



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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“My Lord and my God!”

Second Week of Eastertide Divine Mercy Sunday
Holy Masses and Services for 7th– 13th April 2024

John 20:19-31

Date	Service	Intention
Saturday 6th	3.30pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA	Ceci Li and Family
Sunday 7th Divine Mercy Sunday	10.30am Parish Feast Mass; Becket School	The People of The Parish
Monday 8th	9.30am Mass; SA	Mary Mercer RIP
Tuesday 9th	9.30am Mass; SMC	Loughlin Hickey RIP
Wednesday 10th	9.30am Mass; HS	Michaela Rowland RIP (40 th Anniv)
Thursday 11th	9.30am Mass; OLOG	Jennifer Jennings RIP
Friday 12th	12pm Mass; SA 6pm Mass; HS	Maria Szolek Paul Moran RIP
Saturday 13th	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Maura Falvey RIP Mrs Katie Kilcoyne RIP 6 th Anniv
Sunday 14th	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Fr Anthony Franey’s Intentions People of The Parish Bernard Steer RIP Maureen McKerr RIP

Rosary: Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Thursday after 9.30am Mass OLOG; Friday 10.15am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 7pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

This week in the parish:

After Mass Refreshment Sunday 7th After 10.30am Mass, Becket School; Tuesday 9th After Mass, SMC; Wednesday 10th After Mass HS; Friday 12th After Mass SA.

HS: Holy Spirit; OLOG: Our Lady of Grace; SA: St Anne; SMC: St Margaret Clitherow

SECOND COLLECTION : ON 6TH APRIL: Diocesan Quota and **ON 7TH APRIL:** For the Becket’s students who are going to the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

PRAYER INTENTIONS OF THE HOLY FATHER

For the role of women

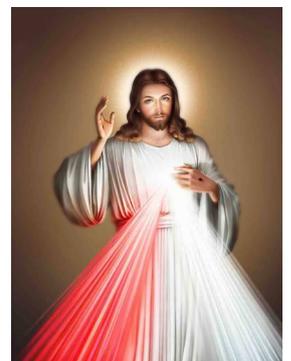
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognized in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.



DIVINE MERCY PRAYER BY SAINT FAUSTINA

O Greatly Merciful God, Infinite Goodness, today all mankind calls out from the abyss of its misery to Your mercy, to Your compassion, O God; and it is with a mighty voice of misery that it cries out. Gracious God, do not reject the prayer of this earth’s exiles!

O Lord, Goodness beyond our understanding, Who are acquainted with our misery through and through and know that by our own power we cannot ascend to You, we implore You: fill us with Your grace and keep on increasing Your mercy in us, that we may faithfully do Your holy will all through our lives and at the hour of death. Let the omnipotence of Your mercy shield us from the darts of our salvation’s enemies, that we may with confidence, as Your children, await Your final coming. Amen



My Dear Friends,

I wish to express on behalf of Fr Liam and I, our sincere and deep gratitude to you all for your generous Easter offerings, cards, and greetings. In this economic climate, your gifts are not taken for granted when the cost of living is on the increase and salaries remain the same.

I pray that you have allowed yourselves to be blessed by the abundance of **'Jesus Glorious Resurrection'** may the radiance of His **Resurrection**, spill over into every crevice of your lives filling you with His Easter Glory!

I am so proud of our Parish of The Annunciation, the way you faithfully came together, to accompany, walk, talk, honour and listen to Jesus throughout Lent, His Passion Tide, and His Glorious Resurrection! Jesus, now wants to bless, reward, and assure you all of His divine resurrected love and peace. May the countenance of His Risen presence abide in your heart and fill you and your families with His Easter Joy! Today our Church gives us this great Feast of Divine Mercy Sunday! How blessed are we? God not only sends us His Son to save us but to also lavish us with His Divine Mercy and washes our souls clean with that same Divine Mercy only He can give us! Open your hearts and let our Risen Saviour heal you with His Divine Mercy, this Mercy Sunday!

Tomorrow the Church celebrates The Solemnity of the Annunciation, the Feast Day of our Parish. We will celebrate our Feast Day, today Sunday 7th April, as we all gather here in The Becket School. Let us give thanks to almighty God, for the countless blessings, graces, and love He has bestowed on our four churches and our two amazing schools within our Parish of the Annunciation. Your witness and your fidelity to Jesus and your dedication to your respective communities and the many people and charities you help and support is known to God alone. Your reward will be great in heaven! Keep going and do the best you can. If you can do a bit more - do it! You will reap the rewards and graces of your own goodness!

May Easter blessings filled with Jesus' Risen Glory, fill your heart, home and all those you love.

Peace, John

A quiz in aid of CAFOD (£2) It is on sale in all churches. Please buy one even if you don't like quizzes.... CAFOD really needs your support! You still have plenty of time as the closing date isn't until April 16th. So get your pencils sharpened and thinking caps on!

Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain Take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of the 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion since the implementation of the Abortion Act in April 1968. The Nottingham SPUC Pro-Life Chain will be on Trent Bridge, West Bridgford, from 10am until midday on Saturday 20th April. Meet at the Brewhouse and Kitchen pub on the north side of the bridge, at 9.55am. For more information, please contact John on 07757 815 625 or email pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Baptism Preparation Course for Baby The next course will be on Wednesday 17th April 2024, 7pm at St Margaret Clitherow. Please contact Parish Office to reserve a place.

RCIA We congratulate fourteen members who recently joined our community through RCIA this Easter. There is one more stage of their faith journey after Easter - three further sessions of sharing faith and teaching. These are open to all in the parish who is interested; come and discuss and share on the themes below and meet the new parish members. The sessions are on Tuesdays in the Holy Spirit Social Centre from 7pm-8.30pm: 23rd April, exploring Catholic social teaching; 7th May, exploring parish groups, activities and ministries; 11th June, exploring different vocations including marriage, priesthood, parents etc.

Holy Spirit ♦ **Appeal of Volunteers for Baby & Toddler Group** Seeking volunteers to lead our Baby & Toddler Group - Thursdays during term time 10-11.30am at Social Centre Hall! Join us in creating joyful moments and memories. Your help is invaluable in nurturing our little ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested. ♦ **Holy Spirit Cricket Club** Did you know the Parish has its own cricket team? We play friendlies on weekday evenings/Sundays against other churches, work teams & clubs. We've got lots of games planned for the summer and are always looking for new players of any standard. Don't be fooled by the Club's name: parishioners from any of our 4 churches are most welcome, as are family & friends, including juniors aged 13+. If you would like to know more, contact David at David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk 0795 405 5778.

A reflection from Pope Francis for the Year of Prayer, Second Sunday of Easter Prayer is the rudder that guides Jesus' course. The stages of his mission were not dictated by success, nor by consensus, or the seductive phrase "everyone is searching for you". Jesus' path was charted by the least comfortable one, which obeyed the Father's inspiration, which Jesus heard and welcomed in his solitary prayer. From Jesus' example we can derive some characteristics of Christian prayer. First and foremost, it possesses primacy: it is the first desire of the day, something that is practised at dawn, before the world awakens. It restores a soul to what otherwise would be without breath.

The Urbi et Orbi Message of Pope Francis is available on the Parish Website

The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2024 is now available to purchase, priced £6.00.

Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation 30th & 31st March 2024

We congratulate twelve members of our community who were baptised (Adelaide, Alan, Clare, Edward, Emily, Joy, Janet, Marc, Margaret, Prudence, Shiloh and Tola) or received into the Church this Easter (Thomas), and two others who received the Eucharist for the first time (Veronica and Victoria) . Their desire for faith encourages us all. We wish them much joy in belonging to this parish.



Thank you for this special gift, which is full of love and grace! Thanks for all the blessings! This is a sweet, joyful, and spiritual moment. I appreciate all your love, support, and prayers for my Baptism.

Janet

Baptism does not signify the end but rather the commencement of a new chapter in my faith journey. Witnessing others being baptized, I experienced a profound sense of solemnity and reverence, deepening my own faith.

Tola (Rambo)

On being received into full communion with the Church this Easter I feel I have come home. It's wonderful. I have come home and I have been made to feel most welcome. I am very grateful and I thank the Lord.

Thomas (Joe)

I'm Cecilia Chan, one of the catechists at Faith Journey. It's a pleasure for me to have this opportunity to accompany all those interested in the Catholic faith and willing to walk together.

I have been teaching RCIA in Hong Kong for over 10 years, but I am new to our current Church. I have had to overcome some difficulties, such as language and culture, but I believe that God helps us when we work with Him. We just need to ask for His help when we need it, and He will answer our prayers. I wish all of you continued joy and love on your faith journeys.

Cecilia

It has been a truly important and meaningful journey this year. I feel like I have gained a deeper understanding of Catholicism and Jesus Christ. I hope to continue following this path and to help spread the message to everyone I know. Additionally, experiencing the Eucharist has been amazing, as it has made me feel like I am now a part of the whole family. Thank you so much.

Shiloh (Yeah)

Throughout the catechumenate and on the night of my baptism, I felt nervous due to my perceived lack of knowledge. Despite this, I found solace in the support of RCIA catechists and my sponsor, who listened to my questions and shared their experiences. Although anxious about potential mistakes during the Easter Vigil, the Mass and baptism were ultimately solemn and peaceful. My family's presence, though they couldn't understand everything, filled me with gratitude. Now, as part of our church community, I focus on 'Living for God in Christ Jesus.' Grateful for the guidance of catechists and Father John, I embark on this new journey.

Joy (Penny)

My journey of Faith began at a funeral of a friend Michael .His son read in the Homily, a poem called Footsteps a journey of life with Jesus in our lives. From that moment I was inspired to read and try to interpret readings from the Catholic missal . Faith is born from the personal encounter with the risen Christ and becomes an impulse of courage and freedom that makes one cry to the world Jesus is Risen and alive forever. I feel grateful to be one of the catechists walking alongside others on their faith journey.

John

UPDATES FROM PARISH OFFICE

Sunday Message and Parish Newsletter Starting from April, we will be pausing the distribution of the Sunday Message and instead providing a single copy of the Mass Sheet along with the existing Sunday Mass books. This decision has been made with careful consideration to reduce waste from unused copies and spending. Additionally, it will allow us to utilize the space more effectively, providing larger fonts for updates.

New format of electronic newsletter We have started to send Parish Newsletter through a new platform. We want to emphasize that no action is required from your side. Simply keep an eye on your email inbox for the upcoming edition of our newsletter in the new format.

Please contact the Parish Office for any queries, and we welcome your feedback.

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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: 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. Please send your insert by Wednesday noon.

DONATIONS

We appreciate any donation you wish to give by cash, cheque or via online banking. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking, the parish bank details are as follows:



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