for strength and faith Late Mark Los, beloved son, brother, uncle, friend The People of the Parish Heidi Ann Coe
Monday 24th November St Andrew Dung-Lac, priest and Companions, martyrs	9.30am Mass; SA 1.30pm <i>Requiem Mass</i> ; HS	Rose Joseph RIP Mr Ratti de Sousa RIP
Tuesday 25th November Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	Helen Sheehan RIP
Wednesday 26th November Feria	10am <i>Requiem Mass</i> ; HS	Kathleen Mary Woodcock RIP
Thursday 27th November Feria	No Mass	
Friday 28th November Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	For Vocations to Priesthood Holy Souls
Saturday 29th November Feria	11am <i>Baptism</i> ; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Bella Marcisak Novena Dead List Alo Lata's Intentions
Sunday 30th November First Sunday of Advent	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Christine Marquina RIP Margaret Simpson RIP Barbara Winskill RIP The People of the Parish

Rosary Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9am SMC; Thursday 7pm HS; Friday 10am SMC, 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 4pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC, 11am SA, 6.30pm HS.

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.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Holy Spirit Bookshop** - Christmas cards, 2026 Catholic diaries, calendars and much more. Please come and have a look. ♦ We are planning a **Parish Church Cleaning Day** at the end of November and early December, coordinated by Alice Fung and Theresa Brennan, to prepare our church for Advent and Christmas. If you are able to assist with the Church Cleaning, please speak to Alice or Theresa after Mass, or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity and support in keeping our parish welcoming and beautiful.



Congratulations to Our Lady of Grace This Sunday, we join in thanksgiving and joy as Our Lady of Grace Church celebrates 35 blessed years since the foundations of our church were first laid. We give thanks for the faith, dedication, and generosity of all who have helped shape the life of this parish community over the years.

A Mass of Celebration will take place on 23rd November, followed by refreshments. Let us keep the parish in our prayers, asking the Lord to continue guiding and blessing the community in the years ahead.



In Loving Memory of Alastair Armstrong It is with deep sadness that we, at St Margaret Clitherow, announce the passing of a very dear friend and parishioner, Alastair Armstrong. May he rest in peace. Please keep Alastair, his beloved wife, Mary and his much loved family in your thoughts and prayers during this very sad time. Details of the Funeral Service to follow.



St Margaret Clitherow and Our Lady of Grace SVP Many, many thanks for the generous donations to last week's SVP collection. The combined total raised at the St Margaret Clitherow and Our Lady of Grace was £529.28, which with Gift Aid will come to more than £600.

Christmas Giving Rather than sending Christmas cards this year, we invite you to consider offering a donation to a charity that upholds our Catholic values, like **Nottinghamshire Hospice, St Vincent de Paul Society or CAFOD**. A card may last a moment, but a charitable gift can change a life. Further information about these and more charitable organisations on our parish website: <https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/christmas-giving>

Appeal for Volunteers – Catering Team Our Parish Catering Team is looking for a few more volunteers to join their friendly group. The team helps with parish hospitality in supporting parish events and celebrations, and helping to create a warm, welcoming atmosphere for everyone. They help with preparing and serving tea & coffee, coordinate food sharing...etc. If you enjoy working with others and sharing your time and talents in this way, please consider joining the team — your support would be greatly appreciated!

To volunteer or find out more, please speak to team leads Angela Beves (St Anne's), Carmel Zawodniak (St Margaret Clitherow) and Mary Buxton (St Anne's) after Mass or contact the Parish Office.



Celebrate the seasons of Advent and Christmas

The Schedule of Masses and Services for Advent and Christmas is now available. Please refer to the parish website and the posters on the notice boards at each church for full details.

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 — there will be a temporary adjustment to the weekday Mass schedule. From Thursday, 26 December 2025, to Wednesday, 7 January 2026, weekday Masses will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.

These changes have been thoughtfully made to care for our priests and to support them during this joyful yet demanding time. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation.

For any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



REGISTRATION FOR PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES - Closing this Sunday, 23rd November

Registration closes this Sunday. If your child is ready to prepare for the sacraments, please register as soon as possible. For details, contact Ceci Li (Faith Formation Coordinator), visit our parish website, or see the poster on your church notice board.



Reflection shared by Louis, who was baptised and received his First Holy Communion last Sunday

Being Baptised was an incredible experience, it truly felt my sins were being washed away each time the Holy water was poured over my head. My First Holy Communion was amazing, it was the closest I have felt to Christ and I feel honoured and excited thinking of the fact I will experience this beautiful display of God's affection to us every week. I would like to thank everyone who kept me in their thoughts and their prayers and everyone who was there especially Father

John, Nicola my Godmother Mary who taught me during my course Tim who first introduced me to Father John, Ceci, my Mother and Father, my Granny my Grandma my Grandad my two brothers and sister and Tristan, Sebastian and Alex. It was a phenomenal experience with the only negative thing being the fact that I don't possess the words to Speak of God's Praise as highly as he deserves.

Save the Date for CAFOD Events ♦ CAFOD Advent Fair Please join us after 11am Mass on Sunday 30th November, in the Holy Spirit Social Centre, where we will draw our Christmas Hamper raffle. There will be refreshments including mince pies, crafts, jewellery, and books stalls. Fair-Trade goods, and a children's tombola. All are most welcome. Proceeds will go directly to CAFOD's campaigns to support people in need around the world, powered by Joy, Love, Peace and Hope.

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners **Mr Candido Ratti de Sousa, Mrs Kathleen Mary Woodcock and Mr Francesco Pietrantonio.**

Mr Candido Ratti de Sousa RIP Requiem Mass on Monday 24th November at 1.30pm at Holy Spirit;
Mrs Kathleen Mary Woodcock RIP Requiem Mass on Wednesday 26th November at 10am at HS; Mr Francesco Pietrantonio RIP Funeral Service Thursday 27th November 2025 at Gedling Crematorium.

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.



Upcoming Events and Job Vacancies in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Please visit our parish website for full details: <https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>. You will find information on: A Mother and Baby Open Day organised by St Colette's Pregnancy Support Centre; Retreat for young people organised by the Diocesan Youth Service; Nottingham Catholic Medical Association Mass; Young Adults Christmas Party at St Mary's Derby; Advent preparation retreats led by Fr. Chris Thomas and the Jesuit Institute.

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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: Please 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 please 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.

♦ **Set up a regular donation via your online banking**

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♦ **Donation Envelopes Available** They are now available at the back of the church. If you are eligible for Gift Aid, please fill in the required information on the envelope to ensure your donation can go further.

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