



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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‘God sent his Son in order that the world might be saved through him.’ John 3:16-18

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY (SOLEMNITY) - YEAR A

Fr Evarist and Fr John will both attend the Annual Clergy Conference from 1st to 3rd June. Please continue to keep them and all our clergy in your prayers during this important gathering.

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation 23rd May 2026, Vigil of Pentecost

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to the 28 young members of our parish who recently received the Sacrament of Confirmation from Bishop Patrick during the Vigil of Pentecost. Filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit, they have taken an important step in their journey of faith.

It has been especially uplifting to see many of our young people taking an active part in the Confirmation Mass itself, through reading, serving, and supporting the liturgy in various ways. Their enthusiasm, faith, and willingness to serve are a great encouragement to our parish community. Please continue to keep them in your prayers, that they may continue to grow in faith and become ever more involved in the life and mission of the parish, guided by the Holy Spirit.

In Bishop Patrick’s homily, he reminded us that through Baptism we become God’s beloved sons and daughters, invited into a close and loving relationship with God our Father. The Holy Spirit continually reminds us that we are never alone and helps us to live lives filled with love, kindness, compassion, generosity, and service to others.

Bishop Patrick also encouraged everyone to begin each day with a simple prayer:

“Holy Spirit, walk with me this day and help me to walk more closely with you.”

He reminded us that by opening our hearts daily to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can become instruments of God’s love and help make the world around us a kinder and more hopeful place.

Let us continue to pray for our newly confirmed young people and support them as they continue their journey of faith within our parish family



Pope Leo's 'Magnifica humanitas'

Marking the 135th anniversary of *Rerum novarum*, Pope Leo XIV releases his first encyclical, entitled 'Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence.' He appeals for the safeguarding of humanity, promotion of truth, dignity of work, social justice, and peace.

"Humanity, created by God in all its grandeur, is today facing a pivotal choice: either to construct a new Tower of Babel or to build the city in which God and humanity dwell together." The opening words of Pope Leo XIV's first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas: On Safeguarding the Human Person in the Time of Artificial Intelligence*, summarise its underlying reasons and purpose. Published on Monday, May 25, the Pope signed the encyclical on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of the promulgation of Pope Leo XIII's *Rerum novarum*. Pope Leo XIV has taken up the legacy of his predecessor, writing a social encyclical which addresses one of the principal challenges of the contemporary age: artificial intelligence.



Divided into five chapters, *Magnifica humanitas* has an underlying premise: technology is not "a force antagonistic to humanity" (4), nor is it "inherently evil" (9). However, "technology is never neutral, because it takes on the characteristics of those who devise, finance, regulate, and use it." Therefore, Pope Leo XIV appeals for people to build "for the common good" and to "remain human," following a courageous mentality of shared responsibility and communion, so that the world "will come to recognise the human heart as the place where God desires to dwell" (16).

At the conclusion of his first encyclical, Pope Leo XIV invites the faithful to navigate this new technological era in the light of the Gospel, following "a sober yet demanding program of Christian life."

Even in the age of AI, concludes the Pope, "we may bear witness to the grandeur of humanity, in which God has made His dwelling." Reference: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/vatican-article-magnifica-humanitas/>

You can find more resources (links to full encyclical, infographic overview and brief) on our parish website: <https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/pope-leo-s-magnifica-humanitas>

First Holy Communion We have 45 young children in our Parish who are receiving their First Holy Communion on 7th June at St Anne and Our Lady of Grace, 13th June at Holy Spirit and 14th June at St Margaret Clitherow. This is a significant and joyous milestone in their faith journey. Please keep them in your prayers, asking for God's blessings and guidance as they take this important step. May their hearts be filled with the love and grace of Christ on this special day. We invite you to join us in celebrating this joyful occasion and to keep the children and their families in your prayers.



Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner Stuart Arthur Whitlow. Stuart's Funeral Service is on Friday 5th June 12.30pm at Wilford Hill West Chapel. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



The 38th anniversary Mass praying for the Beatification and Canonisation of Venerable Mary Potter Bishop Patrick will celebrate Mass praying for the Beatification and Canonisation of Venerable Mary Potter, on Thursday 4th June at 1.00pm at Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham. This special celebration is an opportunity to come together in prayer and thanksgiving, honouring the life and enduring legacy of Venerable Mary Potter. All are very welcome.

Background of Venerable Mary Potter






Venerable Mary Potter (1847–1913) founded the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary in Nottingham in 1877. With the support of Bishop Edward Bagshawe, she established the first convent and mission in Hyson Green under very humble conditions. The Sisters devoted themselves to prayer for the dying, visiting the sick, and supporting local mission work. Despite poverty, illness, and many hardships, the congregation continued to grow. Mary Potter also established a small school and remained deeply committed to the spiritual formation of the Sisters. Seeking official recognition for the congregation, she travelled to Rome in 1882, where Pope Leo XIII encouraged the mission. The Little Company of Mary later received full papal approval in 1893. Visit the Sisters of the Little Company of Mary Heritage Centre website for more details: <https://www.lcmsisters.org.uk/heritage-centre>



If you would like to experience the story and spirituality of Mary Potter, please contact: Telephone: 0115 9505167, Email: lcmheritage@gmail.com

IMPORTANT We have been made aware that a known fraudster is targeting the SVP locally and in our parish. We would urge you to exercise caution and not respond if you are approached by unknown individuals asking for details and contacts for the SVP or seeking financial support.

Holy Masses and Services for 30th May to 7th June 2026

Saturday 30th May Feria	4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Intentions of Tim and Margaret Bailey The People of The Parish
Sunday 31st May The Most Holy Trinity	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	John and Alice Doyle RIP Curtis Family Thanksgiving from Alo Mrs Shirley Southall RIP
Monday 1st June St Justin, martyr (memorial)	9.30am Mass; SA 10am Rosary ; SA	Hazel Chesters' intentions
Tuesday 2nd June Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SMC	
Wednesday 3rd June Saints Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs of Uganda (memorial)	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	
Thursday 4th June Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life ; HS 	
Friday 5th June Saint Boniface of Crediton, bishop and martyr (memorial)	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	Derek Sigton RIP Brenda Raynor RIP
Saturday 6th June Feria	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	For Freddie Sijo and Emeline Sijo Paul Moran RIP (12 th Anniversary)
Sunday 7th June THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST – CORPUS CHRISTI (SOLEMNITY)	9am Mass: First Holy Communion; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass: First Holy Communion; OLOG	For First Holy Communion Candidates The People of the Parish Stuart Arthur Whitlow RIP For First Holy Communion Candidates

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 ♦ **Prayers for Vocations** Thursday evenings next to Our Lady's chapel 7 pm at Holy Spirit church.

♦ **Holy Spirit Bookshop** First 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 GRACE ♦ **Fairtrade** Thank you once again to everyone who generously supported our last Fairtrade stall. Sales since the last stall, combined with sales on the day, amounted to £105 and we had a wonderful £70 in donations for food bank purchases. The donations this month were added to our Emmanuel House collection, which will be greatly appreciated. The next stall will be on the 21st of June, so I hope to see you then. Thank you, Lynn Harrison.

CAFOD annual plant sale will take place on Saturday 6th June 10am to 1pm at St Margaret Clitherow Church. There will also be cakes, jewellery, soaps and crafts on sale. Please join us.

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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.

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

Scan the QR code or visit this website

<https://donate.myдона.com/parish-of-the-annunciation> to
make your contributions online.

