



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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**‘You received good things, and Lazarus bad things;
now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.’**

Luke 16:19-31

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C

Join Us for the International Mass and International Lunch – Sunday, 5th October

We are also looking forward to our International Mass on Sunday, 5th October at 11.00am at The Becket, followed by an International Lunch. This is a celebration of the rich diversity of our parish community, and we would love for you to be part of it:

- ♦ Wear your home costume to showcase your heritage.
- ♦ We have engaged parishioners to read bidding prayers in their own languages.
- ♦ Bring along a dish from your hometown for the shared lunch (please let the parish office know what you will bring so we can plan the food).

Everyone is warmly welcome, and we look forward to celebrating our faith and diversity together.

Important note: On the weekend of 4th–5th October, there will only be one Vigil Mass at St Anne’s at 4.30pm and one Parish Sunday Mass at The Becket School at 11.00am.

Diocesan Roadshows Report

In February 2025, four **Diocesan Roadshows** were held across the Diocese of Nottingham, bringing together clergy and parish representatives for prayer, presentations, and open dialogue about our shared future. Almost 300 questions and comments were submitted, covering a very wide range of often complex issues. Since then, the diocesan team and senior clergy have worked to compile, group, and respond to these contributions in a way that is honest, accurate, and accessible. What began as a simple summary has grown into a much larger piece of work than first anticipated. We are now pleased to share the full report, which gives a clear account of the roadshows, the issues raised, and the steps we are taking as we continue our journey towards becoming a more missionary, outward-looking Church. For the full report, please visit our parish website. A hard copy is also available at the back of the church for your convenience.

Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham will host the **Pilgrim Virgin Statue of Our Lady of Fatima and relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco** on **Sunday 12th and Monday 13th October**, in commemoration of the Centenary of the Five First Saturdays devotion. The Visitation will include a procession and enthronement of the Fatima statue, followed by Mass; opportunities to venerate the saints’ relics; praying the Rosary for world peace; and talks and videos about the Fatima messages. A book table with devotional materials will be available, and attendees can enrol in the Brown Scapular devotion. For further details visit: worldfatima-englandwales.org.uk or email: membership@waf-ew.org.uk



This Sunday, 28th September, is the closest Sunday to the feast of Saint Michael, patron of the Catholic Police Guild.

We will mark this occasion by praying together the Prayer of the Catholic Police Guild.

Most Merciful God, giver of all authority, by the merits of Thy Divine Son and through the intercession of His Holy Mother and our glorious patron St. Michael, grant that we may this day and every day, overcome all temptations, especially to injustice and disloyalty, and with our minds inflamed by Thy Holy Spirit perform all our duties in such a manner as may be pleasing to Thy Divine Will, so that when called to report for the last time we may not be found wanting, and may be allowed to remain for ever in Thy Presence. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord, Amen.



Congratulations to Sara and Alex, who will be married at St Margaret Clitherow on 27th September. We wish them every blessing, and a marriage filled with love, joy, health, and happiness.
Best wishes on this wonderful journey together!

SECOND COLLECTION FOR CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY APPEALS – 4th/5th October Please support CAFOD’s Family Fast Day collection to help communities overcome poverty and climate challenges. Your generosity brings hope, funding projects like water tanks in Ethiopia.

Annunciation Friendship Group Wednesday 1st October from 2pm to 4pm at St Anne's Radcliffe-on-Trent. Speaker Roger Neuberg who will give an informative talk about the charitable work done through Mary's Meals. Many Thanks.



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 We are celebrating the 35th Anniversary since the commencement of the construction of their church building. All are welcome to join the celebration after Mass on Sunday the 23rd of November.

Fairtrade stall We had another excellent total of £200 for our last Fairtrade stall! This comprised of £55 of sales since the previous stall, £80 of sales on the day and a tremendous £65 of donations, which were used to purchase goods for the food bank. I took the Food bank donations to The Friary and they were delighted and asked me to pass on their sincere gratitude to you all. I would like to thank you too for your continued support and generosity. The next stall will be on the 12th of October. Hope to see you then. Lynn Harrison.

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) We are excited to announce that our Parish RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Programme, known as the Faith Journey Group, will start on Tuesday 30th September, meeting in the Holy Spirit social centre hall at 7pm. If you know anyone interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic, please invite them to join us, contact Ceci Li (ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for more details. The RCIA is open to any adults who wish to:

- ◆ Learn about the Catholic faith
- ◆ Prepare for baptism, confirmation, and first Eucharist
- ◆ Be received into the Catholic Church.

If you are Catholic and willing to support others on their faith journey, you are warmly welcome to come along as well!

Pilgrims of Hope

We are delighted to share that the Pilgrims of Hope have successfully reached St Barnabas Cathedral in Nottingham! A heartfelt thank you to all the volunteers from Holy Spirit, St Anne's and St Margaret Clitherow who provided a warm welcome and support throughout their journey. Your generosity and kindness helped make their pilgrimage a memorable and uplifting experience.



The Bible Timeline Course (Free live online course)

Explore the Big Picture of the Bible—from Genesis to Revelation—in this FREE 8-week live online course with Mauro Iannicelli. Starts Wednesday, 1st October 2025, 7–8:45pm UK time.

In this course, you will be guided step by step through all 12 periods, showing how the people and events of Scripture fit together into one great narrative—from Adam and Eve to Jesus Christ, the Old and the New Testament. Register & Info: comeandsee.org

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners **Eileen Ross and Una (Margaret) Karai**. Eileen's Funeral Mass is on Monday 29th September 12.15pm at Holy Spirit; the reception of her body into Holy Spirit Church is on Sunday 28th September 6.30pm. Una's (Margaret) Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 7th October 1.15pm at St Margaret Clitherow. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, Arnold is looking to recruit Subject Leads for Music and ICT as well as a Science Teacher and Exams Officer. Details of these roles and others within the Our Lady of Lourdes Multi-Academy Trust available can be found on the vacancies page <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/> If you wish to have an informal discussion about any of the roles at CTK and the school please contact the school office on 0115 9155762.

Holy Masses and Services for 27th September to 5th October 2025

Saturday 27th September St Vincent de Paul, priest (memorial)	11am Baptism ; HS 12pm Wedding ; SMC 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS;	Lysandra Perera Sara and Alex Mr P. D. Joseph RIP (17th Anniversary) Dave Muldoon RIP
Sunday 28th September Twenty Sixth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 6.30pm Reception ; HS	Nicholas Ratnasingham RIP William Cowling RIP Brendan O'Boyle RIP The People of The Parish Eileen Mary Ross RIP
Monday 29th September Sts Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels (Feast)	9.30am Service ; SA 12.15pm Funeral ; HS	Eileen Mary Ross RIP
Tuesday 30th September St Jerome, priest and doctor (memorial)	9.30am Mass; SMC	Maureen McCay RIP
Wednesday 1st October St Therese of the child of Jesus, virgin and doctor (memorial)	9am School Mass; Becket school	
Thursday 2nd October The Holy Guardian Angels (memorial)	No Mass	
Friday 3rd October Feria	12pm Service ; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Ernie Spencer RIP
Saturday 4th October St Francis of Assisi (memorial)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA	Thanksgiving for Harvest and fruits of human work
Sunday 5th October Twenty Seventh Sunday of the Year	11am International Mass; Becket School <i>(No livestreaming due to data protection)</i> 2pm Baptism; HS	The People of The Parish Ava Swanson

Rosary Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9am SMC; Friday 10am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 6pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

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

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi – Extract from a Young Pilgrim's Reflection

This is an extract you can read the complete reflection on the parish website.

"I found the trip to Rome and Assisi very good and also very moving. I was very excited when we all got onto the coach outside of the Holy Spirit Church and was still very excited when we got off the plane and onto the coach to Assisi. The hotel there was very nice apart from when me and Tristan had to put towels inside of the air conditioner because it stopped working and it was leaking water everywhere. When we got to Assisi it was great because the views from there were really good. Going into Saint Clare's Basilica was very moving, especially seeing Saint Clare and the Cross that Jesus spoke to Saint Francis through. When we saw Saint Carlo Acutis's body it was quite strange because his body was preserved so well he looked like I could have seen him in one of my classes at school. It was quite strange seeing someone who was practically the same age as me becoming a Saint but it was a great reminder that anyone can achieve Sainthood. When we went to St Francis's Basilica for Mass in one of the Chapels it was a really good mass and walking around it afterwards was great. Then leading the Rosary on the Coach ride back to Rome with the rest of the young people was great so was getting to tell people on the coach how I found the trip so far was good too."

Read online to see more reflections from our pilgrims.



~ Louis Wass

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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: 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 new digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.

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

