



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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‘If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.’

Matthew 18:15-20

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A



Holy Father’s Prayer Intention, September: For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it.

Dear Friends,

A very warm welcome to everyone as we return to our parish life after the summer holidays. We hope that you and your families have enjoyed a restful and refreshing summer, with time to relax, enjoy one another’s company and make precious memories.

As we begin a new school year, we keep all our children and young people, together with their teachers and school staff, in our prayers. May the year ahead be a time of growth not only in knowledge and learning, but also in friendship, confidence and faith.

As a parish family, let us carry the joy and gratitude of the summer with us as we begin this new season together. May we continue to worship, serve and support one another, growing together as a community rooted in the love of Christ.

We look forward to all that the year ahead will bring for our parish community. May the Lord bless you and your families, and may His love and peace remain with us as we journey together in faith.

With every blessing,

Fr John and Fr Evarist

Farewell Celebration Mass for Fr John and Fr Evarist

Fr John will be retiring and Fr Evarist will be moving to another parish from 14th September. Following the parish notice sent out earlier, parishioners are warmly invited to join us for a Farewell Celebration Mass on Sunday 13th September at 10.30am at The Becket School, followed by refreshments.

If you have not already done so, please complete the attendance form in the Narthex of all churches to help us with the catering arrangements. There is also a separate sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to donate a cake for the celebration. Donation envelopes are also available for anyone who would like to contribute towards a farewell gift as a token of our gratitude to Fr John and Fr Evarist for their ministry and service to our parish.

★ **Appeal for Musicians** We would also like to invite musicians and singers to join the music group for the Mass as we give thanks for Fr John and Fr Evarist and their service to our parish. If you would like to play or sing, please contact Seamus at Seamus.Garvey@nottingham.ac.uk. The practice arrangements and music will be shared in advance with anyone who would like to take part.

★ **Volunteers Needed – Saturday 12th September for Set-Up and Sunday 13th September for Parking Marshals**
We would be very grateful for volunteers to help with the preparations for the Farewell Celebration Mass. If you are able to help, please contact the Parish Office or your local church group.

I. **Saturday 12th September – Set-Up:** Volunteers are needed to help set up the hall and atrium at The Becket School, starting at 4.00pm.

II. **Sunday 13th September – Parking Marshals:** Volunteers are needed to help direct traffic and guide cars to available parking spaces before the Mass.

Thank you very much for your support in helping us prepare for and welcome everyone to this special celebration. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Important Note: There will be only one Vigil Mass in the parish on Saturday 12th September at 4.30pm at St Anne’s, and only one Sunday Mass in the parish on Sunday 13th September at 10.30am at The Becket School.

Second Collection for St Vincent de Paul Society on 5th/6th September The SVP’s aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. Please give generously to our second collection, so this work can continue.

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner Teresa Giles. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May she rest in peace. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time.



Holy Masses and Services for 5th to 13th September 2026

Saturday 5th September Feria	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	For Steve and Val Murray on their 50th Wedding Anniversary Bridget Sweeney's 90th Birthday
Sunday 6th September Twenty- Third Sunday of The Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 1pm Baptism ; HS	The People of The Parish Deacon Peter Swarbrick RIP Conor O'Hara RIP Maureen. Angela, Luke, Francie Doherty/Smith strength for their mother Cecily Anne Elliot
Monday 7th September Feria	9.30am Mass; SA 10am Rosary ; SA	19 th Anniversary of Elizabeth and Matthew Callaghan
Tuesday 8th September The Nativity of The Blessed Virgin Mary (Feast)	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC	Deacon Peter Swarbrick RIP
Wednesday 9th September Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	Christine Hoban RIP
Thursday 10th September Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; OLOG	
Friday 11th September Feria	10am Rosary ; SMC 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SMC 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA 11.30am Rosary ; SA 12pm Mass; SA 5pm Rosary ; OLOG 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; HS 7pm Mass; HS	Steve and Val Murray, Congratulations on Golden Wedding Anniversary Sarah Dolan RIP
Saturday 12th September Feria	1pm Baptism ; HS 4pm Rosary; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA	Clover Heidi Martin The People of the Parish
Sunday 13th September Twenty- Fourth Sunday of The Year	10.30am Special Parish Mass; Becket School 2pm Baptism ; OLOG	For Fr John Martin and Fr Evarist Kaniki Arabella Kamila Telega

The Service of the Word and Communion, Rosary and Adoration schedule may vary depending on the availability of volunteers to lead the service.

After Mass Refreshment Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Thursday After Mass/Service; OLOG; Friday After Mass/Service, SA.

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** I would like to thank all our generous parishioners who tirelessly support our Fairtrade/ethical stall. Takings from August sales amounted to £155 and in addition I received £75 for food bank donations. I delivered the donations to the Friary food bank and they were extremely grateful. The next stall will be on the 20th of September, which is at the start of Fairtrade fortnight so please, if you have never shopped with us before come and have a browse. Climate change is leading to increased hardships for many producers and so our support is more vital than ever. Thank you, Lynn Harrison.

St Anne's ♦ **Bereavement Listening Hour** This will be held on Wednesday, 9th 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.

♦ **Friday refreshments after midday Mass at St. Anne's** will now be recommencing on Friday September 11th.

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) We are pleased to announce that our Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme, known as the Faith Journey Group, will begin on Tuesday 29th September, meeting at 7.00pm in the Holy Spirit Social Centre Hall.

If you know anyone who is interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming a Catholic, please invite them to join us. For more information, please contact Ceci Li at ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

The RCIA is open to adults who wish to: ♦ Learn more about the Catholic faith; ♦ Prepare for Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist; ♦ Explore the possibility of becoming Catholic and being received into the Catholic Church. We warmly welcome anyone who would like to find out more and begin this journey of faith with us.

Baptism Preparation Course for Infants The next course will be on Wednesday 16th September, 6.30pm at Holy Spirit Social Centre. Please contact the Ceci Li at ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk to reserve a place.

★ **A Fresh Start: The Acutis Club Launches for Young People** ★

On the 2nd September, eight young people gathered at The Holy Spirit to officially launch the **Acutis Club** - a new youth initiative inspired by Saint Carlo Acutis, who famously said, *"To be always united with Jesus, this is my plan of life."*

The evening was filled with vibrant energy, beginning with interactive icebreaker games that quickly brought everyone together and filled the room with laughter. Over plenty of pizza, the group got to know one another and unpacked the **Club's vision: building an authentic and welcoming community where young people feel heard, supported, and free to explore their Catholic faith.**

At the heart of the gathering, the group opened Scripture together to reflect on the Gospel passage of the lilies of the field. Together, they explored Christ's invitation to set aside anxiety, let go of fear, and place total trust in God's loving providence. The meeting ended joyfully with music, singing, and reciting the new Acutis Club prayer.

Rooted in the Four Pillars: **Sacramental Life, Cheerfulness, Holy Originality, and Active Charity**, the Acutis Club aims to encourage young people to live their faith with joy and show that you are never too young to make a lasting difference.

Next meeting: Saturday, 19th September at 2:30 PM, Holy Spirit Social Centre, we will watch the movie *Chosen* and break open the scriptures. All confirmed young people (ages 14+) or above are warmly invited to come along, bring a friend, and get involved! Please keep our youth and this new ministry in your prayers.

Leicester 40 Days for Life Launch Evening is taking place on Monday 7th September at 7.30pm, in Saint Edward's parish hall, 633 Aylestone Road, Leicester LE2 6TF. Information will be shared about the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil being held between Wednesday 23rd September and Monday 2nd November. For more information contact leicester40daysforlife@gmail.com or visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/leicester

Education Sunday takes place each year on the second Sunday of September, and this year is observed on Sunday 13th September. Established by the Bishops in 1848, it is one of the oldest Days of Special Prayer in the liturgical calendar of England and Wales.

The Little Company of Mary & Mary Potter Heritage Centre are delighted to share the exciting news that on Monday 14th September they will be joining Radio Maria UK for an hour from 10.00am, for a special programme celebrating the life and legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. Sister Fillys from Zimbabwe and others will be chatting about Mary Potter's inspiring life, the mission of the Little Company of Mary, and the Heritage Centre in Nottingham. To tune in and join, visit: <https://radiomaria.uk/>

Secondary School Application Deadline. If your child was born between 1st September 2015 and 31st August 2016 he or she will be starting Year 7 in September 2027. You must apply for a secondary school place through your home Local Authority by Sunday 31st October. If you would like your child to be considered for a Catholic school under a Catholic faith admission criterion, there is an additional step:

- ♦ Complete the school's Supplementary Information Form (SIF).
- ♦ Send the completed SIF directly to the school.
- ♦ Send the required supporting evidence (for example, a copy of your child's Baptism certificate) directly to the school.

The Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence must be sent to the school, not to the Local Authority. The Local Authority application and the school's Supplementary Information Form are separate processes. Both must be completed by the deadline if you wish your child to be considered under the school's faith-based admissions criteria. If the school does not receive the Supplementary Information Form and supporting evidence by the deadline, your child may be placed in a lower admissions category, which could affect their chance of securing a place. If you do not have a copy of your child's Baptism certificate, contact the parish where your child was baptised as soon as possible to request a replacement.

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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 (ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

Marriage: six months' notice required. Please contact the Parish Office (annunciation@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

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 make by cash, cheque, online banking, or contactless giving

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

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

♦ **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider Gift Aiding your donation. This allows the parish to claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated at no extra cost to you. To Gift Aid your donation, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, which can be downloaded from

<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/donate>

♦ **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 digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.



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