



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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“He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures”

Luke 24:45

Fourth Sunday of the Year

Holy Masses and Services for 28th January - 3rd February 2024

Date	Service	Intention
Saturday 27th January	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Margaret Jennings RIP Margaret & John Magee RIP
Sunday 28th January Fourth Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass; SA 9.30am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	For family & friends, Rory Mahood RIP Nellie Irving RIP Nuzieta Maiella RIP Michael McKerr RIP
Monday 29th	9.30am Mass, SA	Thanksgiving for Denise Donovan's Service as EM and her Intentions
Tuesday 30th	9.30am Mass; SMC 11.30am; HS 7pm; HS	Graham Doust RIP Funeral Service: Margaret Lane RIP Faith Journey Group (RCIA)
Wednesday 31st	9.30am Service; HS 7pm; HS	Service of Word and Communion Confirmation Programme
Thursday 1st February	9.30am Mass; OLOG	Imelda McQuaid RIP
Friday 2nd	12pm Mass; SA 6pm Mass; HS	Fr Anthony Franey's Intentions Nora Atkinson
Saturday 3rd	3.30pm Confession; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confession; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	David and Margaret McCartney RIP Mary Thelwell RIP
Sunday 4th February Fifth Sunday of the Year	9.30am Mass; SA 9.30am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Carmel Goodacre's Intentions Loughlin Hickey RIP Peggy Towey Anniversary of Death
Rosary: Sunday 9am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Thursday after 9.30am Mass OLOG; Friday 10.15am SMC; 11am SA; Saturday 4pm SA		
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 7pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; Friday after 6pm Mass HS		
HS: Holy Spirit; OLOG: Our Lady of Grace; SA: St Anne; SMC: St Margaret Clitherow		
This week in the Parish: • Children Liturgy Sunday 28th during the Mass HS, OLOG and SA • After Mass Refreshment Sunday 28th HS, OLOG, SA and SMC; Wednesday 31st After 9.30am Mass; Friday 2nd After 12pm Mass SA; • Faith Journey Group (RCIA) Tuesday 30th 7pm HS Social Centre Hall; • Confirmation Preparation Session Wednesday 31st 7pm HS Social Centre Hall; • First Holy Communion Session Saturday 3rd Feb 6pm HS Social Centre Hall; Sunday 4th Feb 10.30am HS Social Centre Hall; • Baby & Toddler Group Thursday 1st Feb 10am HS Social Centre Hall;		
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SECOND COLLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY:
Charity: Lepra Appeal (World Leprosy Day on 28th)

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.

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)

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER
FOR THE GIFT OF DIVERSITY IN THE CHURCH - We pray that the Holy Spirit may help us to recognise the gift of different charisms within the Christian community and to discover the richness of different traditions and rituals in the Catholic Church.

PARISH BANK ACCOUNT
Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP
Account Number: 44603560
Sort code: 30-96-18

Dear Friends,

I set out on Sunday morning to make my way to Dublin, to see my aunt who is rapidly coming the end of her earthly life. My aunty Patsy, was like a second mum to me. I was keen to see her before she got too sick. In my haste to get home to Dublin, I didn't take into consideration the storms Isha and Joycelyn and what they might have in store for me. With all the havoc and disruptions they caused they gave me two days of patient waiting in Holyhead Port.

Waiting is a patient endeavour that can evoke a multitude of emotions. It is the act of staying in the moment or situation until a desired outcome or event occurs. It can be an agonising experience, as time seems to slow down and anticipation builds. Waiting requires patience, as it often involves uncertainty and a lack of control. It can be so frustrating, causing restlessness and impatience to arise. However, waiting can be an opportunity for reflection and introspection. It allows one to pause, reassess and recalibrate their thoughts and feelings.

Waiting can test one's resilience and perseverance. It requires trust and faith that things will work out in due time. It is a reminder that some things are beyond our control and that we must learn to accept and adapt. This waiting certainly put me to the test. I was asking Jesus, why are you testing me like this? I just need to get home to see my aunt, then I started thinking about other people who are in worse situations than me, but our common link is waiting! The People of Palestine, Yemen, Ukraine, Sudan, homeless, those who have a terminal illness, those who live alone, so many people who are in need of love and a smile, and are waiting for you to come along and tell them it's going to be okay, like so many people told me don't worry you will get to Dublin and I did, the wait was worth it! So, while waiting may be difficult, it is a journey that shapes our character and enriches our experiences.

Peace,
John

PARISH CENSUS: Your Parish Needs YOU. Add your VOICE to the Parish!

As we approach the first anniversary as a Parish, as we reflect on this significant milestone, it fills our hearts with gratitude for the journey we have all been through together. This is just a starting point: in the coming years, we may have different kinds of challenges and changes.

To prepare us in embracing the unforeseen changes, we have to understand "Who we are" before we explore more about "Who we want to be". Therefore, we are asking for your co-operation to complete Parish Census.

Your input will be most helpful in shaping our plans for the future of our parish; we urge participation, please complete the "Contact Slip" (either hardcopy or online version are welcome!), we will send the Census Form to you accordingly.



New Sunday Mass Times for St Anne and St Margaret Clitherow

Beginning on the 1st Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024, the 09.30AM Mass at Saint Anne and Saint Margaret Clitherow will be adjusted to start at 09.00AM. This change is implemented to allow Fr. John and Fr. Liam more time to engage with you and your families after the Mass. We understand these changes will impact on some of your routines and may cause some frustrations; your understanding and support during this time of change are greatly appreciated.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound on World Day of Sick

The World Day of the Sick, which falls on a Sunday this year, provides us with a unique opportunity to come together as a community to offer prayers and support to those who are sick or housebound. In light of this, we have decided to reschedule the Special Parish Mass for the Sick and Housebound to the warmer months of Summer/Spring. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility regarding this change.



Let us pray for those who have died recently: Please pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Lane and John Sheridan who passed away recently. The Funeral Service for Margaret Lane is on Tuesday 30th January 2024 11am at Holy Spirit. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Update from our Churches

Holy Spirit ♦ **Appeal to Families to lead Stations of the Cross**

We extend a heartfelt invitation to families in our Parish to lead our upcoming Stations of the Cross on 1st March 6.30pm at Holy Spirit. Your presence will be greatly appreciated, and we believe this experience will not only deepen your family's connection with the Lenten season but also enrich our entire community. Please contact Ceci Li, ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk if you are available to lead one of the Stations of the Cross.

♦ **The Christmas quiz in aid of Emmanuel House** It raised a magnificent total of £787.97. Many thanks to all who contributed to this excellent result! The winners are Paulina Mills, Malcolm Scott and Paddy Hawtin and family; the usual prizes will be awarded. Answers to the quiz will be available in all four churches, and at the following link: <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/christmas-quiz-2023-answer-sheet/>

♦ **Our Lady of Grace** ♦ **Foodbank** Please donate what you can to our Foodbank Collection. Every little helps! ♦ **Young people's faith group** Meeting on Sunday 4th February 5:30pm - 6:30pm at Our Lady of Grace. All young people aged 12 - 18 are welcome!

Parish Friendship Group - Meeting at St Anne on Wednesday 7th February at 2.30 PM

Terry Rodgers will talk about training and working with guide dogs for the blind. New friends are always welcome, if you need a lift or further information, please contact Maureen on 0115 8914601.

Appeal for volunteer: Safeguarding Representatives for Holy Spirit

Are you passionate about ensuring the safety and well-being of individuals within our community? We are currently seeking two dedicated volunteers to join us as Safeguarding Representatives. Please reach out to Parish Office for more details.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Fourth Sunday of the Year:

All human suffering is sacred to God. So praise the prayer of Psalm 56: "You have kept an account of my wanderings; you have kept a record of my tears! Are they not written in your book?" (v. 8). Before God we are not strangers, or numbers. We are faces and hearts, known one by one, by name.

Dioceses' forthcoming events can be found on Parish Website

1. Nottingham's Light Night - Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd February at Cathedral; 2. Young Adults' Retreat (18-23 year) organised by Jesus Youth - Friday 23rd and Sunday 25th February at The Briars; 3. Interfaith Courses being held at the Saint Philip's Centre, Leicester; 4. A Spiritual Challenge for Lent—40 Days for Life; 5. A job opportunity in Diocese of Nottingham - a Land and Buildings Officer and a Compliance and Support Property Officer; 6. A part-time job opportunity in Holy Family Parish - Adult Faith Formation Coordinator.