



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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‘I give eternal life to my sheep.’

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (YEAR C)

John: 21:1-14

HABEMUS PAPAM! WE HAVE A POPE! Leo XIV is the new Pope

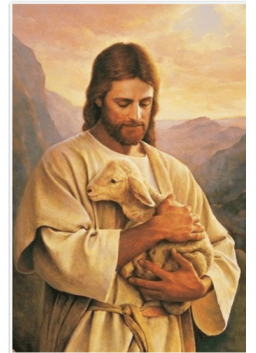


"Peace be with all of you!" - the first words of Pope Leo XIV. Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost was selected as the 267th Successor of Peter by the 133 Cardinal electors on Thursday 8th May.

We pray that our new shepherd, Pope Leo XIV will be blessed with the wisdom and compassion needed to guide the Church. May he, in communion with his fellow bishops, serve us and God's people with dedication and joy, deep compassion, and profound faith, hope, and charity so that the light of the Risen Christ will continue to dispel the darkness of this world.

Dear friends.

The fourth Sunday of Easter each year is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' or 'World Day of Prayer for Vocations'. On this Sunday, the Gospel is always taken from the beautiful tenth chapter of St. John's Gospel where Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep, gathers them and lays down his life for them. Both you and I are called to lay down our lives in the service of each other. And we do this in different ways, living a Life of Celibacy, living the Sacrament of Marriage, living a Vowed life of Consecration to God through Religious Life as a sister or brother, living the life of a Deacon or as a Priest. Each in their own way, are vocations of service.



I want to draw your attention to the 'Vocation of the Priest'. Without this Vocation how are we going to ensure the fulfilment of the Sacraments? Our need to foster Vocations to the Priesthood is imperative and each of us has a duty to encourage men to think about this vocation. Each one of us sees what is happening in the Priesthood and the shortages we are facing. We need to be proactive in promoting Vocations to the Priesthood. How might we do that? Create a prayer/discussion group within the parish; invite our young people, not only to be promoters of vocations, but to consider a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life; and to speak openly about vocations.

You have all met Michael Fury, our seminarian, who was on placement with us in January, Michael will be speaking about his call to the Priesthood at all of our Masses this weekend. Let us continue to pray for Michael and Lukas our second seminarian, who please God you will meet in the not-too-distant future. Please keep your prayers for Markanthony who will be starting Valladolid in September.

Our late Holy Father, Pope Francis, wrote the 61st Letter for Vocations Sunday, just before his death. Which can be found in full on our parish website.



The courage to commit

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: "Rise up!" Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live.

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Let me say it again: "Have the courage to commit!" Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenceless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter.

Second Collection on 10th/11th May for the Clergy Formation Fund This weekend's collection is proposed to be spent on making the chapel at The Briars a focus of prayer for vocations in the Diocese. Thanks for your continued prayers.

May - The Month of Mary



May is traditionally dedicated in a special way to honouring and seeking the intercession of Mary as the Mother of God and Mother of the Church. She teaches us the way of holiness and she walks ever at our side. She does not let us remain fallen and at times she takes us into her arms without judging us.

Throughout May the Rosary will be prayed in our parish churches, please refer to the notice board and parish newsletter for the details.

Prayer to the Virgin Mary for the month of May

Holy Mary, Mother of God and our Mother, we consecrate this month of May to you. Flower of hope, guide our steps towards your Son. Help us to be faithful to the Gospel, gentle in our words, strong in our faith. Through your intercession, obtain for us grace, peace and protection. May each day of this month bring us closer to your immaculate heart. Teach us to love as you do, with tenderness and mercy. Be our refuge in trials, our light in doubts, our strength in struggles. O Mary, Queen of Heaven, watch over our families, our Church and our world. Inspire in us the desire for holiness and the joy of serving with faith.

Amen.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Our Lady of Visitation** The month of May, is a special month of devotion to Mary, it is hoped to foster family prayer and the recitation of the rosary for the intention of peace in our homes and in the world. It gives a chance for those families to come together in prayer for peace, perhaps saying the rosary together, or to come to church and say the rosary. At the Holy Spirit Church, Our Lady's statue is passed from household to household. There is a list in the porch for you to sign up for whichever day of the month you would like to have the statue in your home.



Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Fairtrade / Ethical stall** A big thank you to everyone who contributed to April's Fairtrade/Ethical stall sales. Direct sales came to £57 and this figure was increased by donations of £52, which were converted to products for the food bank. I delivered the Parish food bank donations to The Friary this time and they would like me to thank everyone concerned for their much needed help and generosity. The next stall will be on the 25th of May so please put that date in your diary!
Many thanks, Lynn Harrison







Calling All Readers – Experienced, New, or Aspiring! We warmly invite you to our upcoming Parish Readers Refresher Session—a welcoming space for all who currently serve, are new to reading, or feel called to be part of this ministry. This session is designed to foster collaboration, share best practices, and strengthen the spirit of unity in our community. Together, we'll reflect, learn, and grow as we continue to proclaim God's word with confidence and grace.

Workshop Details: Saturday, 17th May | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth If you'd like to join—or need more information—please contact your Reader Group Leader or the Parish Office. Note: Participants under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. We look forward to seeing you there!



Holy Masses and Services for 10th - 18th May 2025

Saturday 10th May Easter Feria	1pm Mass for Sick and Housebound; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Phyllis Miles RIP Christina West RIP
Sunday 11th May Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Thanksgiving Golden Wedding Anniversary Leigh and Aileen Birch John and Elizabeth Corcoran RIP The People of the Parish John and Elizabeth D'Arcy (Anniversary)
Monday 12th May Easter Feria	9.30am Mass; SA	Michelle Jayne Langton RIP
Tuesday 13th May Easter Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	Sheila Ferrar
Wednesday 14th May St Matthias, Apostle	9.30am Mass; HS	Holy Souls
Thursday 15th May Easter Feria	No Mass	
Friday 16th May Easter Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Cynthia Radcliffe RIP Mr Philip Craven RIP
Saturday 17th May Easter Feria	3.30- 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	The People of The Parish Lizzie McCartney RIP
Sunday 18th May Fifth Sunday of Easter	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	C.T.Jose RIP Jim Harrington Mal McNulty RIP Lily McDonnell 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 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.

Let us pray for those who have died recently The Requiem Mass of Christina (Tina) West, formerly of Earlswood Drive, Edwalton will take place on Thursday, 15th May 2025 at 10.00am at the Church of St Philip Neri, Mansfield. Her body will be received into the Church the night before (Wednesday, 14th May). She will be buried with her late husband at Wilford Hill Cemetery, West Bridgford on Thursday, 15th May at 1.15 pm (back of Crematorium & follow the road round to the left). We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.



Assisted Suicide meeting, 13th May The next stage of the Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill that would legalise assisted suicide has been pushed back to 16th May. SPUC are organising a public meeting updating us about the Bill and what we need to do next on **Tues 13th May 7.30pm** in Nottingham Cathedral Hall. Speaking will be SPUC's national campaigns director, Alithea Williams, and Professor David Paton of Nottingham University. Please do your best to attend and invite family & friends.

Growing in Faith Together The Scripture Reading at St Anne will be on the **12th May, 19th May and 2nd June starting at 2.30pm.** (no session on 26th May as Bank Holiday)

The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2025 is now available to purchase, priced £6.00.

Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Visit our parish website for more details: <https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.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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◆ **New! 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.

◆ The new digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.

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