



# Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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## ‘The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.’

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Luke 22:14-56

### **CANONISATION OF CARLO ACUTIS Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025 ROME**

Dear Friends,

#### **Novena to Carlo Acutis**

In the Catholic Church a Novena is a nine-day period of prayer, often focused on a specific intention or saint, to implore special graces or favours, and it is rooted in the biblical account of the Apostles praying for nine days after Jesus' Ascension before Pentecost.

I invite the whole Parish, and especially our young people who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year, to ask Carlo Acutis to accompany them on their journey to receive the Gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. All please join with me in praying this Novena to Carlo Acutis, privately.

You may have a special favour to ask him, you may want to offer it up for a friend, family member, the vast needs of our Parish for vocations to the Priesthood or Religious Life or, simply for someone who needs God's special grace at this time. Whatever your intention, it would be wonderful if we as a Parish implored Carlo Acutis to seek special graces for us in the build-up to his Canonisation.

The Novena will begin on Good Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April and conclude on his Canonisation, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April. I, along with Fr Neil Peoples, will be leading a pilgrimage to Rome with a group of our young and not so young people from across the diocese, as well as some people who have asked to join us. In total we are 49 pilgrims. Please keep us in your prayers as you will be in mine throughout Novena and Canonisation.

The Official Prayer Card and Novena to Blessed Carlo Acutis will be given out at the end of Mass this weekend.

#### **How to pray: A Novena IDENTIFY YOUR INTENTION.**

Before you commit to praying for nine days, take some time to consider what your intention is for prayer. Are you looking to prepare yourself for an event spiritually? Or pray for a loved one that is struggling? Maybe you're simply looking for encouragement to develop a strong prayer habit. Remember: asking the Holy Spirit for guidance is never a bad idea!

#### **CHOOSE A NOVENA.**

After you've taken some time to prepare yourself for prayer, select a Novena that matches your intention. This might be a prayer for that specific intention, or it might be a Novena to a saint who is known and loved in the subject you're struggling with, or feeling gratitude for, in this season of your life. Know that it doesn't have to be a "perfect fit". Taking time each day to pray for a special intention will hopefully bring you clarity, peace and will guide you to put your trust in God.

#### **DEDICATE NINE DAYS.**

Once you start a Novena, dedicate time each day to being present with God and pray it with Him. Sometimes staying on track is difficult. We recommend setting aside a specific time and setting a reminder on your phone (or in Hallow) or adding it to your calendar for the nine days. You might also consider asking someone to pray the Novena with you to hold each other accountable.

#### **EMBRACE THE NOVENA.**

When you set out on this prayer journey, try to embrace it each day fully. Each day might look a little different for you, but try to accompany your time in prayer with other acts of faith. This might be fasting from social media or gossip, or it could be doing a kind thing for someone else each day. Let these nine days of prayer transform you in more ways than just devoting the time to pray each day.

#### **BE PATIENT.**

Remember, Novenas aren't magic. If you come to the end of your Novena and your prayers appear to be unanswered, know that God hears your prayers and loves you, and often, our prayers are not answered in the way we hoped. Ask for God's help in trusting in Him and in desiring that His will be done.

Assuring you and your families and loved ones a special place in my prayers during our Pilgrimage.

Peace, John

## Services and Holy Mass Times during Lent

### Palm Sunday

#### Sunday 13th April

- ♦ SA; SMC: Mass 9am
- ♦ HS; OLOG: Mass 11am

*Saturday Vigil - Palm Sunday Mass as usual time:*

- ♦ SA: 4.30pm; HS 6.30pm

### Maundy Thursday - The Mass of The Lord's Supper

#### Thursday 17th April

- ♦ HS; SA: Mass 7pm

### Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

#### Friday 18th April

- ♦ HS; SA: Passion Service 3pm

### The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

#### Saturday 19th April

- ♦ HS: Mass and Sacraments of Initiation 8pm
- ♦ SA: Mass 8pm

### The Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord

#### Sunday 20th April

- ♦ SA; SMC: Mass 9am
- ♦ HS; OLOG: Mass 11am



### **Mass for the Sick and Housebound - 10th May, 1:00pm at Holy Spirit**

Join Fr. John and Fr. Evarist for a special Mass which includes the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a sacred Catholic sacrament that offers spiritual strength, healing, and comfort to those facing illness. It provides grace for those experiencing physical or emotional suffering. Fr. John and Fr. Evarist will administer the Sacrament at Holy Spirit on 10th May at 1:00pm. Following the Mass light refreshments will be available in the Social Centre. If you are able to assist with greeting or serving refreshments your support would be greatly appreciated—please contact the Parish Office for more details. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

### ★ Our New Parish Website Launches This Saturday ★

We're excited to let you know that our brand-new parish website will be launching this Saturday! You'll be able to explore Mass times, events, parish news, and much more—all in one place. Once it's live, we'd love for you to take a look and share your feedback. Your input is invaluable as we continue to improve and serve our parish community better. To share your thoughts, fill in the feedback form online or hard copy at the back of the church: <https://forms.office.com/e/X24TmADDbW> or scan the QR code.



**CAFOD** will be leaving emergency collection envelopes at the back of each church, the weekend of the 12th and 13th April, for donations to the Myanmar disaster appeal.

**EMERGENCY**  
Myanmar Earthquake Appeal



**Our Hot Cross Bunraiser** will also raise funds for the Myanmar emergency appeal. Sunday 13th April after the 11am Mass, Holy Spirit Social Centre. There will be Hot Cross buns, drinks, Raffle, Books, Jewellery, Soaps, Fairtrade and beautiful Easter Chicks. Please come along.

**Easter Offerings to our Priests** As is traditional, there is a collection to provide a gift to our Priests. If you would like to contribute to this, please put the gift in an envelope which is available in our churches or you can donate through digital donation system at Holy Spirit. If you would like to do this by bank transfer please mark the online payment as Easter Offering. Thank you for your generosity.

## 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**
- ♦ **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider to gift aid your donation, complete the Gift Aid Declaration: <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Annunciation-Standing-Order-Form-1.pdf>
- ♦ **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.

Scan the QR code or visit this website  
<https://donate.mydona.com/parish-of-the-annunciation> to make  
your contributions online.



## Holy Masses and Services for 12th to 20th April 2025

<b>Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	11am <i>Baptism</i> ; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Celia Radcliffe, Birthday Intentions Mary Mercer RIP
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Lent</b> <b>Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Fr Anthony's Intentions Anne Jequier RIP The People of the Parish Ewelina & Marek Karkut
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Monday of Holy Week</b>	9.30am Mass; SA	Abraham Tharakan's Intentions
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Tuesday of Holy Week</b>	9.30am Mass; SMC	Martin McQuaid
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Wednesday of Holy Week</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	11.30 Chrism Mass; St Barnabas Cathedral
<b>Thursday 17th April</b> <b>Maundy Thursday - The Mass of the Lord's Supper</b>	7pm Mass; SA 7pm Mass; HS	Kitty O'Sullivan RIP David Jandrell RIP (3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Friday 18th April</b> <b>Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday</b>	3pm Passion Service; SA 3pm Passion service; HS	
<b>Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil</b>	8pm Mass; SA 8pm Mass; HS	The People of the Parish Mrs Mary Jahina RIP
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Catherine Kitchen RIP Ann Divilliy (Healing Intentions) Ian Stewart Black RIP Henryk and Margaret Kolasa

**Rosary:** Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> April 4pm SA.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Wednesday 6pm SA.

**After Mass Refreshment** Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service: SMC.

**Growing in Faith Together** Please come to take part in one of the groups happening in the parish. All are welcome.

♦ **Learning the Divine Office:** Wednesday evening 8pm Holy Spirit Church.

**Meditation on Christ's Seven Last Words:** A reflective devotion on Jesus' final words on the Cross, revealing His love, mercy, and sacrifice. Through prayer, scripture, and meditation, we deepen our understanding of His suffering and redemption. **18th April 2pm Holy Spirit, Social Centre Hall.**

*Note: Scripture Sharing Group at St Anne, Radcliffe, will resume on Monday 28th April 2pm-3pm*



**Second collection on Good Friday** for the Holy Places of Palestine. As always, your generosity is much appreciated.

**Holy Spirit ♦ EASTER FLOWERS** We invite you to donate flowers in memory of a loved one to be included in the church Easter arrangements. White lilies, white roses or carnations or any white flowers will be great. Please leave your donations of flowers in the buckets provided in the narthex from Good Friday and up to 10am on Easter Saturday. If anyone has large fatsia leaves they would be very welcome too! Many thanks Liz, Roz and Kath.

**Our Lady of Grace ♦ Fairtrade / Ethical Store** The next Fairtrade/Ethical stall will be on the 27th of April. I will look forward to seeing you, but please ask me if you would like anything before then. Wishing you a very Happy Easter, Lynn Harrison.

**St Anne ♦ The Methodist church in Radcliffe** has invited us to join them for the **"Walk of Witness"** on Good Friday at approx 10.30am, after their 10am Service which we are also welcome to join. It will be from the Methodist church round to New Rd and ending on the High St. at Lesley Cree. Afterwards at the Methodist church for coffee and hot cross buns.

**St Margaret Clitherow ♦ The 70th Anniversary of Our Lady of the Angels, East Leake**, is on Thursday 15th May, with Mass at 7.00pm celebrated by Bishop Patrick. Parishioners of the Annunciation are invited, but please let Stewart (stewartmolyneux71@gmail.com) or Carmel (carrieazawodniak@hotmail.com) know by 27th April if you wish to attend.

## DIOCESAN UPCOMING EVENTS

**The Diocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham** with Bishop Patrick takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to the Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm followed by departures. If you would like a seat on Holy Family Parish coach leaving at 08.30 from Sacred Heart Church, 91 Carlton Hill, Carlton, Nottingham NG4 1 FP, plenty of on-site parking, email: [ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or phone 0115 918266 to reserve a place – cost is £26 payable in advance.

**Nottingham Cathedral has received a £1.69M grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund** to restore the breathtaking original vision of architect A W N Pugin. Restoring Pugin will revive the Cathedral's east end, and open up this heritage gem to over 20,000 people across our Cathedral city, and diocese. New tech, community activities, educational programmes, and even a video game (!) are all on the way. Read more on the diocesan website ([www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news)) and watch the announcement video on YouTube ([www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese](http://www.youtube.com/@NottsDiocese)). Please share this great news widely!

**Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN)** has recently launched a lived experience survey to better understand the impact of the two-child benefit cap on Catholic families in England and Wales and to explore how parishes are supporting families in need. The responses will contribute to a short report, and insights will inform advocacy work to support families affected by the cap, as well as other financial hardship. To complete the survey, please follow this link: [www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/](http://www.csan.org.uk/news/familysurvey/) before the end of April.

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## 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.