



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 went and washed and received his sight.'

John 9:1-41

Fourth Week of Lent - Year A

World Day of Prayer Service – Friday 6th March

Many thanks to everyone who organised and took part in this year's World Day of Prayer services, held at St Anne's and Holy Spirit. We are also grateful to St Margaret Clitherow and Our Lady of Grace for supporting other churches hosting services in Keyworth and Cotgrave.

This was a wonderful collective effort across the churches in our local community, bringing people together in prayer and fellowship.

Below are reflections shared by parishioners and participants who attended the services.

St Anne's Shared by Mary Walker

Over 50 people gathered at St Anne's Church for the ecumenical service, which this year focused on Nigeria. We were blessed to have two Nigerian parishioners, Adora and Praise, take part in the service wearing colourful traditional dress.

The reading from Matthew 11:28–30, "Come to me, all you who are weary... and I will give you rest," reminded us of God's promise of comfort and strength. The service reflected on challenges faced in Nigeria, particularly for women, including poverty, marginalisation, and religious persecution.

Our Nigerian friends sang one song in their own language and joined in the Lord's Prayer in their mother tongue, which was a moving moment. Afterwards, refreshments were served, including Nigerian treats, with the puff-puffs proving especially popular.



Holy Spirit Shared by Tim and Roz Connery

We attended a very moving and memorable World Day of Prayer service at Holy Spirit Church, prepared by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Nigeria. During the service, we heard the stories of four Nigerian women who strive to support and care for their families despite poverty, injustice, violence, and crime. Through their struggles, they continue to find strength and comfort in the love of God.

Their faith and resilience were truly inspiring and a powerful reminder to all of us.








Let us pray for those who have died recently

With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Joyce Hewitt, Eileen Dobson and Terry Johnstone. Eileen's Requiem is on 23rd March 3pm at Holy Spirit. Please keep their families 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 14th / 15th March for the Becket school Sixth Form students, who are travelling on a Pilgrimage to Lourdes later this year.

Holy Masses and Services for 14th to 22nd March 2026

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| Saturday 14th March Lenten Feria | 4pm Rosary ; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS | Rosy Francis and Family Margaret Foreman RIP |
| Sunday 15th March Fourth Sunday of Lent – Laetare Sunday | 9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG | Eammon Murray RIP The People of the Parish Frank Dolan (Anniversary Mass) Brian McKerr RIP |
| Monday 16th March Lenten Feria | 9.30am Mass; SA 10am Rosary ; SA | Brendan Moran RIP |
| Tuesday 17th March St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland | 9am Rosary ; SMC 9.30am Mass; SMC | Safe Confinement for Suki Holman |
| Wednesday 18th March Lenten Feria | 9am Rosary ; SMC 9am Rosary ; HS 9.30am Mass; HS 4pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SA | For Nicole, speedy recovery |
| Thursday 19th March Lenten Feria | 9.30am Service of Word and Communion; OLOG 7pm Rosary for Vocations to Religious Life; HS  | |
| Friday 20th March Lenten Feria | 10am Rosary ; SMC 10.30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament ; SMC 11am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Stations of the Cross; SA 12pm Mass; SA 5pm Rosary ; OLOG 6.15pm Stations of the Cross; HS 7pm Mass; HS 7pm Stations of the Cross; SMC | Lizzie Montgomery RIP (1 st Anniversary) Rosie RIP |
| Saturday 21st March Lenten Feria | 3.30 - 4.15pm Confessions; SA 4pm Rosary; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 6 - 6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS | Mavis Adams RIP The People of the Parish |
| Sunday 22nd March Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday) | 9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG 12pm Stations of the Cross; OLOG | Chrissie Norris RIP Repose of the Soul of John Carlin RIP Joyce Madden RIP Piera Onesta 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 Grace ♦ **Fairtrade** The next stall will be on the 22nd of March, but as usual please ask me if you want to purchase anything before then. Lynn Harrison ♦ Our Lady of Grace Church will be kept open for prayers for peace every Thursday. This will continue until the war with Iran ceases.

The Nottingham Diocesan Yearbook 2026 is now available at the back of all churches. Copies cost £6 each.

Upcoming Events in the Diocese of Nottingham and Nearby Parishes Please visit our parish website (<https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/post/upcoming-events-in-the-diocese-of-nottingham-and-nearby-parishes>) for full details.

♦ A Dominican Young Adults Study Day focusing on the Sacrament of Confession is being held on Saturday 14th March, between 10.00am and 4.30pm, at Holy Cross, Leicester.

♦ A retreat for singles, dating, and engaged young adults who want to think more deeply about relationships and the call to marriage, will be held at the Christian Heritage Centre, Lancashire, on Saturday 2nd and Sunday 3rd May.

♦ Forming Catholic Student Leaders consists of two summer courses exploring faith, ethics and leadership for sixth form students, offered by the Christian Heritage Centre at Stonyhurst. Location & Schedule: Ribble Valley Monday 10th – Saturday 15th August for Year 12; Sunday 5th – Friday 10th July for Year 13).

Key Highlights of Lent Services

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent

- St Anne: 20th March, 27th, 11am Adoration, 11.30am Stations of the Cross, Midday Mass or Service of the Word and Communion
- Holy Spirit: 20th March (lead by SVP), 27th (lead by Confirmation Group), 6.15pm Stations of the Cross, 7pm Mass
- St Margaret Clitherow: 20th March (lead by Readers), 3rd April 7pm (lead by Eucharistic Ministers)
- Our Lady of Grace : After Sunday Mass (12pm)



Please find full details of the Lent Services and Lenten Course at Our Lady of Grace and St Margaret Clitherow on the parish website or on the notice board at the back of all churches. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

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

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

◆ **Lenten Women's Retreat** being held on Saturday 21st March at Holy Family Church, Blenheim Drive, Allestree DE22 2LG, between 10.00am and 4.00pm. ◆ **Men's Retreat** on Saturday 28th March between 9.45am and 3.45pm, at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey, Coalville.

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 1 April and will reopen on Thursday 9 April. Thank you for your understanding.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: In order to comply with Health and Safety regulations, during Easter Services seating in the church may be limited once capacity is reached. We kindly ask you to plan your visit accordingly, full details of the Lent Services are available on the parish website or on the notice board at the back of all churches. For further information, please contact the Parish Office.

CAFOD's Update ◆ **LENT WALK on Sunday 22nd March** everyone is invited. We are meeting at 2pm at Wilford Village tram stop. We will do short walk around the river and then back to Pat and Patrick's for a cup of tea. No charge for the refreshments just a donation to CAFOD. ◆ **CAFOD Easter Chicks** are now on sale after Mass in all four churches in our parish. We have kept the price down to £2 a chick. Thank you for your support. ◆ **Thank You for Your Generosity** A total of £2,905 was raised across the parish for the CAFOD Family Fast Day collection. Thank you for your generosity and continued support of CAFOD's work.

Parish Bereavement Ministry Group We are moving forward in establishing a Bereavement Ministry group in the Annunciation parish. The second training session will take place at St Margaret Clitherow Church on 19 March, 2.00 – 3.30pm, exploring what is involved in planning a Catholic funeral liturgy. All are welcome, even if you are unsure about joining the ministry. Please consider being part of this valuable service. For questions, contact Ceci Li. Leaflets with further details are available at the back of the church or on the parish website: <https://www.parishoftheannunciationrushcliffe.co.uk/news>

In June 2025 MPs voted for an extreme amendment to the Crime and Policing Bill, which would allow women to abort an unborn baby for any reason (including gender), up to birth. If passed this amendment will remove all legal protection for babies. This policy was not in any manifesto and was passed with less than two hours' debate. As Catholics, we must oppose this horrendous assault on vulnerable unborn life. The bill is due to be debated in the House of Lords on Wednesday 18th March. As a matter of urgency, please write to members of the Lords, asking them to reject this barbaric proposal. If you aren't sure what to say or whom to write to visit www.spuc.org.uk/abortion-decriminalisation or contact pro-life@dioceseofnottingham.uk

The Abortion Recovery Care and Helpline (ARCH) is starting a **Post Abortion Women's Support Group** from April in central Nottingham, for women affected by abortion. Run by a qualified therapist, the group offers a safe space to meet with other women in a supportive and helpful way, with confidentiality, no judgement, and free of charge. If it has been at least six months since your experience and you would like more information email clare@archtrust.org.uk including a mobile number (ARCH and abortion will not be mentioned in any texts).

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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.

