



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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'A sower went out to sow.'

Matthew 13:1-9

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR A ♦ SEA SUNDAY

Holy Spirit Social Centre – Essential Repair Works (20th July to end of August)

Essential repair works to the Holy Spirit Social Centre are due to begin on 20th July, when scaffolding will be erected. The works are expected to take 3–4 weeks to complete.

During this period, please expect increased vehicle movements and significant parking disruption around the church.

Please also note that tea, coffee, and refreshments after Mass will be suspended until the works are completed. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation while these essential repairs are carried out.

Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage

Fr John will be joining the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage from 13th to 17th July.

If you would like your prayer intentions remembered in Lourdes or would like a candle to be lit on your behalf, please place your intention in a sealed envelope and hand it to Fr John, Fr Evarist, or the Parish Office by the end of the 11:00am Mass on Sunday 12th July.

Please keep Fr John and all the pilgrims in your prayers as they travel to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes.



Please Pray for the Repose of the Soul of Deacon Peter Swarbrick

Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of Deacon Peter Swarbrick, who died peacefully on Wednesday 8th July 2026, surrounded by his family. We remember Peter with gratitude for his faithful ministry and dedicated service to the Church. We also keep his family and loved ones in our prayers at this sad time, asking the Lord to comfort and strengthen them. May Deacon Peter rest in peace and rise in glory.

Protect Faith School Transport – Sign the Petition

The consultation on faith school transport has now closed, with fewer than 900 responses received. A public petition has now been launched ahead of Nottinghamshire County Council's decision on 16th July. Please help protect dedicated bus services for Catholic schools by signing and sharing the petition before 13th July:

https://www.change.org/Protect_dedicated_bus_services_for_Catholic_schools_in_Nottinghamshire

Thank you for your support.

Welcome to Pan (Frank) – Beginning Formation for the Permanent Diaconate

We are delighted to share that Pan (Frank), one of our parishioners at Holy Spirit Church, will begin formation for the Permanent Diaconate this September.

Many of you will know Pan through his quiet and faithful service in our parish, assisting with the liturgy, livestreaming, preparing the altar, and helping in the repository. After a long period of prayer, discernment, and encouragement from our clergy, he has responded to God's call to begin this five-year journey of formation.

Pan, whose baptismal name is Frank, has found his vocation strengthened through family life, daily prayer, and trust in God, especially during times of personal challenge. As he begins this new chapter, we ask you to keep him and his family in your prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen him throughout his formation. May his generous response to God's call inspire others to listen with open hearts to the vocation the Lord has prepared for them.



Sea Sunday - 11th/12th July: Sea Sunday – Supporting Stella Maris

Second Collection Funds raised on Sea Sunday support chaplains and volunteers who provide spiritual care, practical assistance, and a compassionate presence to those at sea. See details on <https://stellamaris.org.uk/> Your generosity is deeply appreciated.



Second Collection – CAFOD Venezuela Earthquake Appeal (18th/19th July)

There will be a Second Collection at all Masses on the weekend of 18th/19th July in support of the CAFOD-DEC Venezuela Earthquake Appeal.

Millions of people have been affected by the devastating earthquakes in Venezuela. Through its trusted Church partners, CAFOD is providing emergency food, clean water, shelter, and other essential aid to those most in need. Thank you for your generosity and for keeping the people of Venezuela in your prayers.

Holy Masses and Services for 11th to 19th July 2026

Saturday 11th July St Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	11am Baptism ; HS 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Charlie Gallagher and Maxwell Dennis Towers and Oliver Jim Towers The People of The Parish Clare Curtis RIP
Sunday 12th July Fifteenth Sunday of the Year Sea Sunday	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 1pm Mass; HS (Memorial)	Simi Joseph- 3 rd Anniversary Souls in Purgatory Thanksgiving from Alo Vera Meadows RIP Ted Dunne RIP (1 st Anniversary)
Monday 13th July Feria	9.30am Mass; SA 10am Rosary ; SA	For those who suffer persecution
Tuesday 14th July Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SMC	
Wednesday 15th July St Bonaventure, bishop and doctor (memorial)	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	For all healthcare workers
Thursday 16th July Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life ; HS 	
Friday 17th July Feria	10am Rosary ; SMC 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SMC 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA 11.30am Rosary ; SA 12pm Mass; SA 5pm Rosary ; OLOG 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; HS 7pm Mass; HS	For all students, teachers and staff in schools and nurseries For the sick and housebound in our parish
Saturday 18th July Feria	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Teresa McPake RIP (27 th Anniversary) The People of The Parish
Sunday 19th July Sixteenth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Isabelle Stammers RIP Daniel Willmott RIP Nora's Intentions Nottingham Catenians

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; Thursday After Mass/Service; OLOG; Friday After Mass/Service; SA

Repository and Gift Shop at all churches Rosaries, statues, Mass cards, and cards for many occasions are available in our repository and church shops. The shops are open after weekend Masses. Please check with your Local Church Group or contact the parish office for further details.

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

OUR LADY OF GRACE ♦ Fairtrade The next Parish Fairtrade stall at Our Lady of Grace Church is on Sunday the 19th of July. If you have never visited us before please come along and browse our varied product range from tea, coffee and delicious chocolate, cards for various occasions, Palestinian dates and Palestinian herbs, Liberation nuts and much more.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention

For respect for human life - Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognising it as a gift from God.

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly – Sunday 26th July

On Sunday 26th July, the Church celebrates the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus.

This year's theme, chosen by Pope Leo XIV, is "I will never forget you" (Isaiah 49:15), reminding us that every grandparent and elderly person is loved by God and remains a precious blessing to the Church and our families.

As part of this year's celebration, you are invited to light a candle in grateful thanks for our beloved grandparents and the elderly, and to remember them in your prayers, especially those who are lonely, unwell, or have passed away.

Bookmarks featuring the Pope's Prayer and an Act of Love will be available at the back of each church next weekend. Please take one home and join us in praying for our grandparents and the elderly.

More information and the Pope's Prayer are available from the Catholic Grandparents Association:

<https://www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org/popes-prayer/>



Bible Study Group A huge thank you to those who joined us for our recent Bible study series! It was incredibly encouraging to see such vibrant fellowship and a true spirit of ecumenism as we gathered from different backgrounds to talk about Christ and share our faith.

We are excited to keep the momentum going! We will be scheduling our next Bible study for early September. Keep an eye on the newsletter later this summer for exact dates and details.



Memorial Mass for Fr Vincent Many thanks to those who organised and those who attended the beautiful Memorial Mass for Fr Vincent. The collection raised £582.94 which will be used towards funding the poor children and orphans who were supported by Fr Vincent. To know more about this continuing work please see www.justportion.org. please visit www.justportion.org.

Calling Parish Musicians or those who would like to be The Diocese of Nottingham is partnering with **One Hope Project** to offer both spiritual and musical formation for parish musicians (or those who would like to be). The course will begin in September but there is an information meeting on Monday 20th July at 7.00pm on Zoom to explore what the programme is and how it can help you. To access the link please email team@onehopeproject.co.uk or visit: <https://bit.ly/OHPNotts26>

PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS During July and August, our clergy and parish office staff will be taking annual leave. The Parish Office will be closed from Monday 10th August to Friday 21st August. During this time, staff may be working from home, completing end-of-season administration, and preparing for the new pastoral year.

Emails and telephone messages will continue to be monitored, but responses may take longer than usual. The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 25th August with normal office hours.

Please note that there will be no parish newsletter in August as we take this opportunity to prepare for a fresh start in September. The weekly Mass and Services Diary will continue to be shared by email and published on the parish website. For urgent parish matters, please contact Fr. Evarist on 07424 542925 or Fr. John on 07714 460526.

If you know of anyone in hospital who would appreciate a visit from the Catholic Chaplain, please contact the Chaplaincy Team: QMC: 0115 924 9924 (ext. 83799); City Hospital: 0115 969 1169 (ext. 837); Email:

contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk

Thank you for your continued support, patience, and understanding. We wish everyone a happy, restful, and blessed summer.

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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

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 make by cash, cheque, online banking, or contactless giving

♦ **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 Gift Aiding your donation. This allows the parish to claim an additional 25p for every £1 donated at no extra cost to you. To Gift Aid your donation, please complete a Gift Aid Declaration form, which can be downloaded from

<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/donate>

♦ **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.

Scan the QR code or visit this website

<https://donate.myдона.com/parish-of-the-annunciation> to make your contributions online.

