



# 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 way, and the truth, and the life.'**

John 14:1-12

**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A**



## Ascension of the Lord – Holy Day of Obligation

Masses for the Ascension of the Lord will be celebrated as follows, all are warmly invited to attend. Vigil Mass: Wednesday 13th May 7pm, St Anne; Mass: Thursday 14th May 9:30am, Our Lady of Grace; Thursday 14th May 7pm, Holy Spirit.

## Mass for the Sick and Housebound Saturday 9th May, 1:00pm at Holy Spirit

Join Fr. John and Fr. Evarist for a special Mass including the Sacrament of the Sick, offering spiritual strength, healing, and comfort to those facing illness or suffering. The Sacrament will be administered during the Mass. Light refreshments will follow in the Social Centre. All are welcome to attend.



Dear Friends,

As we enter the beautiful month of May, the Church invites us once again to turn our hearts in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Across the world, May has long been cherished as Mary's month—a time of renewed devotion, tenderness, and trust in her maternal care.

May is a privileged time to rediscover Mary's unique role in salvation history and in our daily lives. She is not distant, but close—walking with us in our joys and struggles, always pointing us to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Mary teaches us:

- humility in accepting God's will
- perseverance in times of trial
- joy in trusting God's promises

In a world often marked by anxiety and division, her quiet faith becomes a steady light. She shows us how to listen, to trust, and to remain faithful even when the path ahead is uncertain.

## THE POWER OF THE ROSARY

One of the most powerful ways we honour Our Lady is through the Rosary. This simple yet profound prayer, cherished by the Church for centuries, draws us into the mysteries of Christ's life.

Pope Leo XIV has given renewed emphasis to this call in a striking way. At the close of May last year, he led a candlelit Rosary procession and reminded the faithful that the Rosary is "Marian in form but Christological in heart," containing "the whole depth of the Gospel message."

He encouraged all believers to pray the Rosary daily for peace, inviting us to walk through life "together with Mary" as pilgrims of faith.

This echoes the wider call of initiatives such as the Rosary Pilgrimage for Peace, reminding us that prayer is not passive—it is powerful. Through the Rosary, we place our families, our parish, and our troubled world into the loving hands of God.

## WAYS TO HONOUR MARY IN MAY

There are many beautiful and simple ways we can deepen our devotion this month:

- Pray the Rosary daily—individually or as a family
- Create a Marian altar at home—with flowers, a candle, and a statue or image
- Read Scripture passages about Mary—especially the Annunciation and the Visitation
- Practice acts of charity—imitating Mary's love and service
- Wear or carry sacramentals—such as a Miraculous Medal or Rosary
- Offer small sacrifices—as acts of love through her

And in our own parish life:

♥ **This weekend, we will hold our May Procession**, where we gather to honour Our Lady and place a crown upon her statue. This simple act expresses a profound truth: Mary is our Queen because she is the Mother of Christ our King.

## WALKING WITH MARY

As we journey through May, let us not treat this devotion as a mere tradition, but as a living relationship. Mary walks with us—into our homes, our worries, and our hopes.

Let us take up the Rosary anew. Let us entrust our parish, our families, and our world to her intercession.

And may we hear her gentle invitation: **"Come to my Son."**

With every blessing, Peace, John



**Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse** Next Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> May, is the annual Day of Prayer for Survivors of Abuse. This day was introduced by Pope Francis at the request of abuse survivors and started in England and Wales in 2019. It is a reminder that within all our parishes there will be people whose lives have been harmed by abuse, whether sexual or physical or spiritual. The Church is gradually learning how to support and learn from abuse survivors as part of building a Church that is safe for everyone. This year, we are asked to pray about abuse in family life, through domestic violence and in other ways. **To mark this day, there will be a brief time of additional prayer after the 9.30am Mass at St Margaret Clitherow on Tuesday**, followed by refreshments. Please do come and join this important moment of prayer.



### *Holy Father's Prayer Intention*

**That everyone might have food** - Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

**Continuing the Journey: Reflections from Our Newly Confirmed** Reflections and personal testimonies from our newly confirmed candidates are now available on the parish website and will continue to be updated. A special booklet will be printed at a later date once we have received more reflection stories. You are warmly invited to visit the post on the parish website (<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/faith-journeys-reflections-from-our-new-confirmed>) and to keep our candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.



**Second Collection on 2nd/3rd May for SVP – St Vincent de Paul Society** The SVP's aim is to tackle poverty in all its forms through the provision of practical assistance to those in need. Please give generously to our second collection, so this work can continue.

**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. ♦ **St Colette's Sale – Baby clothes, equipment, and toys.** Saturday 30th May, 12:30–3:00pm; Sunday 31st May, 10:45am–1:00pm (after Mass). St Paul's Church Hall, Lenton Boulevard, NG7 2BY. Good quality items, some new, at very reasonable prices ♦ **Diocesan Walsingham Pilgrimage on Saturday 20th June** ♦ **World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea** ♦ **Dominican Young Adults Study Day, under the title Human Origins - Creation and Evolution**, on Saturday 23rd May, 10.00am to 4.00pm, in the Frassati Centre, Leicester LE1 6HW ♦ **Vacancy – Briars Catholic Youth Retreat Centre (Crich):** Part-time Cook position available.

### **New nursery opening at St Edmund Campion Primary, West Bridgford – Applications now open**

We're delighted to share that nursery applications are now open for September 2026 at St Edmund Campion Primary School, West Bridgford. Families can find full details about the new nursery, including how the admissions process works on their website: [www.stedmundcampion.com/our-nursery](http://www.stedmundcampion.com/our-nursery). Places are available for children who turn 3 from September, so we encourage families to apply early. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, and keep an eye on their website for future 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](mailto:ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.uk)). We look forward to accompanying your family on this meaningful journey of faith.



## Holy Masses and Services for 2nd to 10th May 2026

<b>Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> St Athanasius, bishop and doctor (memorial)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Catherine Kitchen RIP  Mrs Angeline Luci Manert RIP
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> 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
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> The English Martyrs (Feast)	9.30am Mass; SA 10am <b>Rosary</b> : SA	Repose of the Soul of Thomas Wright RIP
<b>Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9.30am Mass (followed by special prayer for Survivors of Abuse); SMC	For World Peace
<b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	9am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 9am <b>Rosary</b> ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SA	Graham Doust RIP
<b>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	9.30am <b>Service of Word and Communion</b> ; OLOG 7pm <b>Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life</b> ; HS	
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	10am <b>Rosary</b> ; SMC 10.30am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SMC 11am <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; SA 11.30am <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 12pm Mass; SA 5pm <b>Rosary</b> ; OLOG 6pm <b>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</b> ; HS 7pm Mass; HS	Mary Mercer RIP  In Thanksgiving
<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b> Easter Feria	1pm Mass; HS 4pm <b>Rosary</b> ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	For the Parish Sick and Housebound  Jose' Santiago de los Rios RIP Thomas Montgomery RIP
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Sijo Jose's Family Intentions Roy Bowes RIP Sarah. G and Family The People of the Parish

**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.  
♦ **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** 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.

**ST ANNE** ♦ **Bereavement Listening Hour** This will be held on Wednesday, 13th May, from 11am to 12 noon in St Anne's Meeting Room. This is a gentle and welcoming space to share, to listen, and to find comfort and support. All are warmly invited.

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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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