



# Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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## 'Rivers of living water will flow.'

John 7:37-39

PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A



Fr John is away on retreat and will return in June. Please keep him in your prayers, that this may be a peaceful and restful time for him, and that he may return refreshed and renewed in spirit. Following the retreat, 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.

### Accompanying Our Children on Their Faith Journey

This time of year is always a joyful one in our parish family as we prepare to celebrate the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation with our children and young people. This year, we are blessed to accompany 45 children preparing to receive their First Holy Communion and 28 candidates preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

These sacraments are important milestones in their journey of faith and mark a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church. However, the journey of faith does not end with these celebrations — in many ways, it is only the beginning.

Just as we all need continual nourishment for our physical wellbeing, our spiritual lives also require ongoing formation, encouragement, and support. Through regular participation in Mass, prayer, catechesis, parish activities, and the witness of the parish community, our children and young people continue to grow in their understanding of faith and in their relationship with Christ.

As a parish family, we all have a part to play in supporting them on this journey. Your prayers, encouragement, welcome, and example of faith are invaluable in helping our young people remain connected to the life of the Church.

May I kindly ask for your continued support and prayers for all our candidates, their families, catechists, and volunteers during this special time of preparation and celebration.

May God bless all our children and young people as they continue to grow in faith, hope, and love.

HAKUNA MATATA,

Fr Evarist

### Day for Life 2026 – Cherishing the Gift of Life

Day for Life will be celebrated on Sunday 21st June 2026. This annual day, observed jointly by the Bishops' Conferences of England and Wales, Scotland, and Ireland, invites us to reflect on the dignity and value of every human life, from conception to natural death.

In a reflection for the Feast of the Annunciation, Archbishop John Sherrington announced this year's theme, encouraging us to recognise the humanity of the unborn and to support with compassion those who experience the loss of a child before or shortly after birth.

The Feast of the Annunciation reminds us of Mary's faithful "yes" to God's gift of life. As Christians, we are called to cherish, protect, and care for every human life, especially the vulnerable and those who suffer. As part of this preparation, parishioners are encouraged to pray the Novena for Life beginning on 23rd May, concluding on 31st May, the Feast of the Visitation. More details: *Novena for Life*: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/novena-for-life/>

**Second Collection – 20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> June** There will be a Second Collection at all Masses this weekend to support Day for Life's pastoral work, education, and life-affirming initiatives.

More information: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/day-for-life/>

### Youth Opportunities – Lourdes Pilgrimage & The Briars Leadership Residency

#### ★ LOURDES YOUTH PILGRIMAGE – 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 19<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2026 ★

The NDCYS Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage is now open for young people aged 16+. Pilgrims will travel to Lourdes to serve alongside assisted pilgrims while taking part in a faith-filled programme based on this year's theme: "Hail, full of grace." The pilgrimage also includes a stop in Paris and Disneyland on the return journey.

Cost: £1,050 all-inclusive. Confidential bursaries are available where cost may be a barrier. More information:






<https://www.ndcys.com/lourdes/>

#### ★ THE BRIARS LEADERSHIP RESIDENCY ★

The Briars is launching a new Leadership Residency for young adults aged 18–25. Participants will live in community, lead retreats for young people, and receive formation, spiritual support, and training throughout the year. Accommodation, meals, and a weekly stipend are provided. More information:

<https://www.ndcys.com/join-our-team/year-on-team/>

## Holy Masses and Services for 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

<b>Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> May</b> Pentecost Sunday Vigil	4pm <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	The People of The Parish For the Confirmation Candidates
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> Pentecost Sunday	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	John Coleby RIP Frances Holland RIP Nora Moran RIP John McKerr RIP
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church (memorial)	9.30am Mass; SA 10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SA	C.T.Jose RIP (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Philip Neri, priest	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; SMC 10am <b>Requiem Mass</b> ; HS	Mrs. Eilish Forster RIP
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop, Feast	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9am <b>Rosary</b> ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SA	Tony Burke RIP and Maggie Ryan RIP
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> Our Lord Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest	9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life; HS 	
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feria	10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 10.30am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SMC 11am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SA 11.30am <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 12pm Mass; SA 5pm <b>Rosary</b> ; OLOG 6pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; HS 7pm Mass; HS	John Hunter  Mary Jahina RIP (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> Feria	4pm Rosary; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Intentions of Tim and Margaret Bailey The People of The Parish
<b>Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> 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 Vera Meadows RIP

**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.

♦ **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.

♦ **Holy Spirit Bookshop** Confirmation and 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.

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

**The 38<sup>th</sup> 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.