



Parish of The Annunciation, Rushcliffe

Serving the Churches of Holy Spirit, West Bridgford, Our Lady of Grace, Cotgrave,
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‘God will give justice to his elect, who cry to him.’

Luke 18:1-8

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR - YEAR C

Through your work, your efforts to change unjust social structures or your simple, heartfelt gesture of closeness and support, the poor will come to realize that Jesus' words are addressed personally to each of them: "I have loved you" (Rev 3:9).

A Loving Heart for All: Pope Leo XIV Invites Us to Embrace the Poor

Our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has released his first apostolic exhortation, *Dilexi te*, offering a powerful and hopeful message for all Christians. The title, Latin for "I have loved you," sets the tone for a beautiful and challenging call to action: to see the poor not as a problem to be solved, but as a cherished part of our family.

A message of continuity and hope

In this new document, Pope Leo builds on the legacy of Pope Francis and previous popes, emphasising that caring for the poor is not an optional activity but a fundamental requirement of our faith. He reminds us that Christ himself became poor for our sake and is present in the "least of these".

For our parish, this is a wonderful affirmation that our efforts—from our food bank to our outreach programs—are at the very heart of the Gospel. It's a reminder that through acts of mercy, we are not just helping others; we are encountering Christ himself.

Seeing Christ in our neighbours

The Pope encourages a "change in mentality" that moves us away from indifference and toward a deeper recognition of every person's dignity. He highlights the many "faces of poverty", which include not only a lack of material goods but also social exclusion and marginalisation.

This message is an invitation for all of us to look at our community with fresh eyes. Who are the people on the peripheries of our own lives? It could be the elderly neighbour who needs a visit, the family struggling to make ends meet, or the lonely person who sits quietly in the back pew. By simply seeing and acknowledging them, we answer Pope Leo's call to bring them into our family.

A legacy of saints and service

Dilexi te is filled with inspiring stories of saints throughout history who dedicated their lives to the poor, from St. Francis of Assisi to St. Teresa of Calcutta. These examples show us that love for the poor has always been at the heart of the Church's mission and that every act of charity, no matter how small, can be a powerful force for change.

An action plan for our parish

As we reflect on Pope Leo's message, let us be inspired to renew our commitment to service. This week, consider how you can put his words into action:

Volunteer: Give an hour or two of your time to our parish's outreach programs.

Pray: Remember those who are struggling in your daily prayers.

Connect: Reach out to someone in our parish you haven't spoken to before.

Pope Leo XIV's first apostolic exhortation is not a scolding but a loving call to joy. It reminds us that our faith is most vibrant and alive when we act with compassion toward those who need it most. Let's embrace his message and bring renewed hope and charity to our parish and community.

How are you going to ignite God's love around the world this World Mission Sunday?

Let us pray for those who have died recently With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner **Kieran Fitzsimmons**. His Funeral is on Wednesday 22nd October 1pm at Holy Spirit Church. Please keep his 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.



Second collection for Missio This weekend, 18th/19th October, there will be a second collection for Missio, the Holy Father's charity for world mission. This special day of prayer and giving unites Catholics worldwide in sharing the Good News of God's love and bringing hope to those in need. To donate, please use the Missio envelopes, call 020 7821 9755, or visit missio.org.uk/donate/ for online donations and Gift Aid. Thank you for your generous support.

Dilexi Te — The Holy Father's first Apostolic Exhortation (published Thursday 9 October)

The 24-page printable text and 3-page infographic are on the church noticeboard.
More resources: an overview by Cardinal Michael Czerny SJ; presentations by Fr Frédéric-Marie Le Méhauté and Sr Clémence; and a concise synthesis. Explore and download everything on our parish website.



In Loving Memory of Christine Marquina We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Christine Marquina, who died on Saturday, 27th September 2025. Christine was a devoted and long-serving member of St Anne's, giving around 25 years of faithful service in many ways — including as our Parish Safeguarding Representative, arranging the church flowers, and leading Bible readings. St Anne's was truly her second home. **Funeral details:** Reception into Church — Wednesday, 22nd October, at 6:00 pm; Requiem — Thursday, 23rd October, at 11:30 am (Both at St Anne's Church). Please keep Christine and her family in your prayers. May she rest in the peace of Christ.



Requiem Mass of Remembrance

Saturday 15th November, 11am at Holy Spirit followed by light refreshments

We will celebrate a Requiem Mass of Remembrance to honour and pray for loved ones who have died during the past year. During the Mass, each loved one's name will be read aloud, and a family member is welcome to light a candle on the altar in their memory.

If you would like to confirm that a name is on the list, please contact the Parish Office.

Join Fr John and Fr Evarist as we commend our loved ones to God's mercy, give thanks for their lives, and find comfort in our shared faith and hope in the Resurrection.

Special Novena Mass Intentions in November — Praying for Our Faithful Departed

Envelopes for the November Novena of Masses are available at the back of the church.

Please write the names of deceased family members and loved ones you would like remembered and, if you wish to make an offering, place it in the envelope, they are available at the back of the church. Completed envelopes can be returned via the collection box, the Parish Office, or handed directly to the priest.

All names will be placed on the altar and remembered at the Novena Masses throughout November.

Parish Friendship Group The Friendship Group will meet Wednesday 5th November at St Margaret Clitherow for their 'Christmas Cards and Flowers' event from 2-4pm. Menu requests are ongoing.

Thank you for your generous support of CAFOD Family Fast Day on 5th October The parish raised a total of £2180 through the collection. Your donations will help families facing poverty and hunger around the world. If you missed the collection and would still like to give, please hand envelopes in at the parish office or donate online via CAFOD. Thank you for your compassion and prayers.

Save the Date - The Old Codgers are back by popular demand Dance the night away with classic songs from down the years at our family friendly event. Sat 22nd November 2025 7.30pm – 11pm. Bar Open and Brilliant raffle. Entrance fee is a donation to CAFOD.

Holy Spirit The month of October is a special month of devotion to Our Lady of the Rosary, 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. ♦ **Our Lady of Visitation** 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. ♦ **Rosary Before Weekend Masses** The Holy Rosary will be prayed before the weekend Masses: Saturday Vigil Mass – 6:00pm; Sunday Mass – 10:30am (in Our Lady's Chapel, right-hand side of the church.) All are warmly welcome to join in prayer.

Our Lady of Grace ♦ On November 23rd Our Lady of Grace Church will be celebrating 35 wonderful years since the foundations of our beautiful church were first laid. We will be holding a Mass of Celebration followed by refreshments. There will also be other events, information to follow. We would greatly appreciate help with the following: ✓ Old photos from the past 35 years for our memory board. Food contributions for a shared table ✓ Social media content to help share our story. Raffle prizes for the event. ✓ Your contribution, large or small, will make a great difference in marking this joyful milestone. ♦ **Rosary Before Weekend Masses** The Holy Rosary will be prayed at 10.45am at our Lady of Grace on each Sunday during October.

St Anne's St Anne's next Local Team meeting is on Tuesday next, the 21st of October at 6.30pm for 7pm. All welcome. **Adoration – Winter Schedule** From Wednesday, 29th October, Adoration will be held at 4:00–5:00pm following the end of BST. There is no Adoration on 22nd October.

Holy Masses and Services for 18th to 26th October 2025

Saturday 18th October St Luke, Evangelist (Feast)	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6pm- 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Ivor Radcliffe RIP (45 th Anniversary) Repose of the Soul of Linda Stafford RIP
Sunday 19th October Twenty-Ninth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Christine Marquina RIP Una Karai RIP Ian Black RIP The People of the Parish
Monday 20th October Feria	9.30am Service ; SA	
Tuesday 21st October Feria	9.30am Service ; SMC	
Wednesday 22nd October Feria	1pm Requiem ; HS 6pm Reception ; SA	Kieran Fitzsimmons RIP Christine Marquina RIP
Thursday 23rd October Feria	11.30am Requiem ; SA	Christine Marquina RIP
Friday 24th October Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Thanksgiving for Mrs Anushka Stephen Repose of the Soul of Brian McNulty RIP, 3rd Anniversary
Saturday 25th October Feria	12pm Wedding; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Weronika and Archie Christy Angelo (Birthday Anniversary Mass) Jim Lawrenson RIP
Sunday 26th October Thirtieth Sunday of the Year	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 1pm Baptism; HS	Martin Whitehouse RIP Roy Bowes RIP The People of the Parish Alan Olley RIP Dylan and Otis Simmons

Rosary Monday 10am SA; Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9am SMC; Friday 10am SMC, 11.30am SA; Saturday 4pm SA.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 10.30am SMC, 11am SA, 6.30pm HS.
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.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMMES – ENROL NOW! Closing Date: Sunday, 23rd November

Enrolments are now open for our Parish Sacramental Preparation Programmes.

If you are a parishioner and your child is ready to prepare for the sacraments we warmly invite you to register. Let us help your family deepen their faith and share in the joy of these sacred moments.

JOIN OUR TEAM: CATECHISTS & YOUNG HELPERS NEEDED

We are seeking catechists for our First Holy Communion and Confirmation programmes. If you feel called to share your faith and guide our young people, we would love to have you join our team.

CALLING ALL YOUNG HELPERS:

If you are in Year 10 or above, have received Confirmation, and wish to serve and grow in faith and leadership, we invite you to get involved. Training and support will be provided.

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion:

For Children who are in Year 4 or above, please scan the QR code to submit your registration. Visit the Parish Website to learn more about the programme:



<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/sacraments/eucharist/>

Sacrament of Confirmation:

For young people who are in Year 9 or above. please scan the QR code to submit your registration. Visit the Parish Website to learn more about the programme:



<https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/sacraments/confirmation/>

For more information, please contact Ceci Li, Faith Formation Coordinator.

Parish RCIA Programme (Faith Journey Group) Our next meeting is on Tuesday 28th October at 7pm in the Holy Spirit Social Centre Hall. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about the Catholic faith, preparing for Baptism, Confirmation, First Eucharist, or being received into the Church, please join us. For details, contact Ceci Li at ceci.li@dioceseofnottingham.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.

♦ **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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♦ **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 new digital donation system - DONA is up and running at Holy Spirit.

Scan the QR code or visit this website
<https://donate.mydona.com/parish-of-the-annunciation> to
make your contributions online.

