



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

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'I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper.'

John 14:1-12

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 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.

Safeguarding Sunday 2026 - "Action Speaks Louder"

Dear Friends,

This year we mark Safeguarding Sunday with the diocesan theme: **"Action Speaks Louder."** This important day reminds us that safeguarding is not simply about words or policies, but about the choices we make and the actions we take each day to protect and care for one another.

During Mass, everyone will be invited to take part in a simple but meaningful step: completing an **Action Pledge Card**. This is an opportunity for each of us to commit to one practical action that will help make our parish an even safer and more welcoming place. For some, this might mean praying regularly for our diocesan Safeguarding Team and our Parish Safeguarding Representative. For others, it could involve completing safeguarding training, learning more about safeguarding, or being attentive to those who may feel vulnerable or unheard.

Whatever you choose, it matters, because safeguarding is not the responsibility of a few—it is the responsibility of us all. As the diocesan guidance reminds us, **safeguarding is "an expression of our faith" and "an act of love, justice and protection"**.

Last year, we reflected on the powerful image of "The Empty Chair"—a reminder of those who are not with us, often because they have been hurt, directly or indirectly, by experiences of abuse within the Church. That reflection continues to shape us. This year, we are invited to go one step further: not only to remember, but to act. Our actions today help ensure that fewer chairs remain empty tomorrow.

Safeguarding is, at its heart, about protecting one another from harm and ensuring that every person—especially the most vulnerable—feels safe, valued, and respected. It is about creating a community where people are listened to, supported, and treated with dignity. When we speak up, stay aware, and act with care, we help build that safer Church together.

A letter from the Bishop offering his guidance and encouragement is available on our website and on the church notice board.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those in our parish who already contribute so generously to safeguarding, especially our Parish Safeguarding Representative and volunteers. Your quiet dedication makes a real difference.

Let us take this Safeguarding Sunday seriously—not just for a day, but as a commitment for the year ahead. As Scripture reminds us, *"Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead"* (James 2:17). Our faith calls us to action.

Please do take a moment to complete your pledge (available at the back of the church), and keep this intention in your prayers.

With my prayers and gratitude, Peace, John



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.

CAFOD annual plant sale will take place on Saturday 6th June 10am to 1pm at St Margaret Clitherow Church. There will also be cakes, jewellery, soaps and crafts on sale. Please join us.

Second Collection on 16th / 17th May for Catholic Communication Please give generously to our second collection, so this work can continue.

SVP - St Margaret Clitherow and Our Lady of Grace The collection at St Margaret Clitherow and Our Lady of Grace for the St Vincent de Paul Society last Sunday raised £596.20, of which £284.40 was with gift aid. Many thanks for your great generosity.

Holy Masses and Services for 9th to 17th May 2026

Saturday 9th May Easter Feria	1pm Mass; HS 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	For the Parish Sick and Housebound Jose' Santiago de los Rios RIP Thomas Montgomery RIP
Sunday 10th May 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
Monday 11th May Easter Feria	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SA 10am Rosary ; SA	
Tuesday 12th May Easter Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC	Anne Valarino RIP
Wednesday 13th May Easter Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA 7pm Vigil Mass for the Ascension of the Lord; SA	Ernie Spencer RIP Sheila Brown RIP
Thursday 14th May The Ascension of The Lord	9.30am Mass for the Ascension of the Lord; OLOG 7pm Mass for the Ascension of the Lord; HS	Filomena Difrancescomarino RIP The People of the Parish
Friday 15th 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	For Fr Anthony Franey on his 65 th Anniversary of his Ordination Richard Browning and Christine Doust RIP
Saturday 16th May Easter Feria	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Mary Joseph RIP (19 th Death Anniversary) Lizzie McCartney RIP
Sunday 17th May Seventh Sunday of Easter	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	The People of the Parish Ernest Raynor Allen Wormall RIP Lily McDonnell 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.
♦ **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. ♦ **Holy Spirit Bookshop** Confirmation and First Holy Communion cards and gifts available in the shop. As well as rosaries, statues, Mass cards and cards for many occasions. Open after Saturday evening and Sunday morning Mass.

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 Margaret Clitherow ♦ **Christian Aid Week 10th to 16th May** Thank you to all who have offered to deliver envelopes in Keyworth. We have had more volunteers than ever this year, plus more envelopes! Thank you for enabling the poorest of people to be given training and support to enable them to grow their own food, protect children from hunger and nurture hope.