



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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‘Any one who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.’

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR—YEAR C

Luke 14:25-33

Welcome Back & Parish Consultation Update

Dear Friends,

We warmly welcome everyone back after the summer holidays and hope you and your families have enjoyed a time of rest, renewal, and refreshment. As we begin the new school year, we hold our children, young people, teachers, and all school staff in our prayers - may this not only be a Jubilee Year of Hope, but also a year of growth in knowledge, friendship, and faith.

Let us carry the spirit of summer - joy, togetherness, and gratitude - into our parish life as we continue to worship, serve, and grow as a community rooted in Christ's love.

Our parish consultation has been blessed with an incredible response - we have received 406 completed questionnaires! That is an amazing level of participation, and we are so deeply grateful to each and every one of you who took the time to share your feedback, ideas, and encouragement. With this volume of responses, it will take longer than originally planned to ensure that every single contribution is read and listened to.

A team of eight volunteers - from all four of our churches and from Our Lady of the Angels, East Leake - are now helping with the analysis. They are currently summarising the feedback, and their work should be completed later this month. This will form the basis of a draft report, which will be shared with parishioners around the end of September or early October.

Similar themes to those raised in the open session at The Becket have also come through strongly in the questionnaire responses. We are working to provide you with a fuller picture of these important issues, this means the timeline may be slightly delayed until the end of September. Please stay tuned to our parish website and newsletter for the latest updates.

We sincerely apologise for the delay and thank you for your patience. Please be assured that we are working hard to keep you updated and to share the questionnaire results as soon as possible. What matters most to us is that every voice is carefully listened to and valued. This takes time, but we believe it is worth the effort to ensure the report truly reflects the thoughts and hopes of the whole parish community.

Following the concerns raised about our schools, we are also planning a meeting with the head teachers, RE teachers, and chaplains of both The Becket and St Edmund Campion to reflect together on how best to involve our schools and young people in the consultation process.

Thank you once again to everyone who contributed—you are helping to shape the future of our parish.

With every blessing for the year ahead,

Peace, John

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Barbara Winskill, David Muldoon, Eileen Ross, Keith Lindsell, Mary Loughna and Ryszard Cwilewicz.

Mary's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 9th September, 12 noon at St Anne's. Ryszard's Funeral Mass is on Wednesday 10th September 9.30am at Holy Family Carlton. Keith's Funeral Mass is on Thursday 11th September 11.30am Our Lady of Grace. Barbara's Funeral Mass is on Friday 26th September 2.30pm 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.



Education Sunday – 14th September Next Sunday, 14th September, we celebrate Education Sunday. All families are warmly invited to join us for Sunday Mass, especially the children who have recently received their First Holy Communion. At the Sunday Mass at Holy Spirit, a few students from St Edmund Campion School will take part by reading the bidding prayers. This will be a wonderful occasion to give thanks for the gift of education and to pray for our children, young people, teachers, and schools.

Support the Second Collection for St Patrick's Missionary Society

On 6th & 7th September, we will hold our second collection in support of St Patrick's Missionary Society (the Kiltegan Fathers) - a Society founded in 1932, devoted to spreading the Gospel and providing educational and pastoral services across Africa, South America, and the Caribbean. Your generosity today helps fund vital missionary work—from training local clergy to serving communities in need around the world. Thank you for your support and prayers.

Reserve the Dates – Upcoming Parish Events

Jubilee Year Pilgrim Walk As part of our celebration of the Jubilee Year, we invite you to join us on **Sunday, 21st September 2025**, for a pilgrim walk from Holy Spirit Church (Victoria Road) to Nottingham Cathedral. This is a wonderful opportunity to journey together in faith, enjoy the beauty of our city, and take part in the Pilgrim Walk in this special year of grace. More details are available on the parish website. Please sign up on the sheet provided at the back of church.

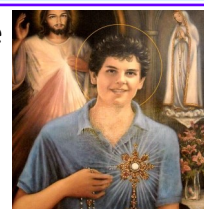
We are also looking forward to our **International Mass on Sunday, 5th October at 11.00am** at The Becket, followed by an International Lunch. This is a celebration of the rich diversity of our parish community, and we would love for you to be part of it:

- Share something special from your home country through singing, acting, or another tradition.
- Read a bidding prayer in your own language, if you wish.
- Bring along a dish from your hometown for the shared lunch (please let the parish office know what you will bring so we can plan the food).

Everyone is warmly welcome, and we look forward to celebrating our faith and diversity together.

Important note: On the weekend of 4th - 5th October, there will only be one Vigil Mass at St Anne's at 4.30pm and one Parish Sunday Mass at The Becket School at 11.00am.

Parish Pilgrimage to Rome (5th to 8th September) Fr John will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Blessed Carlo Acutis, joined by Fr Evarist and 22 pilgrims from our parish, including 12 of our young people. Please keep us in your prayers during this special journey - that it may inspire our young generation to grow in faith. We also wish to thank you sincerely for your generosity in supporting the funding that made it possible for our young pilgrims to take part.



Thank you note from Lukas Mickevicius Thank you very much for hosting me at the Annunciation Parish. The warmth of the welcome I received from Fr John, Fr Evarist, and all the parishioners exceeded all my expectations. You have indeed made me feel at home both in the parish house and in all the churches that I was privileged to serve at. It was particularly instructive to be in the parish at a time of great change as you are undergoing the consultation process. Seeing the openness, honesty, and understanding with which you engaged with the people of the parish has greatly affected me in my journey to the Sacred Priesthood, and the sincere response from the rest of the parish gave me hope for the future of the Church. I offer to you my prayers for this challenging time that God's Will may be done in your community.

Please continue to pray for Michael and me as we make our way through priestly formation, for we rely on the prayers of the faithful in our diocese.

Yours in Christ, Lukas

Calling All Altar Servers You are invited to the **Diocesan Jubilee of Altar Servers**, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick in our Cathedral in Nottingham (Derby Road, NG1 5AE) on **Saturday 27th September**. Bring your alb / cassock and cotta, and arrive for 10.30am onwards, for Mass at 11.30am. Bring a packed lunch too, and enjoy a picnic in the Cathedral Hall and gardens. All are welcome!

Holy Spirit Rosary for Vocations will be prayed in church every Thursday at 7pm starting in September and will be during term-time only.

Our Lady of Grace - Fairtrade/ethical stall Thank you to everyone for your continued support of our Fairtrade/Ethical stall. The total amount taken for the August stall was £166.75! This was made up from £50 of sales through the month, £61.75 of sales on the day of the stall and £50 of donations for the food bank. I am sure you will agree that that is an excellent total. The next stall will be on the 14th of September. I will look forward to seeing you then. Thanks again, Lynn Harrison.

St Anne's Bereavement Listening Hour This will be held on Wednesday, 10th September, from 11am to 12 noon in St Anne's Meeting Room, and will continue on the second Wednesday of each month. This is a gentle and welcoming space to share, to listen, and to find comfort and support. All are warmly invited.

St Anne's next Local Team meeting will be on Tuesday 9th September, starts at 6.30pm for 7pm, all are welcome.

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) We are excited to announce that our Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme, known as the Faith Journey Group, will start on Tuesday 30th September, meeting in the Holy Spirit social centre hall at 7pm. If you know anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, please invite them to join us, contact Ceci Li (ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more details. The RCIA is open to any adults who wish to:

- ◆ Learn about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Prepare for baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist
- ◆ Be received into the Catholic Church.

Baptism Preparation Course for Infants The next course will be on Wednesday 17th September 2025, 7pm at Holy Spirit Church. Please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

Holy Masses and Services for 6th to 14th September 2025

Saturday 6th September Feria	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	For Healing and well-being of the sick June Steer RIP
Sunday 7th September Twenty – Third Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Eileen and Patrick Long's Intentions Martin Hughes RIP Conor O'Hara RIP The People of the Parish
Monday 8th September The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Service ; SA	
Tuesday 9th September Feria	9.30am Service ; SMC 12 noon Funeral Mass ; SA	Mary Loughna RIP
Wednesday 10th September Feria	9.30am Service ; HS 9.30am Funeral Mass ; Carlton	Ryszard Cwilewicz RIP (a parishioner of St Anne's)
Thursday 11th September Feria	No Mass 11.30am Funeral Mass ; OLOG	Keith Lindsell RIP
Friday 12th September Feria	12pm Service ; SA	For Blessings received
Saturday 13th September St John Chrysostom, bishop and doctor	8.30am Pilgrims Mass; SMC 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	For the Pilgrims For Vocations to the priesthood or religious life The People of the Parish
Sunday 14th September Feast of the Exaltation of The Holy Cross	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Eileen Long, speedy recovery Graham McKenna RIP For Mark Los, beloved son, brother, uncle and friend For those who are suffering and for those who care for them

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 6pm 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.

SVP Strawberry Tea

Our annual Strawberry Tea, organised by the SVP, took place in July and was a joyful gathering once again. A special word of thanks goes to three of our young parishioners who kindly helped with the serving—your support and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated!



Upcoming Events and Job Vacancies in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes

Visit our parish website for more details: <https://www.pariahoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>

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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: 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**

Parish bank details: **Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP** **Account Number: 44603560** **Sort code: 30-96-18**

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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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