



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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‘He was speaking about the temple of his body.’

Luke 14:1-11

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C

Dear brothers and sisters,

Thank you for your prayers. My lung infection has improved, but I have not yet fully recovered. My doctor has advised that I continue to rest for a little longer. Although I remain away, my heart and prayers are with you. I am grateful to Fr. Evarist for supporting the parish during this time. Thank you for your continued prayers, kindness, and understanding.

Peace, John

Parish Consultation Update We are continuing our parish consultation journey and have scheduled a meeting with the Bishop in November. Joining this discussion will be diocesan clergy representatives, representatives from Our Lady of the Angels' Parish Council, PMG representatives, and Pat Jones, who leads the volunteering data analysis team. Please keep the meeting and the future of our parish in your prayers. We will keep you updated with further progress.

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

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 each 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.

November Remembrance - Honouring Our departed Loved Ones at the Graveside or at Home

To support our parish family in remembering loved ones who have died, we have prepared Memorial Prayer Packs for use at the graveside or at home. Each pack has been lovingly prepared by the parish and blessed by our priest, to accompany you in prayer and remembrance.

Each pack includes: A prayer card, a candle and a small bottle of holy water. The packs will be available at the back of each church, Parishioners are invited to light the candle, pray the prayer, and bless their loved ones' graves with holy water. *Voluntary donation (suggested £5) gratefully appreciated.*

In addition, the St Margaret Clitherow community will be leading a services of remembrance at Keyworth Burial Ground. For more details please contact Stewart Molyneux (stewartmolyneux71@gmail.com). Thank you for your understanding and support as we continue to honour our loved ones and pray together as a parish family.

The Annual Emmanuel House Christmas Quiz will take place on Friday 21st November at 7:30 p.m. in the Holy Spirit Social Centre. Entry will be by donation. We look forward to seeing you there.

Save the Date for CAFOD Events ♦ The Old Codgers are back by popular demand Dance the night away with classic songs from down the years at our family friendly event. Sat 22nd November 2025 7.30pm – 11pm. Bar Open and Brilliant raffle. Entrance fee is a donation to CAFOD. ♦ **CAFOD Advent Fair** Please join us after 11am Mass on Sunday 30th November, in the Holy Spirit Social Centre for mince pies, craft and jewellery stalls, books and toys, Fair-Trade goods, a tombola and a wonderful raffle. All welcome. Proceeds will support CAFOD's campaigns to support people in need, powered by Joy, Love, Peace and Hope. ♦ **CAFOD Christmas Hamper Raffle** Christmas Hamper plus other prizes, ticket are on sale in all four churches throughout November, the raffle will be drawn on Sunday 30th November at CAFOD's Advent Fair in the Holy Spirit Social Centre. Your support could open a door to Hope this Advent.

Our Lady of Grace ♦ Fairtrade Next Sunday, the 9th of November, at our Lady of Grace there will a full Fairtrade stall. I will look forward to seeing you. Lynn Harrison ♦ On November 23rd Our Lady of Grace Church will be celebrating 35 wonderful years since the foundations of our beautiful church were first laid. We will be holding a Mass of Celebration followed by refreshments. All are welcome!

Holy Masses and Services for 8th to 16th November 2025

Saturday 8th November Feria	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Martin Whitehouse RIP The People of the Parish
Sunday 9th November The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Pamela Clarke 80 th Birthday Una (Margaret) Karai RIP For the Fallen Novena Dead List
Monday 10th November St Leo the Great, pope and doctor	9.30am Mass; SA	The Marquina Family
Tuesday 11th November St Martin of Tours, bishop	9.30am Mass; SMC	Novena Dead List
Wednesday 12th November St Josaphat, bishop and martyr	9.30am Mass; HS	Joan Burke RIP 3 rd Anniversary
Thursday 13th November Feria	No Mass	
Friday 14th November Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	For deceased Catenians The Gallagher family, at this sad time
Saturday 15th November Feria	11am Parish Requiem Mass of Remembrance; HS 3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA  6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS 	For our beloved departed Thanksgiving Annie and Ernie Cauldwell RIP (Anniversary)
Sunday 16th November Thirty-Third Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Christine Marquina RIP Loughlin Hickey RIP Novena Dead List The People of the Parish

Rosary Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9am SMC; Thursday 7pm HS (for vocations); Friday 10am SMC, 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Wednesday 4pm 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.

School admissions to Catholic Primary Academies (Reception Year) - Children born between 01/09/2021 and 31/08/2022. The deadline for submitting an application for a school place is 15th January 2026. Application forms are available on your 'home' Local Authority website. For every Catholic school you apply for if you wish your child to be considered and ranked under a faith criterion you *should also complete a supplementary information form*, and return this form to the school by the deadline, (forms are available from the LA and the school). You must also include the supporting evidence as required with this form, ie a baptism certificate (photocopies are acceptable; contact the parish of baptism if you don't have a copy); failure to supply the required supporting evidence will mean your child is ranked in a lower criterion which may affect your chance of a place.

Bishop Patrick has received a letter from Monsignor Ante Vidovic, Charge d'Affaires at the Apostolic Nunciature, thanking our Diocese for the contributions to the 2025 **Peter's Pence collection**, which amounted to £9,705.47. The Holy Father very much appreciates the generosity of parishioners throughout the Diocese of Nottingham, whose donations will help to fund and support the charitable activities of the Holy See.

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) Our next meeting is on Tuesday 11th November at 7pm in the Holy Spirit Social Centre. 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.

Upcoming Events and Job Vacancies in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Please visit our parish website for full details: <https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>. You will find information on Advent preparation retreats led by Fr. Chris Thomas and the Jesuit Institute; A Christmas Carol Service at Saint Teresa's Catholic Church Nottingham (NG8 3EP); A part-time Parish Administrator vacancy at the Parish of All Saints (NG8 3EP).

We are blessed to have contributions from two young parishioners in this month's parish newsletter. You can read both full articles on our parish website.

One is a pilgrim who recently travelled to Rome for the canonisation pilgrimage of Blessed Carlo Acutis and shares her reflection on this special journey of faith.

I feel ever since I took this journey to the holy city, something has truly shifted spiritually in my ideologies of what we, as humans- made in the image of God and the pinnacle of creation, should strive for. The holy atmosphere presented before my person made me aware that mankind should not be fooled by the feeble image of consumerism and materialistic depictions of "the next best trends" or money, but should pursue in something more dependable and fulfilling- like relationships with not only new people, but Christ himself. The lament embodied by statues and paintings within these glorious basilicas and historic landmarks I feel unites the community of Christianity and helps us as individuals to overcome the pain and turmoil we may face in society, attempting to steer us away from the correct path in hunger and urges of vengeance. The symbolism of gold and beauty conveyed through these picturesque structures emphasises that our trust and faith in the Lord will lead to strength and resilience, in learning how to be compassionate and loving towards our neighbours and enemies, as difficult as it may be, just as the Son did for each and every one of us. Recalling the day of the canonisation, I find myself overcome with gratitude to all the Fathers and Ceci :) for all making the visit so memorable. Being at the gates of St. Peter's square while waiting to witness the occasion, hearing the sounds of harmonisation, illustrating the sacred portrayal of the Pope and the congregation as a whole, felt personally that we were in the presence of the Holy Spirit and Angels from God's kingdom from above. For the most part, if I were to summarise this journey into one sentence, it would be "life-changing".

~ Femke (Year 10 at The South Wolds Academy and Sixth Form)

The other is a visiting student from France, currently studying at Nottingham Trent University, who reflects on what it means for a student to live a life of holiness and strive to be a saint in everyday life.

When Saint Thomas Aquinas was a student, his classmates nicknamed him the "Dumb Ox." This meant that he worked hard but quietly, never seeking attention, appearing even slow and silent. His teacher, Saint Albert the Great, replied: "You call him the dumb ox, but one day he will bellow so loudly that his voice will resound throughout the world." That prophecy came true: Thomas became the greatest of all scholastic theologians.

Do you know what Saint Aloysius (Louis) Gonzaga answered when someone asked him what he would do if he were to die within a quarter of an hour, while he was playing during recreation time? He simply replied that he would continue playing. Would we have answered the same way? Wouldn't most of us have rushed off to confession?

Both anecdotes happened during the childhood of two great saints—both of whom are invoked by students for their studies.

So how can a student become a saint in today's world? By building his life on three pillars:

1. The first pillar: the spiritual life

A Catholic today cannot live without a spiritual life if he wishes to resist all the temptations that surround him. This spiritual life should be built upon morning and evening prayer, Sunday Mass, and the Rosary. If possible, we should also add daily Mass and spiritual reading. Our soul needs to be nourished. The Samaritan woman asked Jesus for water: "Give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty. "That should be our attitude: we must draw strength from Our Lord. Let us also strive to sanctify our day through ejaculatory prayers—they help us to make the present moment holy. Saint Francis de Sales described them as "arrows of love." They are short prayers such as: "Lord, I love you," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I trust in you. "These will help us to maintain fervour throughout the day.

2. The second pillar: study

Study is our duty of state, and we must not fail in it. Let us remember the parable of the two sons sent by their father to work in the vineyard (Matthew 21): one refused but later obeyed out of fidelity to his father. The duty of state is what God asks of each of us, and for students, it is the faithful pursuit of our studies. Let us not be mediocre! Let us also take time to study what the Church teaches—for example, by reading the papal encyclicals. This year marks the 100th anniversary of Quas Primas, the encyclical of Pope Pius XI on Christ the King. By reading it, we can discover many concrete and practical counsels that apply even to us students. By following them, we can grow in holiness—and make good use of our time. When we arrive in Heaven, God will ask us to account for every moment of our lives: "How was your time spent? "What a grace it will be if we can render an account of time well used!

3. The third pillar: friendship

Student life is a privileged time to form true friendships. We will not go to Heaven alone.

We must choose carefully the friends we spend time with. If they are good examples, solid Catholics, and help us grow in virtue, our path to Heaven will be much easier. But if, on the contrary, they drag us down, then we must part ways. A friend should be someone with whom we can relax in a wholesome way. Indeed, a student must have recreation—but he must do it well! A true friend will help him to do just that.

~Visiting student from France

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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.

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