



## Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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**“The Holy Spirit will bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.”**

**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER—DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY (YEAR C)**

John: 21:1-14

My dear friends,

I returned to the parish on Tuesday of this week filled with the blessings and graces from Medjugorje, where Our Blessed Lady appeared to six children. I along with 27 pilgrims encountered Our Blessed Mother's tender love and presence.

For those of you who have not heard of Medjugorje or visited, please think about making a pilgrimage. You have to go to experience the 'Peace and warmth of Our Blessed Mother's love for each of us'.

You, your families and loved ones, were all remembered in our Masses and prayers throughout the pilgrimage. Since June 24th-25th, 1981, the eve and feast of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist, when six children in a small village in Bosnia-Herzegovina first reported seeing and receiving messages from the Blessed Virgin Mary, more than 40 million pilgrims from around the world have flocked to the small village named Medjugorje.

Pilgrims attend Masses at Medjugorje's St. James' Church during the day and the evening Mass is celebrated outdoors to accommodate huge crowds. They climb rocky Podbrdo — Apparition Hill — bearing a statue of Our Lady, marking where she allegedly appeared. Pilgrims also climb up Mount Križevac, praying the Stations of the Cross, journeying to the huge cross nearly 40 feet tall built by villagers in the early 20th century. They fill the lines at all the confessionals, as the sacrament of penance is offered daily.

Franciscan priests have administered to the needs of the souls of the Croatian people in the parish and region, with its Mediterranean climate and fertile plains for farmers and vineyards, since the 13th century, and they have been closely involved with the visionaries and pilgrims from the start of the apparitions.

### The visionaries

The six visionaries are Marija Pavlovic-Lunetti, Ivan Dragicevic, Vicka Ivankovic-Mijatovic, Jakov Colo, Mirjana Dragicevic-Soldo, and Ivanka Ivankovic-Elez. Always called “the visionaries,” they are now adults. While Vicka, Ivan, and Marija still reportedly receive a daily apparition at the specific time of 5:40 p.m. local-time, the others do so now only on particular dates. Mirjana allegedly receives apparitions once a month — plus once a year on March 18th, her birthday — with Ivanka reporting once a year on June 25th, the anniversary of the first apparition, and Jakov once a year on Christmas Day.



### The message

Our Lady came to Medjugorje to show the faithful the way to peace and help convert lives so as to return to God, according to the visionaries, including to bring people to her son, Jesus. Early in the apparitions, she reportedly identified herself as the “Queen of Peace.”

*“Dear children, this is the reason for my presence among you for such a long time: to lead you on the path of Jesus. I want to save you and, through you, to save the whole world. Many people now live without faith; some don't even want to hear about Jesus, but they still want peace and satisfaction! Children, here is the reason why I need your prayer: Prayer is the only way to save the human race” (July 30, 1987).*

### Five ‘stones’

As David had five stones to defeat Goliath (see 1 Samuel 17:40), priests in Medjugorje explain Our Lady's messages and directions as five stones to defeat Satan and save souls. They are:

1. Daily prayer, especially the daily rosary.
2. Fasting — on Wednesdays and Fridays because, through fasting, wars can be stopped and natural laws suspended.
3. Reading the Bible daily and placing it in a prominent place in the home.
4. Confession. According to the visionaries, Mary requested regular monthly confession: “Monthly confession will be a remedy for the Church in the West. One must convey this message to the West.” Even Sts. John Paul II and Teresa of Calcutta availed themselves of this sacrament weekly. Mary also reportedly said:





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5. Mass and the Eucharist: Our Blessed Mother has been said to emphasise Sunday Mass and receiving the Eucharist in a state of grace, noting that Jesus gives us his graces in the Mass, and Our Lady is also said to have added the importance of going to daily Mass when possible.

**Our Lady of Medjugorje    Queen of Peace    Pray for us!**

### Holy Masses and Services for 24th May - 1st June 2025

<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	George and Ada Mercer RIP Ernie Spencer RIP
<b>Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> <b>Safeguarding Sunday</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG 	Fr Stephen Achilihu's Intentions (20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination) The People of the Parish Tony Deane RIP John McKerr RIP
<b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Philip Neri, priest</b>	9.30am Mass; SA	For Fr John Abbott RIP
<b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>St Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop</b>	9.30am Mass; SMC	Molloy Family
<b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord (Vigil Mass)</b>	9.30am Mass; HS  7pm Mass; SA	George Jackson RIP  For our Priests
<b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>The Ascension of the Lord (Holy day of Obligation)</b>	10am Mass; HS	Allan Wormall RIP
<b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Michelle Jayne Langton RIP James Downie RIP (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary</b>	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	The People of the Parish  Mrs Jean Oliver RIP
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> June</b> <b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> <b>World Communication Sunday</b>	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG  	Rosina O'Connor RIP John Carlin RIP Mrs Mary Jahina RIP Tim Farrelly RIP

**Rosary:** Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Friday 10.15am 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;

**Second Collection on 24th / 25th May for SVP – St Vincent de Paul Society** The SVP's aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. Please give generously to our second collection, so this work can continue.

**Holy Spirit    ♦ 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.

## Diocesan Safeguarding Sunday - 25th June 2025

This year's focus is on the theme of "The Empty Chair". Many of us are saddened by reducing numbers in our churches. This is happening for a wide variety of reasons, but our thoughts are on those who are not there because they have suffered abuse in a church setting and cannot face being here. They may be the families or friends of survivors. They may be former members of a community affected by allegations or convictions for abuse. They may be people who are simply so disgusted or ashamed by what they have heard about abuse within the Church that they no longer want to be part of it. All these groups and others are represented by "The Empty Chair".

**What is Safeguarding?** Safeguarding is about protecting ourselves and others from harm. We all get things wrong, and sometimes the things we do and say can hurt others, or we can get hurt by them. This can happen anywhere - at church, school, home, or with friends – and makes us feel sad, worried, or confused. Just like an umbrella that keeps us safe from the rain, safeguarding protects us from being hurt by others. It's important because each of us is special to God and deserves to feel, and be, safe. In our country we have rules and laws to help keep people safe. Just like a lollipop person helps us cross the road safely, we have people in our church who make sure we follow these rules to make it a safe place. Everyone has a job to do. If you ever feel worried, upset, or unsure about something that happened to you or someone else, tell someone you trust. By speaking up, we can help keep everyone safe. Remember, safeguarding is all about protecting ourselves and others from harm.

### Step Forward to Make a Difference

Do you have a heart for helping others and a commitment to creating a safe, caring community? We're inviting someone just like you to become our Parish Safeguarding Representative!

This vital role supports the wellbeing of everyone in our parish, especially the most vulnerable. It's a meaningful way to serve and make a lasting impact.

A letter from the Bishop offering his guidance and encouragement is available on our website and on the church notice board.

### Our Safeguarding Team:

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**CAFOD's Annual Plant and Cake Sale** To be held at St Margaret Clitherow Church Saturday 7th June 10am – 3pm, Plants, Cakes, Raffle, Books, Soaps, Fair Trade and Refreshments. Please come along it will be a lovely day.

**Growing in Faith Together** The Scripture Reading at St Anne will be on the **2nd June starting at 2.30pm.** (no session on 26th May as Bank Holiday)



**The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2025** is now available to purchase, priced £6.00.

**Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes** Visit our parish website for more details: <https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>

**Baptism Preparation Course for Infants** The next course will be on **Thursday 19 June 7pm at St Margaret Clitherow.** Please contact the Parish Office to reserve a place.

**Job opportunity** The Diocese of Nottingham is looking to appoint a full-time **Compliance and Support Property Officer**, based in Nottingham. More details are available at [www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers](http://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/careers) the deadline for applications is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June.

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**Vice Chair** - Mary MacArthur

**Chair of Parish Finance** - Tony Peterson

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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**

Parish bank details: **Annunciation Rushcliffe RCP** **Account Number: 44603560** **Sort code: 30-96-18**

- ♦ **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider to gift aid your donation, complete the Gift Aid Declaration: <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Annunciation-Standing-Order-Form-1.pdf>
- ♦ **New! 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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