



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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'I am the door of the sheep.'

John 10:1-10

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER ♦ GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY ♦ VOCATIONS SUNDAY - YEAR A

The Vocation to the Priesthood

Dear Friends,

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, I want to draw your attention to the vocation of the priest. Without this vocation, how are we to ensure the celebration of the Sacraments? The Eucharist, Reconciliation, and Anointing of the Sick all depend upon men answering God's call to the priesthood.

Our need to foster vocations is therefore not optional; it is imperative. Each of us has a responsibility to encourage men to reflect seriously on this calling. We can all see the reality of the present situation—the growing shortage of priests and the increasing demands placed upon those who serve. If we are to safeguard the sacramental life of the Church for future generations, we must be proactive.

How might we do this?

Firstly, through prayer. Prayer must be at the heart of everything. Prayer cards for vocations are available at the back of the church; please take one and use it regularly in your personal and family prayer. We also warmly invite you to join us for the Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life, held every Thursday at 7:00pm at Holy Spirit Church and livestreamed.

Secondly, we can begin to foster a culture of openness and encouragement within the parish. This could include forming a small prayer or discussion group dedicated to vocations, where this important calling can be reflected upon and supported.

Thirdly, we must not be afraid to invite our young people to consider the possibility of a vocation—not only encouraging them to promote vocations, but also to ask whether God may be calling them personally to the priesthood or religious life. Speaking openly and positively about vocations is essential.

You may also have heard of the **diocesan initiative "Called by Name."** This is a simple and prayerful way for parishioners to suggest individuals who may have the qualities for priestly ministry. After prayerful reflection, names can be submitted to the diocese, and those individuals will be invited to consider more deeply whether God may be calling them. Further details on how to take part—including how to submit names—are provided below in this parish newsletter, as well as on the diocesan website.

With every blessing,
Peace, John



Called by Name - Diocesan Vocations Campaign

Bishop Patrick is asking us to identify in our parish/chaplaincy, faithful young men (18 years and older), who have a love for Christ and his Church, who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood.

Who can be nominated: Young men nominated should be 18 years old and over & Nominees do not need to want to become priests. Rather, they should show promise in their faith, leadership abilities, and dedication to serving the Church. Don't worry the Vocation Director will not pressure the young man in any way; rather, he'll offer gentle support and encouragement.

Why submit a name: Submitting the name of a young man is a way to honour him. By identifying a young man, you are giving him the opportunity to receive encouragement from the Bishop and Vocation Director.

How to submit a name: Invite parishioners to place completed pew cards in the collection basket, or encourage them to submit names via email to vocations@dioceseofnottingham.uk. To be able to fill out the form, the person nominating should speak with the man they are nominating to get email address etc. **IMPORTANT NOTE:** *To be able to fill out the details of the card, you will need to speak with the man you are nominating and to check they are happy for their name to be put forward. If they would prefer not to receive a letter from the Bishop, the card shouldn't be handed in.*

Those whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Patrick and be invited to meet with him. Fr Neil Peoples, our Vocations Director will also offer them support and guidance as they discern their vocation. Thank you for your participation in this important campaign.

May - The Month of Mary In the Catholic tradition, the month of May is dedicated to Our Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. It is a special time when we honour her love, humility, and faithful “yes” to God, and seek her intercession for our families and community. During this month, we are encouraged to deepen our devotion to Mary in simple and meaningful ways—through praying the Rosary, setting up a small Marian shrine at home, or taking a quiet moment each day to reflect on her example of faith and trust in God. As we celebrate the Month of Mary, may she guide and protect all mothers, families, and children in our parish, and draw us closer to her Son, Jesus.



Mass for the Sick and Housebound - Saturday 9th May, 1:00pm at Holy Spirit. Join Fr. John and Fr. Evarist for a special Mass which includes the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a sacred Catholic sacrament that offers spiritual strength, healing, and comfort to those facing illness. It provides grace for those experiencing physical or emotional suffering. Fr. John and Fr. Evarist will administer the Sacrament at Holy Spirit on Saturday 9th May at 1:00pm. Following the Mass light refreshments will be available in the Social Centre. If you are able to assist in any way (e.g. greeting), your support would be greatly appreciated—please contact the Parish Office for more details. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Our Parish Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Saturday, 23rd May at Holy Spirit Church during the 6:30 pm Vigil Mass. This year, we are blessed to have 27 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As this is a special occasion for the candidates and their families, some seating will be reserved. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation, as seating may be limited. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Second Collection on 25th / 26th April for the Clergy Formation Fund This weekend’s second collection will be for the Clergy Formation Fund, thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.

Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Please visit our parish website (<https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>) for full details. ♦ **Webinars for parents and carers of teenagers:** 1. Confident parenting in a world of screens on Wednesday 29th April, 8.00pm; 2. Raising teenagers in a Catholic family on Tuesday 2nd June, 8.00pm. To book a place, visit www.celebratetrust.org/faith-parenting. ♦ **Young adults aged 18–35 are invited to join a special overnight Pilgrimage to Walsingham (Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st June)**, taking place alongside the annual diocesan pilgrimage, For any questions, contact Charles Archer, Young Adult Ministry Lead charles.archer@dioceseofnottingham.uk.

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner Marjorie Edith O’Dea, who passed away recently. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



New nursery opening at St Edmund Campion Primary, West Bridgford – September 2026

We’re pleased to share that St Edmund Campion will be opening a new nursery on our school site in September 2026. This is part of the national Best Start programme, funded by the Department for Education to give every child a strong start and improve early years provision, including for children with SEND. We will share more information with families during the summer term. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Please also keep an eye on our website: www.stedmundcampion.com for updates.



Sacramental Programmes – Baptism

We warmly welcome families who are considering baptism for their children and invite you to take the next step in this important faith journey.

★ Baptism for Infants and Young Children (0–7 years)

For infants and children under the age of 7, at least one parent should be a baptised Roman Catholic. Families are expected to attend Sunday Mass regularly as part of living and nurturing the faith. Parents will also be asked to take part in a Parish Baptism Catechesis Programme to help prepare for this special sacrament.

★ Baptism for Children Aged 7 and Above

Children aged 7 or older are warmly welcomed to journey towards baptism through a dedicated preparation process suited to their age. At least one parent should be a baptised Roman Catholic, and families are expected to attend Sunday Mass regularly. Parents are asked to accompany their child and support them through the Parish Baptism Preparation Programme.

If neither parent is baptised Catholic, we warmly invite you to explore the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults), which supports families in learning about the Catholic faith while accompanying your child’s spiritual journey.

If you would like more information about baptism, the preparation programmes, or RCIA, please do not hesitate to contact Faith Formation Coordinator, Ceci Li (ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk). We look forward to accompanying your family on this meaningful journey of faith.



Holy Masses and Services for 25th April to 3rd May 2026

Saturday 25th April St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Repose of the Soul of Thomas Wright RIP Kevin Bratt RIP
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG 1pm Baptism; HS 2pm Baptism; HS	Sue Price and Family The People of the Parish Pete Emery RIP Alan Olley RIP
Monday 27th April Easter Feria	9.30am Mass; SA 10am Rosary ; SA	Birthday wishes for Angela Beves
Tuesday 28th April Easter Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC	Dennis Francis McGinley
Wednesday 29th April St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, Patron of Europe	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	George Jackson RIP
Thursday 30th April Easter Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life; HS	
Friday 1st May Easter 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	Jeanna O'Rourke RIP Anniversary Mass for James and Catherine Downie RIP
Saturday 2nd May St Athanasius, bishop and doctor (memorial)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Catherine Kitchen RIP Mrs Angeline Luci Manert RIP
Sunday 3rd May Fifth Sunday of Easter	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Birthday Intentions for Elizabeth Callaghan Curtis family The People of the Parish Dr George Clayfield 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; Thursday After Mass/Service; OLOG; Friday After Mass/Service; SA

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

♦ **Holy Spirit Cricket Club** Would you like to get involved with the Parish cricket team? We play friendlies on weekday evenings/Sundays against other churches, work teams & clubs. We have a practice coming up on Tues 28th April and lots of games planned for the summer. New players of any standard are welcome. Although we are called Holy Spirit, parishioners from any of our four 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 4778.

♦ **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.

♦ **OUR LADY OF GRACE** ♦ **Fairtrade** Thank you to everyone who supported the Fairtrade stall last Sunday. Sales during the month together with sales on the day amounted to £154.05, of which £55.00 came from donations to the food bank, for which the Friary will be extremely grateful. The next stall will be on the 17th of May, but please ask me at Church if you would like anything before then. Thanks again, Lynn Harrison.

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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 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>

◆ **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.

