



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 was known to them in the breaking of the bread.'

Luke 24:13-35

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

Fr Evarist will be on holiday from 19th to 27th April and will return to the parish on 28th April. Please keep him in your prayers, that this may be a time of rest, renewal, and refreshment.

Dear brothers and sisters,

It has been a great joy and a true grace to be with you during this Holy Week and the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. These are the most beautiful and profound days of our faith, and sharing them with you has meant so much to me.

From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for your many emails, messages, cards, prayers, greetings, and for your warm welcome and understanding during my time of illness. Your kindness and support have been a great source of strength and consolation. I would also like to express my heartfelt thanks to Fr Evarist for taking such good care of the parish during my absence, and to Fr Philip Thomas Edwards for his devoted service throughout Holy Week, bringing life and spirit to our parish celebrations.

There is a moment in this reflection that beautifully captures the spirit of these sacred days: I look forward, with hope and renewed strength, to returning in full health, so that we may continue to walk together as one parish family, growing in faith and love. I gently ask for your continued prayers and patience as I regain my strength, trusting that the Lord, who walks with us, will guide us each step of the way. With my heartfelt thanks and prayers for each of you.

Peace, John

Join Us in Prayer: Holy Hour for the Dignity of Life, Sunday 19th April 4.30pm To support the initiative of the Catholic Bishops of England and Wales, parishes and Catholic communities across the country are invited to hold a Holy Hour on Sunday 19th April at 4.30pm (this coming Sunday), praying for the promotion of a culture of life in our lands. All of our churches will be open and will hold a Holy Hour for the dignity of life. Please join in this united prayer for the dignity of life from conception to natural end, and that assisted suicide will not become law.

Mass for the Sick and Housebound - Saturday 9th May, 1:00pm at Holy Spirit. Join Fr. John and Fr. Evarist for a special Mass which includes the Sacrament of the Sick for those in need.

The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick is a sacred Catholic sacrament that offers spiritual strength, healing, and comfort to those facing illness. It provides grace for those experiencing physical or emotional suffering.

Fr. John and Fr. Evarist will administer the Sacrament at Holy Spirit on Saturday 9th May at 1:00pm.

Following the Mass light refreshments will be available in the Social Centre. If you are able to assist in any way (e.g. greeting), your support would be greatly appreciated—please contact the Parish Office for more details. All are welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!



Our Parish Mass for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Saturday, 23rd May at Holy Spirit Church during the 6:30 pm Vigil Mass. This year, we are blessed to have 27 candidates receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. As this is a special occasion for the candidates and their families, some seating will be reserved. We kindly ask for your understanding and cooperation, as seating may be limited. Please keep our candidates in your prayers as they prepare to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

Continuing the Journey: Reflections from Our Newly Confirmed Reflections and personal testimonies from our newly confirmed candidates are now available on the parish website and will continue to be updated. A special booklet will be printed at a later date once we have received more reflection stories. You are warmly invited to visit the post on the parish website (<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/faith-journeys-reflections-from-our-newly-confirmed>) and to keep our candidates in your prayers as they continue their journey of faith.



Let us pray for Pete Emery who has died recently Please remember In your prayers Pete Emery ex Becket who died suddenly last Sunday, 12th April.









New nursery opening at St Edmund Campion Primary, West Bridgford – September 2026

We're pleased to share that St Edmund Campion will be opening a new nursery on our school site in September 2026. This is part of the national Best Start programme, funded by the Department for Education to give every child a strong start and improve early years provision, including for children with SEND. We will share more information with families during the spring and summer term. If you have any questions, please contact the school office. Please also keep an eye on our website: www.stedmundcampion.com for updates.



Holy Masses and Services for 18th to 26th April 2026

Saturday 18th April Easter Feria	3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	The People of the Parish Vera Lawne RIP
Sunday 19th April Third Sunday of Easter	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 4.30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA, SMC, HS and OLOG	James Philip RIP (27 th Anniversary) Sheila Ferrar RIP Mary Jahina RIP (Birthday Anniversary) Fr John Abbott RIP A Holy Hour on the Dignity of Human Life
Monday 20th April Easter Feria	1pm Requiem Mass ; SA 	Daniel O'Doherty RIP
Tuesday 21st April Easter Feria	9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; SMC	
Wednesday 22nd April Easter Feria	9am Rosary; SMC 9am Rosary; HS 9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; HS 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA	
Thursday 23rd April St George, Martyr, Patron of England (Solemnity)	9.30am Service of Word and Communion ; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life ; HS 	
Friday 24th April 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 Service of Word and Communion ; SA 5pm Rosary ; OLOG 6pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; HS 7pm Service of Word and Communion ; HS	
Saturday 25th April St Mark, Evangelist (Feast)	4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Repose of the Soul of Thomas Wright RIP Kevin Bratt RIP
Sunday 26th April Fourth Sunday of Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday)	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Sue Price and Family The People of the Parish Pete Emery RIP Alan Olley 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.
♦ **Holy Spirit Cricket Club** Would you like to get involved with the Parish cricket team? We play friendlies on weekday evenings/Sundays against other churches, work teams & clubs. We have a practice coming up on Tues 28th April and lots of games planned for the summer. New players of any standard are welcome. Although we are called Holy Spirit, parishioners from any of our four churches are most welcome, as are family & friends, including juniors aged 13+. If you would like to know more, contact David at David.Paton@nottingham.ac.uk 0795 405 4778.
Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Fairtrade** The next stall will be held on the 19th of April. Thanks again. Lynn Harrison.

Second Collection on 25th / 26th April for the Clergy Formation Fund Next weekend's second collection will be for the Clergy Formation Fund, thank you for your continued generosity and prayers.

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. ♦ **Annual Saint Augustine Webster Diocesan Melwood Pilgrimage** to the site of Melwood Abbey will be celebrated by Bishop Patrick on Saturday 2nd May, at 12 noon. ♦ **Online Retreat in the lead up to Pentecost**, Saturday 16th to 23rd May, held by the Jesuit Institute. ♦ **Marriage Care** is a Catholic organisation specialising in relationship support and is currently looking for those who are empathetic, understanding and have an enthusiasm for supporting adult relationships, to train for the Certificate in Relationship Counselling (CRC) and volunteer.