



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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‘Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful’.

Luke 6:27-38

Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Masses and Services for 22nd February to 2nd March 2025

Saturday 22nd February The Chair of St. Peter (Feast)	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Michael Crowley RIP Vera O’Connell RIP
Sunday 23rd February Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Gerard McPake RIP (25 th Anniversary) Martin Nutt RIP In loving memory of Tony Crump RIP, from Sheila, Andree and Family The People of The Parish
Monday 24th February Feria	9.30am <i>Service of Word and Communion</i> ; SA	Service of Word and Communion
Tuesday 25th February Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	Maria Karp RIP
Wednesday 26th February Feria	9.30am Mass; HS 5pm <i>Reception into church</i> ; HS	Anthony O’Dwyer RIP Mary Teresa Lyons RIP
Thursday 27th February Feria	11.30am <i>Requiem Mass</i> ; HS	Mary Teresa Lyons RIP
Friday 28th February Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Thanksgiving for All For James & Catherine Downey & P.D. Lavery, In memory.
Saturday 1st March St. David, Bishop, Patron of Wales (Feast)	3.30-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	John Richmond RIP Repose of the Soul of Bridie Cassidy RIP
Sunday 2nd March Eighth Sunday of The Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  <i>Baptism</i> ; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	The People of The Parish Mary Ewart RIP Val Bartlett (Anniversary) Emrys Richard Gallagher Joyce Giblin RIP

Rosary: Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Friday 10.15am SMC; 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 4pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA; 6.30pm HS.

This week in the parish:

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.

Toddler Group Thursday 10am; HS (Term-time only)

Prayer for Pope Francis to Our Lady, Help of the Sick (modified)

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope.

We entrust Pope Francis to you, Health of the Sick.

At the foot of the cross, you participated in Jesus’ pain with steadfast faith.

You, Salvation of the Roman people, know what we need.

We trust that you will provide, so that as you did at Cana of Galilee,
joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial [for Pope Francis].

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:
He who took our suffering upon Himself, and burdened Himself with our sorrows to bring us, through
the Cross, to the joy of Resurrection.

Amen.



Dear Friends,

I offer you the Desiderata: words for life, for your own personal reflection. I often use this in my own prayer life, and I find it really does help me to focus on the things that matter in life. It gives me a foundation on which to try and understand the world in which I live and to order my life in the spirit of Jesus!

I hope you can find some strength and encouragement in this prayer to first be merciful to yourself so that you can be merciful to others!

Peace

John

Desiderata

Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible, without surrender, be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons; they are vexatious to the spirit. If you compare yourself with others, you may become vain and bitter, for always there will be greater and lesser persons than yourself. Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans.

Keep interested in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession in the changing fortunes of time. Exercise caution in your business affairs, for the world is full of trickery. But let this not blind you to what virtue there is; many persons strive for high ideals, and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially, do not feign affection. Neither be cynical about love; for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment, it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years, gracefully surrendering the things of youth. Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune. But do not distress yourself with dark imaginings. Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness. Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe no less than the trees and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labours and aspirations, in the noisy confusion of life, keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

by Max Ehrmann

St Anne ♦ **Local Team Meeting** It is on Tuesday 25th February, 6.30pm for 7pm. All are welcome.

World Day of Prayer - 7th March 2025 World Day of Prayer is an international organisation showcasing the prayers, concerns and hopes of women from all parts of the world. The 2025 service has been written by the women of The Cook Islands. The theme for the 2025 World Day of Prayer is **"I Made You Wonderful"**, based on Psalm 139:14. All are welcome to join the following services around our parish.

Churches Together Keyworth 2pm at St Margaret Clitherow hosted by their parishioners.

Cotgrave 2pm at the Methodist Church.

Radcliffe on Trent 2pm at Radcliffe on Trent Methodist Church, followed by light refreshment.

West Bridgford 2pm at St Giles Church West Bridgford.

We are hiring! Exciting news! We're looking for a Parish Facilities Manager to join our team. This part-time, PAID role, offers 15 flexible hours per week, with work spread across our four churches. If you or someone you know is interested, please help us spread the word! For more details, contact the Parish Office.

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March 2025. There will be an appeal made at all churches on the 8th and 9th March. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate online at Cafod.org.uk/envelope Thank You

Second Collection for SVP Conference of St Margaret Clitherow and Our Lady of Grace: The collection totalled an amazing £524.52, with £305 gift-aided, adding an extra £76.25 in support. Thank you for your wonderful generosity. You are assured the money will be put to good use and help many who are in need.

Services and Holy Mass Times during Lent

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday 5th March

- ♦ SA: Mass 12 noon
- ♦ HS: Mass 7pm

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April

- ♦ SA; SMC: Mass 9am
- ♦ HS; OLOG: Mass 11am

Maundy Thursday - The Mass of The Lord's Supper

Thursday 17th April

- ♦ HS; SA: Mass 7pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

Friday 18th April

- ♦ HS; SA: Passion Service 3pm

The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Saturday 19th April

- ♦ HS: Mass (Sacraments of Initiation) 8pm
- ♦ SA: Mass 8pm

The Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 20th April

- ♦ SA; SMC: Mass 9am

Service of Reconciliation

Tuesday 1st April

- ♦ SMC: After Morning Mass, 10-11am

Friday 4th April

- ♦ SA: 11am - 12 noon followed by mid-day Mass

Friday 11th April

- ♦ HS: 6.30 - 7.30pm, followed by Benediction with no Mass

Stations of the Cross on Friday

More details will be regularly updated in the newsletter and on the parish website

Save the Date for a Special Mass for our Parish Feast Day on Sunday 30th March, 10.30am at The Becket School!

Don't miss out on these opportunities for us to come together, strengthen our bonds, and celebrate the spirit of our parish. More details will follow.

★ **Important note:** On the weekend of 29th / 30th March please note there is only one Vigil Mass in our Parish at Holy Spirit at 6.30pm, and one Parish Sunday Mass in The Becket School at 10.30am.

Everyone is welcome, and we're looking forward to celebrating together!

Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Kathleen Dodson, Mary Lyons and Vincent Taylor. Mary's Funeral Mass is on Thursday 27th February, 11.30am at Holy Spirit. Please keep their families in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



The Catholic Union is holding a webinar on the **Terminally Ill Adults (End of Life) Bill** on Thursday 3rd April at 6.30pm. Chaired by Baroness Hollins, President of the Catholic Union, it will give members and supporters the chance to unpick the Bill guided by three experts: Dr Matthew Doré; Dr Philip Howard and Professor Julian Hughes, before the Bill returns to the Commons' Chamber for Third Reading on 25th April. To sign up for the webinar register at www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hard-cases-dont-make-good-law-assisted-suicide-webinar-tickets-1233106176769?aff=oddtcreator

Fundraising Events for the Friary Join us for a Coffee Morning & Second-Hand Book Sale on Saturday, 1st March, from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM at West Bridgford Methodist Church Hall. Everyone is warmly welcome—come along, enjoy a coffee, browse the books, and support a great cause!

Parents' Retreat The Diocese of Nottingham is organising a day retreat for parents on Sunday 16th March at Our Lady of Lincoln Parish (LN2 2HE), 10.00am-3.30pm. The day will be led by Mike and Alicia Hernon, international Catholic speakers and hosts of the successful podcast: 'The Messy Family Project'. The day will include Sunday Mass, talks, activities for Children, Eucharistic Adoration and more. Booking is essential. The cost is £25 per couple, please also bring a packed lunch. For more information, visit <https://bit.ly/parentsretreat25>

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society and CAFOD are working together to offer a week of free residential work experience for 20 young adults in England and Wales. The experience will run from: 22nd - 27th June in London. Candidates must have completed their first or second year at university and have a passion for social justice. Applications close on Easter Day, 20th April. For any queries please contact KeziaH@svp.org.uk

UPCOMING EVENTS IN DIOCESE

A practical photography skills workshop for beginner, amateur, and professional photographers alike in the Diocese of Nottingham, with a focus on capturing liturgical settings and events, is being held between 11.00am-1.00pm on Saturday 1st March at Nottingham Cathedral (Saint Barnabas), NG1 5AE. Preregistration is essential as spaces are limited. For more information and to book visit dioceseofnottingham.org.uk/events or email Naomi at communications@dioceseofnottingham.org.uk

The Diocesan Choir is hosting a morning rehearsal for singers of the diocese to come together to learn music to sing at the Diocesan Chrism Mass. All are welcome! The morning is on Saturday 5th April, 10.30am-1.00pm; and the Chrism Mass on Wednesday 16th April, from 10.00am. To sign up contact cathedralmusic@dioceseofnottingham.org.uk

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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. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking, the parish bank details are: **Annunciation Rushcliffe**

RCP Account Number: 44603560 Sort code: 30-96-18

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