



# 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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**‘Eight days later, Jesus came.’**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY (YEAR C)**

John: 20:19-31

## Pope Francis 1936-2025

We are deeply saddened by the passing of our beloved Pope Francis.

Let us unite in prayer for the happy repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for the Church he so faithfully served. May his soul rest in the peace and mercy of God.

Our churches will be open to all who wish to spend time in prayer for the repose of his soul.

**Holy Spirit:** open daily, from 9am to 4pm

**Our Lady of Grace:** Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th April, from 10am to 12 (noon)

**St Anne:** open daily

**St Margaret Clitherow:** Thursday and Friday 24th and 25th April, from 9am to 12 (noon)



Here is the list of services marking the death and celebrating the life of Pope Francis:

### Vespers for the Dead | Holy Spirit

Friday 25th April 7pm

*Adoration at 6.30pm and followed by Vespers and then Mass at 7.30pm*

### Diocesan Requiem Mass for His Holiness Pope Francis | Saint Barnabas Cathedral

Saturday 26th April at 6.30pm

### Solemn Vespers | Saint Barnabas Cathedral

Friday 25th April at 7.00pm

### Parish Requiem Mass | St Margaret Clitherow

Sunday 27th April at 9am

There is also an opportunity to sign a Diocesan Online Book of Remembrance (<https://www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/pope-francis-requiescat-in-pace>). There will be a Book of Remembrance in each of our churches as well.

For details about services taking place across our diocese—including a list of churches and prayer times—please visit our [parish website](#) or [the diocesan website](#).



## Divine Mercy Sunday 27th APRIL - Our Lady's

The celebration begins at 2.30pm and ends with Benediction at 3.45pm. Talk given by Rev Robbie O'Callaghan. Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available for 1 hour after the service. Please come and join us. For more information, contact Madeleine on 0115 9277893 or Teresa on 07733224700.

## Mass for the Sick and Housebound - 10th 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 10th May at 1:00pm.

Following the Mass light refreshments will be available in the Social Centre. If you are able to assist with greeting or serving refreshments 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!

## Easter Offerings to our Priests

Fr John and Fr Evarist The clergy are deeply grateful for your generous Easter offerings. Your support is a valued sign of appreciation for their ministry. May the Risen Lord bless you and your loved ones with joy, peace, and renewed faith this Easter season and always.

Dear Friends,

Greetings from Assisi. Where today we visited the tombs of Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare and soon to be (Saint) Blessed Carlo Acutis.

What a journey of faith! Francis was born 1181 and Clare 1194 and Carlo Acutis 1991. And these three very different people all followed and focused on Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. May we all continue to hold dear the privilege of receiving Jesus in Holy Communion. May Jesus continue to outpour his ocean of Divine Mercy upon you and your families this Divine Mercy Sunday.

Remembering you all in our love and prayers as we prepare for our late Holy Father Pope Francis funeral on Saturday. Every blessing from Assisi!

Peace, John

Picture (from left to right): Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Clare (source: Fr John), and the soon-to-be (Saint) Blessed Carlo Acutis (source: <https://ewtn.co.uk/>)



### Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation 19th April 2025

We congratulate nineteen members of our community who were baptised : Alice, Catherine, Confidence, David, Jesse, Joseph, Leanna, Lucas, Luke, Mark, Martha, Raymond, Rekha, Roshan, Sylvia, Vereena, Zechariah, Zoe; or received into the Church this Easter : Catherine Laboure. Their desire for faith encourages us all. We wish them much joy in belonging to the parish and the whole Catholic Church.



**Calling All Readers – Experienced, New, or Aspiring!** We warmly invite you to our upcoming Parish Readers Refresher Session—a welcoming space for all who currently serve, are new to reading, or feel called to be part of this ministry. This session is designed to foster collaboration, share best practices, and strengthen the spirit of unity in our community. Together, we'll reflect, learn, and grow as we continue to proclaim God's word with confidence and grace.

This is an interactive workshop which will feature group discussions, experience sharing, and collaborative learning. You'll have the opportunity to explore key areas of our ministry, identify what works best, and even practice proclamation techniques with your peers.

**Workshop Details: Saturday, 17th May | 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM | St Margaret Clitherow, Keyworth**

If you'd like to join—or need more information—please contact your Reader Group Leader or the Parish Office.





Note: Participants under 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**NATIONAL JUBILEE 2025 COLLECTION FOR NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF WALSINGHAM** The Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales have approved a special National Collection, to take place in parishes across England. It will take place in our parish on the weekend of 26th/27th April 2025. This is dedicated to supporting the Jubilee initiatives and projects at the Catholic National Shrine and Basilica of Our Lady of Walsingham. These initiatives aim to enhance the Jubilee pilgrim experience and further the spiritual mission of the Shrine.



## Holy Masses and Services for 26th April to 4th May 2025

<b>Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Saturday within the Octave of Easter</b>	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Dympna Kitchin- For a good recovery Kevin Bratt RIP
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday</b>	9am Mass; SA  9am Parish Requiem Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Angela Beves' Special Intentions For His Holiness Pope Francis In memory of Ben Connery RIP Sarah Teresa Smith RIP
<b>Monday 28th April</b> <b>St George, Martyr, Patron of England</b>	9.30am Mass; SA	D. Muldoon (Healing)
<b>Tuesday 29th April</b> <b>St Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor, Patron of Europe</b>	9.30am Mass; SMC	Julia Coyle RIP
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	9.30am Mass; HS	Vincent Taylor RIP
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b> <b>Easter Feria</b>	No Mass	
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b> <b>St Athanasius, bishop and doctor</b>	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Damian Kildare RIP Kathy Dodson RIP
<b>Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> May</b> <b>Sts. Philip and James, Apostles</b>	3.30-4.15pm Confessions, SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confessions, HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Catherine Kitchen RIP  Mary Lyons RIP
<b>Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b> <b>Third Sunday of Easter</b>	9am Mass; SA   9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	In loving memory of Nora Theresa Kelly RIP, from her sister Josie Curtis Family Jim Harrington The People of the Parish

**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** Monday 10.30am SA; Wednesday 6pm SA; 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

### Growing in Faith Together

We're grateful for the many ways we've deepened our spiritual lives this Lent—through Bible reflections, Psalms, Scripture readings, and prayerful reflection on the Last Seven Words of Jesus. These moments have nourished our faith and drawn us closer to God and each other.

Don't miss out the Scripture Sharing Group at St Anne, Radcliffe, it will resume on Monday 28th April 2pm-3pm.

**Stay Connected!** We'd love your input—what topics interest you? How can we support your faith journey?

Share your thoughts or connect with our Faith Formation Coordinator. Subscribe for updates and opportunities to get involved:

<https://forms.office.com/e/nAHQjifQDis>.



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**QMC:** 0115 9249924 (ext. 83799) **City:** 0115 9691169 (ext.837) or email: [contactachaplain@nuh.nhs.uk](mailto: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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◆ **New! 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.

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