



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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'You are the light of the world.'

Matthew 5:13-16

Day of Special Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking ♦ Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year A

Parish Clergy Update and Prayers

Please keep Fr John in your prayers. He is grateful for your understanding as he takes this important time to rest and recover, and he looks forward to returning in good health and strength.

We also ask you to pray for Fr Evarist for a safe journey back to our parish. He will celebrate Mass on 8th February and will take two days off on 9th and 10th February. He is very much looking forward to seeing you all again.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Temporary changes to our parish schedule:

- Weekday Mass will resume after Fr Evarist's return. Please check the latest updates in the newsletter and on the parish website.
- Sunday and weekend Mass arrangements in February may vary depending on the availability of a supply priest.
- If you need to contact a priest urgently while Fr John and Fr Evarist are away, please contact one of the nearby parishes: Corpus Christi and Our Lady & St Patrick's (Clifton & Meadows) - 0115 921 2964; Cathedral—0115 953 9839.

We are actively monitoring the situation and will keep you informed of any updates via email and the parish website. Thank you for your continued prayers, patience, and understanding during this time.



Holy Father's Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases. Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner Mrs Sheila Ferrar, who passed away on the 31st January 2026. Sheila's Requiem Mass is on Friday 27th February 10am at St Margaret Clitherow and the reception of her body into St Margaret Clitherow is on Thursday 26th February at 5pm. 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.



Day of Special Prayer for the Victims of Trafficking - Sunday 8th February Each year, 8th February (when not a Sunday) is the memorial of Saint Josephine Bakhita, the patron saint of victims of human trafficking and modern slavery. There are 50 million victims of human trafficking across the world and as many as 130,000 in the UK, hidden in plain sight in your neighbourhood. Pope Francis described human trafficking as "blood money" and a "crime against humanity". We are all called to combat this evil trade. To find out more and what you can do, go to santamartagroup.org/resources.

Second Collection for the SVP on 7th / 8th February 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.

The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2026 is now available at the back of all churches. Copies cost £6 each. For more information, please contact the parish office.






The Bishop's Statement on Marriage is now published on the parish website. A hard copy is also available on the notice board in all churches throughout February.

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 about: ♦ Pro-Life Renewal Day – Prayer, Scripture & Renewal (14th Feb) ♦ 40 Days for Life – Prayer Vigil This Lent (18th Feb–29th Mar)

Christ the King Catholic Voluntary Academy, Arnold has a number of vacancies for both teachers and support staff, for more information please find all vacancies on the OLOL website <https://www.ololcatholicmat.co.uk/work-with-us/vacancies/> if you would like an informal chat regarding any of the vacancies please contact the school on head@christtheking.notts.sch.uk



Holy Masses and Services for 7th to 15th February 2026

Saturday 7th February Feria	4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Bob Beeves RIP Matthew Maguire RIP
Sunday 8th February Fifth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC Baptism ; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	James O'Connor RIP The People of The Parish Tobias Thompson Hill Carmel McNally RIP Brendan Moran RIP
Monday 9th February Feria	9.30am Service of the Word and Communion; SA 10am Rosary ; SA	
Tuesday 10th February St Scholastica, virgin	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Service of the Word and Communion; SMC	
Wednesday 11th February Feria or Our Lady of Lourdes (optional memorial)	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	Hannah Evans
Thursday 12th February Feria	9.30am Service of the Word and Communion; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life ; HS 	
Friday 13th February 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 4.30pm Rosary ; OLOG 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; HS 7pm Mass; HS	Noel Walter Hart RIP Maria Lesiak RIP
Saturday 14th February Sts Cyril, Monk and Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe (Feast)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Fr John Martin (good health) Margaret Foreman RIP
Sunday 15th February Sixth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Repose of the Soul of Paul Bowe RIP Fr Slawomir Hermanowicz RIP The People of The Parish Jaime Lindsay 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; Friday After Mass/Service; SA

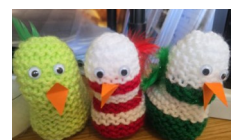
Bible Sharing Group (Cantonese)

A Bible sharing session for the Hong Kong community will take place on **Sunday 22 February**, from **9:30am to 10:45am**, in the **Holy Spirit Social Centre Lounge**. The session will be conducted in Cantonese.

No reservation is required — all are welcome to come and join us.

CAFOD  **CAFOD Quiz** We are pleased to announce our annual quiz to be held on Saturday 7th February, 7.30pm for 8pm at Holy Spirit Social Centre, there will be a bar and raffle, come along for a fun night out.

Easter Chicks for our CAFOD appeal We had a lovely morning preparing Easter Chicks for our CAFOD appeal. Unfortunately, we have run out of crème eggs and would really appreciate more donations. We will meet again on Tuesday 10 February at 10:00am at St Margaret Clitherow Church. Please do come along if you can! If you are unable to attend but would still like to support the appeal, donations of crème eggs can be left at the back of your church. Thank you for your generosity.



34th World Day of the Sick – Wednesday, 11 February Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Holy Father's Message for the 34th World Day of the Sick is available to read online. This annual day invites us to reflect on God's closeness to those who suffer and to grow in compassion, following the example of the Good Samaritan — seeing, caring, and walking alongside those who are ill, elderly, or burdened in any way. In our parish, Fr John and Fr Evarist will celebrate a special Mass for the Sick and Housebound in May, when the weather is warmer and travel is easier. More details will be shared through the parish website, newsletter, and notice board in all churches.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is a great gift of the Church. Through this sacrament, Christ brings strength, peace, and courage to those who are seriously ill or frail. It unites their suffering with His own, offers spiritual healing, and, when God wills, supports physical recovery — reminding the sick that they are never alone but held in the loving care of Christ and His Church.

Let us keep all who are sick, and those who care for them, in our prayers.

Our Lady of Lourdes Prayer for healing

O ever-Immaculate Virgin, Mother of Mercy, health of the sick, refuge of sinners, comforter of the afflicted, you know my wants, my troubles, my sufferings; look with mercy on me.

By appearing in the Grotto of Lourdes, you were pleased to make it a privileged sanctuary, whence you dispense your favours; and already many sufferers have obtained the cure of their infirmities, both spiritual and corporal.

I come, therefore, with complete confidence to implore your maternal intercession. Obtain, O loving Mother, the grant of my requests. (mention your petition) Through gratitude for your favours, I will endeavour to imitate your virtues, that I may one day share your glory, and bless you in eternity.
Amen.



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

Our Lady of Grace ♦ We are joining with the other Christian Churches in Cotgrave to hold **ecumenical group sessions throughout Lent**, starting on Ash Wednesday 18th February. These meetings will take place at Our Lady of Grace from 1.30 to 3.00 pm each Wednesday and will follow the course 'Lent in Plain Sight', looking at a series of ten simple objects that Jesus would have seen and used on His travels through the Holy Land. Please contact Maureen Jarvis on bandmajarvis@gmail.com before the 15th February, if you would like to join. All are welcome.

St Anne ♦ **Bereavement Listening Hour** This will be held on Wednesday, 11th February, 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.

St Margaret Clitherow ♦ **St Margaret Clitherow Lenten Course** Churches Together Keyworth are once more coming together to host our 2026 Lenten Course at several venues and times across the village. The Course this year is based on the award winning film "I Daniel Blake". St Margaret Clitherow Church will host the Wednesday afternoon discussion group commencing on Wednesday 25th February at 2pm. The Course is based around 5 weekly group sessions and opens up opportunities for us to question why so many people are suffering and what we can do in response. There is time for discussion, reflection, Bible readings and prayer. Any queries please speak to either Nuala, Paul or Carmel at St Margaret Clitherow. The film will be shown in full on Thursday February 19th at 7pm in Keyworth Methodist Church on Selby Lane. Please do come along and join us - ALL are welcome. Thank you

Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 27–30 September 2026 (Flights from Stansted Airport) – led by Fr John McCay

Cost: £674 per person. this includes return flights, transfers from Tarbes/Lourdes Airport and Full Board at the Hotel Irlande and a full programme in Lourdes. This hotel is only a 5 minute walk to the Domain and Grotto. The pilgrimage is being booked through All Saints Travel. More information can be found on their website, <https://www.allsaintstravel.co.uk/LD1113/>. Bookings are being taken on that website too.

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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: 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**

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◆ **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.

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make your contributions online.

