



# 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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**‘ Hosanna to the Son of David;**

Matthew 21:9

**blesed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest. ’**

**Palm Sunday of The Passion of The Lord - Year A**

Dear Friends,

Today, on Palm Sunday, we enter into the most sacred time of the Church’s year—Holy Week. We remember Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem, welcomed with joy and palm branches, yet we know that this same journey leads Him to His Passion and the Cross.

This day invites us not only to recall these events, but to walk closely with Jesus in the days ahead—to accompany Him in His suffering, to reflect on His great love for us, and to prepare our hearts for the joy of the Resurrection.

In his message for Lent this year, Pope Leo reminds us that this sacred season is a time to place God once more at the centre of our lives and to rediscover a spirit of true conversion. He calls us especially to grow in listening—to God and to one another—and in a form of fasting that touches our words, so that we may become more compassionate, patient, and attentive to those around us.

As we begin Holy Week, this invitation becomes even more meaningful. We are called not only to walk with Jesus outwardly, but to allow our hearts to be transformed inwardly.

As parishioners and members of our Catholic community, we are encouraged to prepare ourselves in simple but meaningful ways:

- ◆ Attend the liturgies of Holy Week, especially the Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil)
- ◆ Spend time in prayer, reflecting on the Passion of Christ
- ◆ Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, if possible
- ◆ Practice charity and kindness, especially through our words and actions
- ◆ Create space for silence and listening, opening our hearts to God and to others

Holy Week is not just something we observe—it is a journey we enter together as a community of faith.

May we walk with Christ this week with renewed faith, deeper love, and open hearts, trusting that through the Cross comes the joy and hope of the Resurrection.

With prayerful best wishes,  
Peace, John

**Collection on Good Friday 3rd April 2026** The collection on Good Friday is for the Holy Places of Palestine. This important collection supports the missionary work of the Franciscans, who are entrusted with the care and upkeep of the holy sites. It also helps to sustain schools, hospitals, and other essential works that serve the local Christian communities in the region. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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

◆ **Easter Flowers** If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one to be included in the Easter flower arrangements in church please donate WHITE Lilies, or carnations, or roses, or spray carnations. We would welcome greenery too. Please leave your flowers and greenery in the buckets of water provided in the narthex from Thursday evening up until 10 am on Easter Saturday. The flower arranging team.









**Our Lady of Grace** ◆ **Prayers for Peace on Thursday 2nd April** Following the Service of the Word and Communion at 9.30 am, the church will remain open for Prayers for Peace throughout the day until 5 pm.

◆ **Walk of Witness on Friday 3rd April** Join us for the Walk of Witness around Cotgrave, beginning at 12 noon from Our Lady of Grace. The walk will conclude back at the church, where simple refreshments suitable for a fast day will be provided. All are warmly welcome.

**St Anne** ◆ **Appeal for new volunteer for St Anne’s Flower Team** To maintain the display of church flower arrangements, we are asking for more people to consider being a volunteer and join our team. Do we wish for a blank canvas or welcome the value of Flower Arrangements in representing - “ The Garden of Creation”.

**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> March to 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026

<b>Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b> Lenten Feria	4pm <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Jennifer Jennings RIP Ron Oakes RIP (8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary)
<b>Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b> Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 12pm Stations of the Cross; OLOG	Seamus Devlin RIP Curtis Family The People of the Parish Maureen McKerr
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March</b> Monday of Holy Week	9.30am Mass; SA 10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 9.30am Mass; HS	Larry Crowley RIP Special Intention
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March</b> Tuesday of Holy Week	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC 9.30am Mass; HS	Maureen and Patrick McCallion RIP For Fr John and Fr Evarist
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April</b> Wednesday of Holy Week	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 11.30am <b>The Chrism Mass; St Barnabas Cathedral</b> 6pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SA	
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</b> Maundy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper	9.30am Service of Word and Communion; OLOG 7pm Mass; SA  7pm Mass; HS 	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> Friday of the Passion of the Lord – Good Friday	10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 10.30am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SMC 11am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> followed by Stations of the Cross; SA 3pm <b>Passion Service</b> ; SA 3pm <b>Passion Service</b> ; HS  7pm Stations of the Cross; SMC	
<b>Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April</b> Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil	8pm Mass; SA 8pm Mass (Sacraments of Initiation); HS 	Anne Snayde The People of The Parish
<b>Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April</b> Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Catherine Kitchen RIP David Bagshaw RIP Terry Johnstone RIP Alan Olley 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;

**Parish Friendship Group** - The next meeting for the parish Friendship Group will be at St Anne's meeting room on Wednesday 8th April from 2-4pm and Jason King will be speaker at the meeting.

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## **Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent**

- St Margaret Clitherow: 3<sup>rd</sup> April 7pm (lead by Eucharistic Ministers)
- Our Lady of Grace : 1<sup>st</sup> April 1.30pm (am as part of the Lent Course), After Sunday Mass 12pm

**Mass of Chrism, Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 11.30am, St Barnabas Cathedral**

## **The Easter Triduum & Easter Sunday Mass**

### **Maundy Thursday, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April**

- 7pm, St Anne; Holy Spirit, Mass of The Lord's Supper followed by watching at the altar of repose until 10pm

### **Good Friday, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**

- 3pm, St Anne; Holy Spirit, The Passion of the Lord

### **The Easter Vigil, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April**

- 8pm, St Anne; Holy Spirit (Sacraments of Initiation), Easter Vigil Mass

### **The Easter Sunday Mass, 5<sup>th</sup> April**

- 9am, St Anne; St Margaret Clitherow
- 11am, Holy Spirit; Our Lady of Grace

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.



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

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

◆ All are welcome to an **Ecumenical Act of Witness**, joining Bishop Patrick, Lord-Lieutenant Professor Veronica Pickering, and other Faith Leaders, on Good Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Pilgrims are invited to gather at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 9.45am for a 10.00am start, processing from the Cathedral, stopping at the Old Market Square, and then continuing to Saint Mary's Church in the Lace Market, finishing by 12.00 noon. Do consider joining this Act of Witness to highlight Good Friday in our wider community.

**Easter Offerings to our Priests** As is traditional, there is a collection to provide a gift to our Priests. If you would like to contribute to this, please put the gift in an envelope which is available in our churches or you can donate through digital donation system at Holy Spirit. If you would like to do this by bank transfer please mark the online payment as Easter Offering. Thank you for your generosity.

**Parish Office Closure – Easter** Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from midday on Wednesday 1st April and will reopen on Thursday 9th April. Thank you for your understanding.

## **IMPORTANT REMINDER: Easter Mass Arrangements**

In order to comply with Health and Safety regulations, seating in churches during Easter services will be limited once capacity, as determined by an official Fire Risk Assessment, is reached. We kindly ask you to plan your attendance accordingly. Please note the following important guidance to help ensure a safe and welcoming celebration for everyone:

### **Capacity and Safety**

- The maximum capacity for each church is determined by an official Fire Risk Assessment. Our Greeters will gently guide attendance to ensure this is observed.
- Church aisles must be kept clear at all times, as they serve as emergency exits.

### **Pushchairs**

- If your child can be safely lifted out, we kindly ask that pushchairs be folded and placed in a designated area where possible.
- Families who prefer to keep their child in a pushchair are welcome to use the additional space (where available), helping to keep aisles clear and accessible for everyone.
- If you need any assistance or would like to discuss arrangements, please speak with a Greeter or contact the Parish Office in advance.

### **Wheelchairs and Mobility Needs**

- Greeters will be happy to assist you in finding suitable and comfortable seating.
- If helpful, you are very welcome to contact the Parish Office in advance so that we can best support your needs.

### **When the Church Reaches Capacity**

- Once a church reaches its safe capacity, additional attendees may be directed to an overflow area (where available), so they can still participate in the Mass.

Please remember that our Greeters are volunteers who are here to support everyone's safety and comfort. We kindly ask that they be treated with patience and respect.

**Arrangements for Holy Spirit Church:** For the Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Social Centre Hall will be available as an additional space. Mass will be live-streamed there, and Holy Communion will be brought to those attending in the Hall.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and care for one another.

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**QMC:** 0115 9249924 (ext. 83799) **City:** 0115 9691169 (ext.837) or email: [contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto: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.

