



# Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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## 'The Eucharist Is My Highway To Heaven.'

Luke 16:19-31

FEAST OF ST. CARLO ACUTIS ♦ TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C

### MY RECENT PILGRIMAGE TO ROME AND BEYOND

It is with joy in my heart that I share with you the beautiful experiences of my recent pilgrimage to Rome and beyond, where I and the other pilgrims walked in the footsteps of saints and deepened our faith together.

On September 29th, we gathered at London Gatwick, filled with excitement as we boarded our flight to Rome. That evening, we made our way to the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains for a private Mass. There, we were awed by Michelangelo's famous Statue of Moses. This is an unforgettable start to our pilgrimage.

The next day was filled with spiritual richness as we visited three great basilicas. The Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, and we walked through the Holy Door. Then we visited the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral church of Rome. Finally, the Basilica of St. Mary Major, Pope Francis' final resting place.

Wednesday was dedicated to the majestic St. Peter's Basilica. Before dawn, we set out to attend the Papal Audience, where I felt the collective faith of all those present. We also walked through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica, a moment that will stay with us forever. We explored the impressive crypt, visiting the tombs of St. Peter and recent Popes, feeling connected to our Church's rich history.



Basilica of St Francis of Assisi



St Peter's Basilica

On our journey's last days, we travelled beyond Rome to Lanciano, the site of the first recorded Eucharistic Miracle. Here, we held our private Mass and reflected together on Christ's real presence in the Eucharist. Our pilgrimage took us to San Giovanni Rotondo, where we visited the shrine of St. Padre Pio, experiencing the powerful legacy of a saint who dedicated his life to love and service. Then we visited the sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel and we saw St. Michael's cave and celebrated mass there with other pilgrims from different parts of the world.

We also paid homage to St. Rita in Cascia, a patroness of difficult cases, where many of us found inspiration in her story. We celebrated our private Mass here. Our pilgrimage culminated in the beautiful town of Assisi, where St. Francis and St. Clare lived out their commitment to Christ. In the Basilica of St. Francis, we concelebrated Mass and the main celebrant was a Cardinal from Northern Ireland.

We also viewed St. Carlo Acutis' tomb here. Finally we visited the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. It was here the young Francis of Assisi understood his vocation and founded the order of Friars Minor.

Actually this pilgrimage was not just about places; it was about deepening my faith and I am willing to share my experiences with you.

In the special way I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all of you for your prayers and generosity in the preparation of this wonderful and fruitful pilgrimage. I just want you to know that throughout this pilgrimage you were in my prayers and in my heart.

MUNGU AWABARIKI (GOD BLESS YOU), Evarist



Basilica of Saint Mary Major

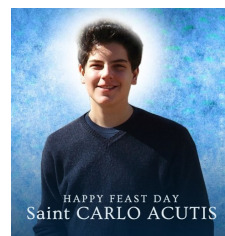
**Let us pray for those who have died recently** With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner **Keiran Fitzsimmons**. His Funeral is on Wednesday 22nd October 1pm at Holy Spirit Church. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



**Second collection for Missio** Next weekend, 18th/19th October, there will be a second collection for Missio, the Holy Father's charity for world mission. This special day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide in sharing the Good News of God's love and bringing hope to those in need. To donate, please use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755, or visit [missio.org.uk/donate/](https://missio.org.uk/donate/) for online donations and Gift Aid. Thank you for your generous support.

### Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis – 12th October 2025

We will celebrate the Feast of Saint Carlo Acutis on Sunday, 12th October 2025, in all churches across our parish. Our young people will take an active part in the Mass, helping us honour Carlo's inspiring example of faith and love for the Eucharist. All are warmly invited to join in this special celebration.



### Requiem Mass of Remembrance

#### Saturday 15th November, 11am at Holy Spirit followed by light refreshments

We will celebrate a Requiem Mass of Remembrance to honour and pray for loved ones who have died during the past year. During the Mass, each loved one's name will be read aloud, and a family member is welcome to light a candle on the altar in their memory.

If you would like to confirm that a name is on the list, please contact the Parish Office.

Join Fr John and Fr Evarist as we commend our loved ones to God's mercy, give thanks for their lives, and find comfort in our shared faith and hope in the Resurrection.

### Special Novena Mass Intentions in November — Praying for Our Faithful Departed

Envelopes for the November Novena of Masses are available at the back of the church.

Please write the names of deceased family members and loved ones you would like remembered and, if you wish to make an offering, place it in the envelope, they are available at the back of the church. Completed envelopes can be returned via the collection box, the Parish Office, or handed directly to the priest.

All names will be placed on the altar and remembered at the Novena Masses throughout November.

**International Mass and Lunch – Sunday, 5th October** A heartfelt thank you to everyone who took part in and helped organise our International Mass and Lunch at The Becket. It was a joyful celebration of our parish's faith, unity, and rich diversity. We were especially moved by the bidding prayers in nine languages and the vibrant music that filled our liturgy. Our gratitude goes to the music team, readers, greeters, Eucharistic ministers, and everyone who helped make the celebration so special.

Thank you also to all who brought food to share—the delicious dishes truly reflected the many cultures that make up our parish family.

Your spirit of service, collaboration, and joy made this event a wonderful success. Together, we showed what it means to be one family in Christ.



**Holy Spirit** The month of October, is a special month of devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary, 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. ♦ **Our Lady of Visitation** 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. ♦ **Rosary Before Weekend Masses** Starting Saturday 11th October, the Rosary will be prayed before the weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 6:00pm; Sunday Mass – 10:30am (in Our Lady's Chapel, right-hand side of the church.) All are warmly welcome to join in prayer.

**Our Lady of Grace** ♦ **Rosary Before Weekend Masses** Starting Sunday 12th October, the Rosary will be prayed before the Sunday Mass – 10:30am. All are warmly welcome to join in prayer.





**St Anne's** St Anne's next Local Team meeting is on Tuesday next, the 14th of October at 6.30 pm for 7. All welcome. **Adoration – Winter Schedule** From Wednesday, 29th October, Adoration will be held at 4:00–5:00pm following the end of BST. There is no Adoration on 22nd October.

**Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group)** Our next meeting is on Tuesday 14th October at 7pm in the Holy Spirit Social Centre Hall. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, or being received into the Church, please join us. For details, contact Ceci Li at [ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**Missio Red Box Collection** - calling all Red Box holders. We are collecting boxes during October. Please hand your box into church if it is ready to be emptied. Further details from Local Secretaries  
St Anne's - John Boland-Lee, St Margaret Clitherow - Jack Pye, Holy Spirit - Sally Smith, Our Lady of Grace - Tess Foster



## Holy Masses and Services for 11th to 19th October 2025

<b>Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Christine Marquina RIP The People of The Parish
<b>Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC  11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Simon and Jenny Lake, Ruby Wedding Anniversary Imelda McQuiad (Birthday Mass) Jack and Kathy Gelling (60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary) Alan Olley RIP
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	9.30am Mass; SA	For Vocations to Priesthood and religious life
<b>Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila) virgin and doctor (memorial)</b>	9.30am Mass; HS	Maureen Snowden, speedy recovery
<b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Feria</b>	<b>No Mass</b>	
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Ignatius of Antioch, bishop and martyr (memorial)</b>	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Angela B's Special Intentions Ernie Spencer RIP
<b>Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)</b>	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6pm- 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Ivor Radcliffe RIP (45 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary) Repose of the Soul of Linda Stafford RIP
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b> <b>Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC  11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Christine Marquina RIP Una Karai RIP Ian Black RIP The People of the Parish
<b>Rosary:</b> Monday 10am SA; Wednesday 9am HS; Thursday 7pm HS (for vocations); Friday 10am SMC, 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA. <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:</b> Wednesday 6pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC, 11am SA, 6.30pm HS. <b>After Mass Refreshment</b> Sunday After Mass, SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS; Friday After Mass/Service, SA.		

### PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES – ENROL NOW! Closing Date: Sunday, 23rd November

Enrolments are now open for our Parish Sacramental Preparation Programmes.

If you are a parishioner and your child is ready to prepare for the sacraments, we warmly invite you to register. Let us help your family deepen your faith and share in the joy of these sacred moments.

#### **First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion:**

For Children who are in Year 4 or above, please scan the QR code to submit your registration.

Visit the Parish Website to learn more about the programme:



<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/sacraments/eucharist/>

#### **Sacrament of Confirmation:**

For young people who are in Year 9 or above. please scan the QR code to submit your registration.

Visit the Parish Website to learn more about the programme:



<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/sacraments/confirmation/>

### JOIN OUR TEAM: CATECHISTS & YOUNG HELPERS NEEDED

We are seeking catechists for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. If you feel called to share your faith and guide our young people, we would love to have you join our team.

#### CALLING ALL YOUNG HELPERS:

If you are in Year 10 or above, have received Confirmation, and wish to serve and grow in faith and leadership, we invite you to get involved. Training and support will be provided. For more information, please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

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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](mailto: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**

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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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**make your contributions online.**

