



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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'He must rise from the dead.'

John 20:1-9

EASTER DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

Dear Friends,

Fr Evarist and I wish you, your families and loved ones

Every blessing for a happy and holy Easter.

May our Risen Saviour Jesus Christ

Strengthen you with his glorified presence.

Peace, John



Good Friday Collection for the Holy Places of Palestine

Dear Friends,

As we enter the sacred days of Holy Week, the Church invites us to turn our hearts in a special way to the Holy Land—the place of our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

On Good Friday, a special collection will be taken up in Catholic parishes throughout the world for the support of Christians in the Holy Land.

This year's appeal comes amid ongoing conflict and suffering. As Cardinal Claudio Gugerotti reminds us, there were hopes for peace, yet "the weapons did not fall silent," and many continue to endure violence, loss, and uncertainty.

Christian communities in the region are facing immense hardship. Many families struggle simply to remain in their homeland, and some are forced to leave. Children are deprived of stability and education, and daily life is marked by fear about the future.

The Good Friday Collection is therefore more than a charitable act—it is a concrete sign of communion with the Church in the Holy Land. Even the smallest offering, Cardinal Gugerotti reminds us, is "decisive in its meaning" and brings real help to those in need.

He urges us not to remain indifferent. Without real sacrifice and solidarity, we risk becoming passive in the face of suffering in our world.

Through this collection, we help sustain the Christian presence in the very places where Jesus lived. We offer not only material support, but also a sign of hope to those who continue to witness to the Gospel under difficult and often dangerous conditions.

I warmly encourage you to give generously this Good Friday, according to your means. Let this be part of our Lenten journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Let us also continue to pray fervently for peace in the Holy Land and for all who suffer because of war.

Yours in Christ, Peace, John



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

♦ **Easter Flowers Appeal from Flower Arranging Team** If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one to be included in the Easter flower arrangements in church please donate WHITE Lilies, or carnations, or roses, or spray carnations. We would welcome greenery too. Please leave your flowers and greenery in the buckets of water provided in the narthex from Thursday evening up until 10 am on Easter Saturday.

Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Walk of Witness on Friday 3rd April** Join us for the Walk of Witness around Cotgrave, beginning at 12 noon from Our Lady of Grace. The walk will conclude back at the church, where simple refreshments suitable for a fast day will be provided. All are warmly welcome. ♦ **Fairtrade** I would like to wish all our parishioners an Easter full of peace and joy and to thank everyone who generously supported the last Fairtrade stall. Sales throughout the month and on the day amounted to £141.70 and in addition there were £30 in donations for the food bank. The next stall will be held on the 19th of April, but please ask me if you would like anything before then. Thanks again. Lynn Harrison.

St Anne ♦ **Appeal for new volunteer for St Anne's Flower Team** To maintain the display of church flower arrangements, we are asking for more people to consider being a volunteer and join our team. Do we wish for a blank canvas or welcome the value of Flower Arrangements in representing - "The Garden of Creation".

Holy Masses and Services for 4th to 12th April 2026

Saturday 4th April Holy Saturday The Easter Vigil	8pm Mass; SA 8pm Mass; HS	Anne Snayde The People of The Parish
Sunday 5th April Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Catherine Kitchen RIP David Bagshaw RIP Terry Johnstone RIP Filomena Difrancescomarino RIP
Monday 6th April Monday within the Octave of Easter	9.30am Mass; HS 11am Mass; SA 10.30am Rosary ; SA	Sheila Crowe RIP Celia Radcliffe, Birthday Intentions
Tuesday 7th April Tuesday within the Octave of Easter	10.30am Rosary ; SMC 11am Mass; SMC	Alastair Armstrong RIP
Wednesday 8th April Wednesday within the Octave of Easter	9am Rosary ; SMC 10.30am Rosary ; HS 11am Mass; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	Repose of the Soul of Zofia Swiderska RIP
Thursday 9th April Thursday within the Octave of Easter	9.30am Service of Word and Communion; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life ; HS	
Friday 10th April Friday within the Octave of Easter	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 2.45pm Funeral ; OLOG 5pm Rosary ; OLOG 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Benediction ; HS 7pm Mass/Service; HS	Angela Beves' Intentions Mrs Joan Turner RIP For our parish volunteers
Saturday 11th April Saturday within the Octave of Easter	4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Jennifer Jennings RIP Paul Moran RIP (Birthday Anniversary)
Sunday 12th April Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Repose of the Soul of Linda Barnes RIP Clare and Sarah Thomson RIP For Alo's Intentions 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

Parish Friendship Group - The next meeting for the parish Friendship Group will be at St Anne's meeting room on Wednesday 8th April from 2-4pm and Jason King will be speaker at the meeting.

Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Please visit our parish website (<https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>) for full details. ♦ **FEAST OF DIVINE MERCY** Sunday 12th April 2026 at Our Lady of Perpetual Succour Church, Brooklyn Rd, Bulwell Nottingham NG6 9ES. ♦ **The Archives Department's Open Day** on Friday 17th April 2-6pm at the McGuinness Centre, Brooklyn Road, Nottingham NG6 9ES. ♦ **Online formation course - Encountering Jesus in the Gospels: how to lead groups in reflective prayer organised by the Jesuit Institute** Tuesday evenings between April and June ♦ **Diocesan Pilgrimage to Walsingham** Saturday 20th June 2026. A coach pick up from Sacred Heart Church, Carlton or Good Shepherd, Arnold. If you would like to book a place, please email ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk or telephone 0115 9116266. ♦ **Nottingham SPUC holds a peaceful public act of witness** on Saturday 25th April from 10.00am until midday at Trent Bridge Nottingham. ♦ **Vacancies:** Stella Maris is seeking a Regional Community Engagement Officer for the North of England ; Nottingham Diocesan Catholic Youth Service (NDCYS) is looking for a new Programme Leader to be based at The Briars Retreat Centre in Crich, Derbyshire.

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent

- St Margaret Clitherow: 3rd April 7pm (lead by Eucharistic Ministers)

The Easter Triduum & Easter Sunday Mass

Maundy Thursday, Thursday 2nd April

- 7pm, St Anne; Holy Spirit, Mass of The Lord's Supper followed by watching at the altar of repose until 10pm

Good Friday, Friday 3rd April

- 3pm, St Anne; Holy Spirit, The Passion of the Lord

The Easter Vigil, Saturday 4th April

- 8pm, St Anne; Holy Spirit (Sacraments of Initiation), Easter Vigil Mass

The Easter Sunday Mass, 5th April

- 9am, St Anne; St Margaret Clitherow
- 11am, Holy Spirit; Our Lady of Grace



Other Lenten Events Nearby Parishes and Resources (Full details on parish website:

<https://www.parihoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/lent-holy-week-and-easter-2026>)

◆ All are welcome to an **Ecumenical Act of Witness**, joining Bishop Patrick, Lord-Lieutenant Professor Veronica Pickering, and other Faith Leaders, on Good Friday, 3rd April. Pilgrims are invited to gather at Saint Barnabas Cathedral at 9.45am for a 10.00am start, processing from the Cathedral, stopping at the Old Market Square, and then continuing to Saint Mary's Church in the Lace Market, finishing by 12.00 noon. Do consider joining this Act of Witness to highlight Good Friday in our wider community.

Easter Offerings to our Priests As is traditional, there is a collection to provide a gift to our Priests. If you would like to contribute to this, please put the gift in an envelope which is available in our churches or you can donate through digital donation system at Holy Spirit. If you would like to do this by bank transfer please mark the online payment as Easter Offering. Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Office Closure – Easter Please note that the Parish Office will be closed from midday on Wednesday 1st April and will reopen on Thursday 9th April. Thank you for your understanding.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Easter Mass Arrangements

In order to comply with Health and Safety regulations, seating in churches during Easter services will be limited once capacity, as determined by an official Fire Risk Assessment, is reached. We kindly ask you to plan your attendance accordingly. Please note the following important guidance to help ensure a safe and welcoming celebration for everyone:

Capacity and Safety

- The maximum capacity for each church is determined by an official Fire Risk Assessment. Our Greeters will gently guide attendance to ensure this is observed.
- Church aisles must be kept clear at all times, as they serve as emergency exits.

Pushchairs

- If your child can be safely lifted out, we kindly ask that pushchairs be folded and placed in a designated area where possible.
- Families who prefer to keep their child in a pushchair are welcome to use the additional space (where available), helping to keep aisles clear and accessible for everyone.
- If you need any assistance or would like to discuss arrangements, please speak with a Greeter.

Wheelchairs and Mobility Needs

- Greeters will be happy to assist you in finding suitable and comfortable seating.

When the Church Reaches Capacity

- Once a church reaches its safe capacity, additional attendees may be directed to an overflow area (where available), so they can still participate in the Mass.

Please remember that our Greeters are volunteers who are here to support everyone's safety and comfort. We kindly ask that they be treated with patience and respect.

Arrangements for Holy Spirit Church: For the Masses on Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, the Social Centre Hall will be available as an additional space. Mass will be live-streamed there, and Holy Communion will be brought to those attending in the Hall.

Thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and care for one another.

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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**

◆ **Gift Aid:** If you are a UK taxpayer, please consider to gift aid your donation, complete the Gift Aid Declaration: <https://parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/Annunciation-Standing-Order-Form-1.pdf>

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

Scan the QR code or visit this website

<https://donate.myдона.com/parish-of-the-annunciation> to
make your contributions online.

