



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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The Spirit of truth will lead you to the complete truth.

John 15-16

Pentecost Day

Holy Masses and Services for 18th - 26th May 2024

Date	Mass/Service	Intention
Saturday 18th	11am <i>Baptism</i> ; SA 2pm Confirmation Mass; HS  3.30pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confession; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	For the Confirmation candidates Ellen and Tom Riley RIP James (Jimmy) Ryan RIP (8 th Anniversary)
Sunday 19th Pentecost Sunday	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 1pm <i>Baptism</i> ; SMC	Cynthia Radcliffe RIP (100 th Birthday Anniversary) Philip Golden RIP The People of The Parish Lily McDonnell RIP <i>Baptism</i> :Elliot Jude Samuel Toovey
Monday 20th Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (Memorial)	9.30am Mass; SA	David's Intentions
Tuesday 21st	9.30am Service of Word and Communion; SMC	
Wednesday 22nd	9.30am Service of Word and Communion; HS	
Thursday 23rd Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest (Feast)	9.30am Mass; OLOG	Rita Gleeson RIP
Friday 24th	12pm Mass; SA 6pm Mass; HS	Veronica Atkinson 90 th Birthday Intentions Patrick and Margaret Moore
Saturday 25th	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	George Jackson RIP Margaret Lane RIP
Sunday 26th The Most Holy Trinity (Solemnity)	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Isabelle Stammers RIP The People of The Parish Tony Deane RIP John McKerr RIP

Rosary: Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Thursday after 9.30am Mass OLOG; Friday 10.15am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 7pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

This week in the parish:

- **After Mass Refreshment** Saturday 18th After Mass; HS; Sunday 19th and 26th After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday 21st After Mass, SMC; Wednesday 22nd After Mass HS; Friday 24th After Mass SA.
- **First Holy Communion Reconciliation Session** Wednesday 22nd 6.30pm SMC.
- **Baby & Toddler Group** Thursday 24th 10am HS Social Centre Hall.
- **Children Liturgy** Sunday 19th and 26th during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA.

HS: Holy Spirit; OLOG: Our Lady of Grace; SA: St Anne; SMC: St Margaret Clitherow

SECOND COLLECTION ♦ 18th/19th May Community: SVP – St Vincent de Paul Society

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Pentecost Day Jesus' example of praise calls us to respond as he did at times when we feel God is absent or evil seems victorious: in this way we come to view things in a new and greater perspective. Saint Francis of Assisi, praised God for everything, even "Sister Death"; Francis, together with all the saints, teaches us the importance, in all the circumstances of our lives, of praising God who is always faithful and whose love is eternal.

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Pentecost 2024

On the far side of every cross we find the newness of life in the Holy Spirit, that new life which will reach its fulfilment in the resurrection.

St. Pope John Paul II

Dear friends,

As we approach the joyous feast of Pentecost, I am filled with a sense of anticipation and wonder at the workings of the Holy Spirit in our lives and in our world today. Pentecost is more than just a historical event - it is a living reality that continues to shape and animate the life of the Church and all believers.

It is a celebration of the transformative power of the Holy Spirit, who descended upon the apostles with tongues of fire, igniting within them a boldness to proclaim the Gospel to the ends of the earth. In our own time, the Spirit invites us into a deeper encounter with God and with one another.

Just as the Spirit enabled the apostles to communicate across linguistic and cultural barriers, Pentecost challenges us to embrace diversity and inclusivity within our parish community and beyond. Let us celebrate the richness of our differences and recognize the unity we share as members of the Body of Christ.

Pentecost also reminds us of the importance of authentic community and communion. As members of the Church, we are called to be a source of support and encouragement for one another, sharing both our joys and sorrows as we journey together in faith.

Furthermore, as we face ongoing changes and challenges in our Parish and our world, we are reminded of our need for the Holy Spirit to inspire and guide us. Let us be open to the promptings of the Spirit, trusting in God's guidance as we seek to bring hope, healing, and reconciliation to a world in need.

As we celebrate Pentecost this year, may we be filled anew with the fire of the Holy Spirit, renewing our hearts and minds and inspiring us to live out our faith with joy and enthusiasm. May the Spirit continue to guide and sustain us as we journey together in discipleship, ever mindful of the presence of God in our midst. Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Pentecost!



Our Confirmation Mass is on 18th May 2pm at Holy Spirit. We are delighted to have a total of 46 candidates preparing to receive this sacrament. Among them are 32 young people and 14 adults, all eagerly anticipating this significant step in their faith journey.

We pray for our candidates and ask for God's grace to guide and strengthen them as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We also pray for their families, sponsors, catechists, and all those who have supported them along the way. May they continue to be sources of love, encouragement, and guidance for our candidates as they prepare to receive this sacrament.

Wear Red on Pentecost Sunday! Bishop Patrick invites everyone in the diocese to wear the colour red to Mass this Pentecost as a sign of their desire for their hearts to be filled afresh with the fire of the Holy Spirit. A page on the diocesan website has been set up with more details about Pentecost, and photographs of parishioners in red can be uploaded to: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/wear-red-for-pentecost

Inspire and Lead: Youth Group Leaders Opportunity! Join us in shaping the future of our community! We're looking for enthusiastic individuals to lead our youth group in our parish. Whether you have experience or simply a heart for guiding young souls, your dedication can make a real difference. Get involved and help nurture the next generation of leaders. Contact us today to learn more about this rewarding opportunity. ***Come to join our initial meeting on Tuesday 21st May 7pm at Holy Spirit Social Centre, come along and explore more!***

Join Us in Preparing for Our 50th Jubilee Celebration at Holy Spirit Church

A Special Mass for the Golden Jubilee will be held on Saturday 22nd June, 4.30pm followed by refreshment. We are seeking volunteers to help make our Jubilee Celebration memorable! We need your help with setup, decorations, hospitality, and more. Interested? Sign-up using the volunteer list at the back of the church.



Diocesan Pilgrimage <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/forthcoming-events-diocese/>

◆ **To Walsingham** Gather together with Bishop Patrick on **Saturday 15th June** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham. We are planning to arrange a bus for our parish, but it will depend on the number of people. ***If you would like to reserve your seat, please contact the office or sign-up using the enrolment slip attached to the poster by 22nd May 2024.***

May - 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.



Marian Prayer—Memorare

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection, implored your help, or sought your intercession, was left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, I fly unto you, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To you do I come, before you I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in your mercy, hear and answer me. Amen.

! IMPORTANT ! Special Mass Time on Sunday 9th June 2024 There will be a special Mass times on Sunday 9th June week to celebrate First Holy Communion Mass in our parish.

◆ **St Margaret Clitherow 9am**

◆ **St Anne 10am (First Holy Communion Mass)**

◆ **Holy Spirit 11am**

◆ **Our Lady of Grace 12pm (First Holy Communion Mass)**

All parishioners are invited to join us for this joyous occasion. Saturday evening Masses will take place as normal: 4.30pm at St Anne and 6.30pm at Holy Spirit. Regular Mass times will resume the following week. Thank you for your understanding and we look forward to celebrating with you.

CAFOD's Annual Plant and Cake Sale Will be held at St Margaret Clitherow Church. Saturday 25th May 2024, 10am – 12noon. Plants, Cakes, Raffle, Books, Soaps and Traidcraft. All Welcome

Gratitude for Your Generosity! A heartfelt thank you from the Becket's students for your kindness and generosity! With your support, we've raised £1144.61 for their pilgrimage to Lourdes. Your kindness will make a huge difference to helping them to cover the cost of the pilgrimage where they will be supporting elderly and vulnerable adults in their pilgrimage to Lourdes - Chaplaincy Team of Becket

Join us for special Parish Visit to the Mary Potter Heritage on Saturday 8th June and Wednesday 12th June 11am-1pm Come and experience the story of Venerable Mary Potter, a remarkable woman who founded the Little Company of Mary Sisters on 2nd July 1877. Don't miss this unique opportunity to delve into our heritage. All are welcome! Please contact Parish office or sign-up using the enrolment slip attached to the poster at the back of the churches. <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/parish-visit-mary-potter-heritage/>

Appeal for a young Catholic family in our neighbouring parish A young son from this family, who was studying at the university, has tragically passed away very suddenly. Fr. John is appealing to your generosity to support them during this difficult time. Your offerings will be collected after Mass on 25th and 26th May.

Holy Spirit ◆ Holy Spirit Bookshop Confirmation and Holy Communion cards and gifts available in the shop. As well as rosaries, statues, Mass cards and cards for many occasions. Open after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass. ◆ **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 I hope you will all come and support the Fairtrade stall at Church on Sunday. There will be a large variety of Fairly Traded and ethically sourced products on sale. If everyone just swapped one of their monthly shopping items for a Fairtrade alternative it would have a very positive impact on the suppliers and on our environment. As usual donations, however small, are also gratefully accepted and used to purchase goods to add to our food bank collections which are always needed and very much appreciated.

◆ **St Anne ◆ Pentecost Sunday at St Anne at 9:00am** We are looking forward to welcoming musicians from Holy Spirit who will be providing the music for our Mass. There will be some familiar tunes along with some new ones; there will be an opportunity to familiarise yourself with the hymns as they will be having a short practice with us before Mass (from around 8:30). Please come and give your support it, will be great to see you! ◆ **St Anne's Ecumenical Service of worship and prayer for the churches in Radcliffe** It is on Sunday 26th May at 4.00pm. ALL are welcome. We should be especially grateful for any donations of cakes or biscuits for refreshments afterwards. Please contact Celia or Christine.

DIOCESAN UPCOMING EVENTS

[<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/forthcoming-events-diocese/>]

- ♦ Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm Register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw
- ♦ Young Adults in the Diocese of Nottingham For all the latest Young Adult events (aimed at 18-35 year olds) visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or contact charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk
- ♦ The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2024 is now available to purchase, priced £6.00.

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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: 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 or by request.

Newsletter inserts 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. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking, the parish bank details are as follows:



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