



# 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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**'His face shone like the sun.'**

**Second Week of Lent - Year A**

Matthew 17:1-9

## Greetings from St. Joseph Ibaako Parish, Jinja Diocese, Uganda

Dear Parishioners,

During my holiday, I had the chance to visit Uganda and to connect with St. Joseph Ibaako Parish, the parish of the late Fr. Vincent. After his passing, Fr. Ronald was appointed as the new parish priest, and he gave me a warm welcome. I stayed in the new house built by Fr. Vincent, although he sadly passed away before he could move in.

Fr. Ronald and I had the opportunity to celebrate a memorial Mass with the parishioners, they are currently using a classroom for prayers. Fr. Vincent started the foundation of the new church, and the parish is planning to continue this important work. I also visited Fr. Vincent's grave and offered prayers in honour of his memory and the many good deeds he achieved throughout his service in various parts of the Jinja Diocese.

During my stay, I met some of the children who received educational support from Fr. Vincent. They were all happy to see me and send their heartfelt thanks and greetings to all of you for the love and kindness you have shown them through Fr. Vincent. Three of the children are currently studying in a minor seminary, aspiring to become priests, and I had the chance to visit the seminary where they are being trained.

Additionally, I visited the source of the Nile River, the longest river in Africa, which flows through several countries up to Egypt, originating from Lake Victoria. I even had an opportunity to try Nile Special beer, brewed from the waters of the Nile.

Fr. Ronald is looking forward to coming to the parish for the memorial Mass of Fr. Vincent and sends his love and greetings to all of you.

It was a wonderful experience to be in Uganda, my first African country to visit outside of Tanzania, my home country. I had never travelled to any other African country before.

With love and prayers,

Evarist



**Second Collection for CAFOD Family Fast Day Friday 27th February** There is a second collection this weekend Saturday 28th and Sunday 1st March. You can also try our new virtual envelope which allows you to make your Fast Day donation online and link it to our parish. The link is [cafod.org.uk/envelope](https://cafod.org.uk/envelope). This year's appeal focuses on the positive outcomes of CAFOD's partnership work with people in Zimbabwe, South Sudan and Bangladesh. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2026** is now available at the back of all churches. Copies cost £6 each.

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

## Holy Masses and Services for 28<sup>th</sup> February to 8<sup>th</sup> March 2026

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	4pm <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS		Denise Donaldson The People of The Parish
<b>Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b> <b>Second Sunday of Lent</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG		Carmel Goodacre Alastair Armstrong RIP Breda Barry RIP Paul Bowe RIP
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	9.30am Mass; SA 10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SA		Repose of the Soul of Canon Tommy Hendry
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9.30am Mass followed by Lenten Reconciliation; SMC		Curtis Family
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9am <b>Rosary</b> ; HS 9.30am Mass followed by Lenten Reconciliation; HS 4pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SA		Jim Harrington
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	6pm Mass followed by Lenten Reconciliation; OLOG 7pm <b>Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life</b> ; HS 		Filomena Difrancescomarino RIP
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament; SMC 11am Lenten Reconciliation; SA 12pm Mass; SA 4.30pm <b>Rosary</b> ; OLOG 6.15pm Stations of the Cross; HS 7pm <b>Mass</b> ; HS 7pm Stations of the Cross; SMC		Monica Hough RIP (11 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)  Charles Edward Jones
<b>Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Lenten Feria</b>	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS		Tom and Eileen Reilly RIP  John Curtis RIP
<b>Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>Third Sunday of Lent</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 12pm Station of the Cross OLOG		The People of the Parish Alastair Armstrong RIP Zofia Swiderska RIP Filomena Difrancescomarino RIP

**The Service of the Word and Communion, Rosary and Adoration** schedule may vary depending on the availability of volunteers to lead the service.

**After Mass Refreshment** Sunday After Mass; SA, SMC, HS, OLOG; Tuesday After Mass/Service, SMC; Wednesday After Mass/Service HS.

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March: CAFOD Big Lent Walk**, meeting at 12.00 noon, car park of Our Lady of Lourdes, Ashby de la Zouch, Station Road, LE65 2GL. All are welcome!

**Young Adults** are especially invited to join Bishop Patrick, in the **Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026**. Departing from East Midlands airport on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July**, enjoy five days in Lourdes with over 200 people from across our diocese. Help in caring for those with additional needs! Mary invites us all to come to this holy place. More details from the tour operator: <https://www.tangney-tours.com/diocese-pilgrimages/diocese-nottingham/>

**Holy Spirit** ♦ **Prayers for Vocations**. Thursday evenings next to Our Lady's chapel 7 pm at Holy Spirit church.

**Our Lady of Grace** ♦ **Fairtrade** I would like to thank everyone who so generously supported our Fairtrade/ethical stall last Sunday. We had a wonderful total £175.30 which comprised of £80.30 in sales and an amazing £95 of donations for the food bank. Last time I delivered food to the Friary I received a letter of appreciation from them which said how vital our contributions are to their work and that they are extremely grateful for our support. The next stall will be on the 22nd of March, but as usual please ask me if you want to purchase anything before then. Lynn Harrison

## Key Highlights of Lent Services

### Reconciliation

- Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 9.30am, St Margaret Clitherow, Mass followed by Reconciliation
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am, Holy Spirit, Mass followed by Reconciliation
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 6pm Our Lady of Grace, Mass followed by Reconciliation
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 11am, St Anne, Reconciliation followed by Midday Mass
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 6pm, Holy Spirit, Reconciliation followed by Benediction with Mass



### Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent

- St Anne: 13<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 11am Adoration, 11.30am Stations of the Cross, Midday Mass or Service of the Word and Communion
- Holy Spirit: 6<sup>th</sup> March (lead by CAFOD), 20<sup>th</sup> (lead by SVP), 27<sup>th</sup> (lead by Confirmation Group), 6.15pm Stations of the Cross, 7pm Mass
- St Margaret Clitherow: 6<sup>th</sup> March (lead by Coffee Rota volunteers), 13<sup>th</sup> (lead by Flower Arrangers), 20<sup>th</sup> (lead by Readers), 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm (lead by Eucharistic Ministers)
- Our Lady of Grace: After Sunday Mass (12pm)

Please find full details of the Lent Services and Lenten Course at Our Lady of Grace and St Margaret Clitherow on the parish website or on the notice board at the back of all churches. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

### Other Lenten Events Nearby Parishes and Resources (Full details on parish website:

<https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/lent-holy-week-and-easter-2026>)

- ◆ Deanery Station Mass on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Holy Cross church, Hucknall.
- ◆ Two resources for families in Lent produced by The Celebrate Trust.
- ◆ A reflection through slides, music, and prayers of The Seven Last Words of Jesus led by Father Jonathan Cotton on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March in Saint Wilfrid's Church, Coalville.
- ◆ An online Lent Retreat with Newman, guided by Father George Bowen
- ◆ A podcast called 'Good Habits', exploring questions of meaning through the wisdom of the virtues, hosted by Father John Church OP.

### World Day of Prayer 2026 on Friday 6th March at 2:00pm - Theme: "I Will Give You Rest: Come" (Programme written by the World Day of Prayer Committee of Nigeria)

*This year's service reflects on the faith, daily challenges, and resilience of women in Nigeria. All are warmly invited to take part in this moving time of prayer and reflection.*

All services begin at 2:00pm. Everyone is most welcome.

#### West Bridgford - Holy Spirit Church (Host Church)

- Refreshments will be served afterwards. We especially encourage parishioners to attend as we are hosting this year. A Chinese translation will be available.

#### Radcliffe-on-Trent - St Anne's Church (Host Church)

- Refreshments will follow the service. Please note there will be no refreshments after earlier Mass that day.

#### Bingham - Methodist Church

#### Keyworth - St Mary's Church (hosted by the Anglican community)

#### Cotgrave - All Saints' Church

We congratulate our group of catechumens and candidates who went to the Cathedral last Sunday to take part in the diocesan Rite of Election. The Cathedral was packed with excitement and energy as around 250 people came from all over the diocese with their families, sponsors and godparents. Our Annunciation parish group of four adults preparing for baptism and nine adults preparing for reception and full communion at Easter found it moving to be part of the Service and sign their names in the Book of the Elect. They were also glad to meet the Bishop. Please pray for Alison, David, Gemma, Jenny, Ken, Laura, Matthew, Nana, Paa, Tatiana, Togo and Wai Sum in this final stage of their preparation to join our Catholic community.



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## 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**

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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 digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.

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