



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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‘If you had faith.’

Luke 16:19-31

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C

Parish Consultation Update

Dear Friends,

We are deeply grateful for the care and thought so many of you gave to our recent parish consultation. The response was truly remarkable — a sign of the love you have for our Church and our shared mission. From your feedback, we know the process was not perfect and had some shortcomings. We have listened and learned from these.

What you shared is both important and valuable: it reveals the strength of our faith, the vitality of our communities, and our shared desire to be missionary disciples. It also points us towards key questions and new directions for the future.

This weekend we are publishing the full consultation report.

- It's available on the parish website, or you can request a printed copy from the parish office.
- The report is about 14 pages — clear, easy to read, and a fascinating picture of where we are as parish and local communities.
- A 2-page summary with key headlines is available at the back of the church; it also includes a QR code to access the full report.

We want to thank especially our volunteer team who analysed the data for their careful data analysis, and the Parish Mission Group (PMG) and Local Church Group (LCG) for their tireless effort in reaching this important milestone. Your hard work has made this consultation possible.

We're delighted to share this report with you promptly, so everyone has space to read, pray, and reflect on what it shows us. In the weeks ahead, we will continue discerning together and consult with the Diocese and the Bishop as we plan the way forward.

Please take some time over the next couple of weeks to read the report, share and discuss it in your local communities, and continue this spirit of listening and hope.

Let us give thanks that so many voices have been heard — voices that express concerns but also deep hope for our future. Together, guided by the Holy Spirit, we move forward with faith and confidence.

With gratitude and every blessing, Peace, John

Diocesan Roadshows Report

In February 2025, four Diocesan Roadshows gathered clergy and parish representatives for prayer, dialogue, and reflection on our shared future. Nearly 300 questions and comments were received and have now been carefully reviewed and addressed. The full report — outlining key themes and next steps towards a more missionary, outward-looking Church — is available on our parish website and in hard copy at the back of the church.

Essential Maintenance Work at St Margaret Clitherow

Maintenance to replace the church boiler will take place Wednesday 8th – Tuesday 14th October (weekdays only). The church will be closed during this time, except for Mass on Sunday 12th October. Weekday Rosary and Adoration are suspended and will resume after the work. Tuesday 14th October weekday Mass is cancelled. Sunday Mass on 12th October will be on as usual.

In Loving Memory of Christine Marquina



We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Christine Marquina, who died on Saturday, 27th September 2025. Christine was a devoted and long-serving member of St Anne's, giving around 25 years of faithful service in many ways — including as our Parish Safeguarding Representative, arranging the church flowers, and leading Bible readings. St Anne's was truly her second home.

Funeral details: Reception into Church – Wednesday, 22 October, at 6:00 pm; Requiem – Thursday, 23 October, at 11:30 am (Both at St Anne's Church).

Please keep Christine and her family in your prayers. May she rest in the peace of Christ.

Let us pray for those who have died recently

With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners **Una (Margaret) Karai and Robert Early Sweeney (Ernie)**. Una's (Margaret) Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 7th October 1.15pm at St Margaret Clitherow. The Reception of Robert (Ernie) into Holy Spirit Church is on Wednesday 8th October at 6.30pm and his Funeral Mass is on Thursday 9 October 2025 at 11:00am.

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.



October - Month of the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Inspired by St. Josemaria: Ways to pray the Holy Rosary with devotion to honour the Queen of the Most Holy Rosary during this special month dedicated to her:

Pray the rosary daily privately or with friends and family. **2.** Pray the rosary during the day - try not to postpone it until the end of the day or bedtime. **3.** If possible, use a book like "Holy Rosary" or an audio recording of the Rosary to help you enter more deeply into each mystery. **4.** conversations. We will see the Messiah grow up. We will admire His thirty years of hidden life. **5.** When you see an image of Our Lady at home, on the street or in Church, direct a glance at it and send her an affectionate interior prayer or greeting. **6.** Make a pilgrimage to a nearby church or shrine dedicated to Mary.



"As we begin October, the month dedicated to the holy Rosary, I invite you to pray the Rosary every day for peace in our world."

Pope Leo XIV

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.

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 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** The next stall will be on the 12th of October. Hope to see you then. Lynn Harrison.

St Anne's Bereavement Listening Hour This will be held on Wednesday, 8th October, from 11am to 12 noon in St Anne's Meeting Room, and will continue on the second Wednesday of each month. This is a gentle and welcoming space to share, to listen, and to find comfort and support. All are warmly invited.

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) Our next meeting is on Tuesday 7th 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.

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

My favourite part about the pilgrimage was going inside of St Peter's basilica through the Holy door, but also seeing St Carlo Acutis, St Clare and St Francis' tombs. I enjoyed seeing the Vatican the most and saying prayers together with the group.

~From Tawana, Yr 4 from St Peter's Jnr School.



Fund-Raising Coffee Morning at the Friary for World Day of Prayer on Saturday 11th October between 10 and 12, tickets £1 including drink available at the door.

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 4th to 12th October 2025

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
Monday 6th October Feria	9.30am Service ; SA	
Tuesday 7th October Our Lady of the rosary	1.15pm; Requiem ; SMC	Margaret (Una) Karai RIP
Wednesday 8th October Feria	9.30am Mass; HS 6.30pm Reception ; HS	Barbara Winskill RIP Mr Robert Early Sweeney (Ernie) RIP
Thursday 9th October St John Henry Newman, Priest (memorial)	11am Requiem ; HS	Mr Robert Early Sweeney (Ernie) RIP
Friday 10th October St Paulinus of York, bishop, and the Anglo-Saxon Saints of our Diocese	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Rita Gibbon RIP Donald and Family
Saturday 11th October Feria	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Christine Marquina RIP The People of The Parish
Sunday 12th October Twenty Eighth Sunday of the Year	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 th Wedding Anniversary) Alan Olley RIP

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

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

Jubilee Year Parish Pilgrim Walk — Recap

On Sunday 21 September 2025, about 60 parishioners joined our Jubilee Year Pilgrim Walk, journeying on foot from Holy Spirit Church (Victoria Road) to Nottingham Cathedral.

It was a beautiful day of prayer, friendship, and faith as we walked together through our city, marking this special Jubilee Year of grace.

Thank you to everyone who took part and helped make the walk such a joyful and prayerful celebration of our parish community.



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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.

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.

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