



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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‘Jesus was led by the Spirit in the wilderness and tempted by the devil’.

Luke 6:39-45

First Sunday of Lent

Holy Masses and Services for 8th to 16th March 2025

Saturday 8th March Lenten Feria	11am <i>Baptism</i> ; HS 4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Alice Lucy Williams Sophie Emily Williams The People of The Parish Birthday Mass for Lena Woolley
Sunday 9th March First Sunday of Lent	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG	Pedro Marquina (Birthday Intentions) Margaret Allen RIP Mrs Rose Jandrell RIP Alan Olley RIP
Monday 10th March Lenten Feria	9.30am Mass; SA	Jacqueline Gilbert RIP
Tuesday 11th March Lenten Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC 11.30am <i>Funeral Mass</i> ; HS	Breffitt Family Kathleen Dodson RIP
Wednesday 12th March Lenten Feria	9.30am Mass; HS	Joanne Surguy
Thursday 13th March Lenten Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Friday 14th March Lenten Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	David Erlam RIP Repose of the Soul of Mal McNulty RIP
Saturday 15th March Lenten Feria	9am <i>Baptism</i> ; HS 11am <i>Baptism</i> ; HS 3.30-4.15pm Confessions; SA 4.30pm Mass; SA 5.30-6.15pm Confessions; HS 6.30pm Mass; HS	Gabriel and Duarte Saraiva Da Rocha Tonim Xavier Dennis and Paris Zarena Belle Parker The People of The Parish Dave Muldoon (Senior) and Family
Sunday 16th March Second Sunday of Lent	9am Mass; SA 9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS 11am Mass; OLOG 1pm <i>Baptism</i> ; HS	Jimmy Greany RIP Czesia Gan RIP Joyce Madden RIP Brian McKerr RIP Liliana Chmiel

Rosary: Tuesday 9am SMC; Wednesday 9am HS; 9.30am SMC; Friday 10.15am SMC; Saturday 4pm SA.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesday 4pm SA; Friday 10.30am SMC; 11am SA.

This week in the parish:

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.

Toddler Group Thursday 10am; HS (Term-time only)

Prayer for the health of Pope Francis (from CAFOD)

Loving and Merciful God, We come before You in prayer, lifting up Your servant, Pope Francis, in his time of need. You are the Source of all healing, and we ask You to surround him with Your loving presence, granting him strength and recovery. May Your divine grace rest upon him, restoring his health and filling him with renewed vigor to continue leading Your Church with compassion and wisdom.

“But I will restore you to health and heal your wounds, declares the Lord.” (Jeremiah 30:17)

We place Pope Francis into Your hands, trusting in Your eternal care. May he be comforted by the love of the Church and the prayers of all the faithful. We ask, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, that his recovery be swift, and his spirit be strengthened in Your peace. May Your will be done in his life, O Lord, and may Your healing power be with him always.

We offer this prayer in the name of Your Son, Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



Dear Friends

As we begin our Lenten journey, we often do so with a renewed spirit and trust in God. This Lent let us look for the JOY in this Holy Season. The Joy that Jesus so desires for each one of us. As we embark on our journey, let us do so in the spirit of fasting, praying, and almsgiving, as these are the three central practices in our Christian tradition during Lent, and they can bring joy in profound and meaningful ways. Here's how each practice can contribute to your joy during this season:

Fasting: Spiritual Clarity: By fasting you voluntarily give up something, often food or indulgences, which can help clear distractions and refocus your mind and heart on God. This simplification brings clarity, allowing you to be more attuned to God's presence and His voice. The joy comes from experiencing a deeper connection to your faith and finding peace in the quiet moments that fasting creates.

Prayer: Deepened Relationship with God: Prayer during Lent offers a time for intimate communication with God. This connection nurtures your soul and brings peace. The joy in prayer comes from knowing you're being heard, and that God's presence is guiding you throughout the season.

Almsgiving: Generosity and Compassion: Almsgiving involves sharing with others, especially those in need. The joy that comes from giving is twofold: first, you experience the deep satisfaction of helping others, and second, you recognize the interconnectedness of humanity. Your generosity becomes an act of love that brings joy not only to the recipient but also to you as the giver.

When combined, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving create a holistic Lenten experience that transforms your heart and mind. Fasting disciplines the body, prayer nurtures the spirit, and almsgiving strengthens the bonds of love and community. The joy comes from the personal growth, renewal, and deeper relationship with God and others that these practices foster. Through Lent, you are invited to empty yourself, making space for God's grace, and that emptiness is filled with the joy that comes from His love and His presence.

Have a blessed and JOYFUL Lent.

Peace. Fr John

Our Lady of Grace ♦ **Fairtrade** Thank you to everyone who generously supported the February Fairtrade stall. Over £80 of Fairtrade/ethical goods were sold, with half of those sales coming from donations. The goods bought with donations were then directly added to the parish food bank collection. The next stall will be on the 23rd of March, but please ask me if you require anything before then. There is a lovely collection of cards on sale every week and at present they include a small selection of Easter cards.

St Anne ♦ **Bereavement Listening Group** A space for people of all backgrounds, and beliefs, to talk and listen to others, about their loss, whether recent or not so recent. The next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th March, 11am-12pm. At St Anne's Meeting Room.

St Margaret Clitherow ♦ **Each church in Keyworth and Stanton** will lead one service on Sundays in Lent at 6pm. St Margaret Clitherow is hosting the service on Sunday 16th March. ♦ **Members of Churches**

Together Keyworth are organising weekly Lent Discussion Groups based on the film CASABLANCA. One of the venues is St Margaret Clitherow Church on Thursdays at 2pm starting March 13th.



Parish Friendship Group We will meet at 2pm on Wednesday, 12th March at Holy Spirit. Fr Evarist will be our guest speaker on his journey from Tanzania to Nottingham and will deliver a Lenten reflection. All are welcome.



CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March 2025. There will be an appeal made at all churches on the 8th and 9th March and there will be a Second Collection on the 15th and 16th March. Please donate to our Family Fast Day parish collection and be a pilgrim of hope with CAFOD this Jubilee Year. You'll be supporting communities suffering the impacts of war, poverty and climate change to find solutions and hope. Use the CAFOD envelope in church or donate online at Cafod.org.uk/envelope Thank You.

Big Lent Walk for CAFOD On Saturday 29 March we plan to meet and start our Big Lent Walk at 10am, by the Ferry Inn pub, Main Road, Wilford, NG11 7AA. It will be gentle walk around the Embankment and we will end with well-deserved refreshments. Everyone is warmly invited to join the walk and perhaps do a litter pick. On this day hundreds of people in England and Wales will also be doing the Big Lent Walk, to support people who are working so hard to overcome poverty. Please see the poster at the back of Church for more information.

Easter Chicks appeal for crème eggs We are busily knitting chicks to sell for Easter and raise money for CAFOD. We desperately need donations of crème eggs to put inside them. If you would like to donate crème eggs (Aldi are the cheapest at the moment) just leave them at the back of Church and we will pick them up.

Services and Holy Mass Times during Lent

Palm Sunday

Sunday 13th April

- ♦ SA; SMC: Mass 9am
- ♦ HS; OLOG: Mass 11am



Maundy Thursday - The Mass of The Lord's Supper

Thursday 17th April

- ♦ HS; SA: Mass 7pm

Friday of the Passion of the Lord - Good Friday

Friday 18th April

- ♦ HS; SA: Passion Service 3pm

The Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter

Saturday 19th April

- ♦ HS: Mass (Sacraments of Initiation) 8pm
- ♦ SA: Mass 8pm

The Easter Day of the Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday 20th April

- ♦ SA; SMC: Mass 9am
- ♦ HS; OLOG: Mass 11am

Service of Reconciliation

Tuesday 1st April

- ♦ SMC: After Morning Mass, 10-11am

Friday 4th April

- ♦ SA: 11am - 12 noon followed by mid-day Mass

Friday 11th April

- ♦ HS: 6.30 - 7.30pm, followed by Benediction with no Mass

Stations of the Cross

- ♦ HS: FRI 14th March 6.45pm by SVP
- ♦ SA: MON 10th March 10am; FRI 14th March, 11.30am
- ♦ SMC: FRI 14th March, 6pm by Flower Group



New Community Group - Growing in Faith Together

♦ Lent is a good time to do something extra to grow in faith and prayer. Please consider coming to take part in one of the scripture sharing groups happening in the parish in Lent up until Holy Week. The first is on Monday afternoons 2pm-3pm in St Anne's, Radcliffe. The second is on Thursday afternoons in Holy Spirit social centre, 2pm-3.30pm. Both start this week and will be enjoyable and friendly. There are leaflets and posters at the back of the church. All are welcome.



♦ **Learning the Divine Office Lent 2025:** 12th March 8pm Holy Spirit Church. The Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours is the official prayer of the Church said every day all over the world. An (easy going!) group of parishioners will be learning to say evening prayer together (Vespers) on Wednesdays through Lent. If you feel you want to take part and develop your prayer life please email the Parish Office or Ceci to find out more. <https://divineoffice.org/>

Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioners Kathleen Dodson and Vincent Taylor. Kathleen's Funeral Mass is on Tuesday 11th March, 11.30am at Holy Spirit. Vincent's Funeral Mass is on Friday 28th March, 12.30pm 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.



Nottingham Cathedral Choir and Youth Choir are gearing up to perform the Bach St John Passion on Saturday 29th March at 7.45pm, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham NG1 5AE. At the start of Lent, and for those who haven't experienced the St John Passion, it is the perfect preparation for Holy Week. Since the performance falls the day before Mothering Sunday, the Choirs are offering 10% off tickets if you are treating your mum! This discount is available until 19th March; simply use the code MUM10 at the checkout.

The Diocesan Women's Lent Retreat returns to Nottingham this year on Saturday 5th April. The theme of the retreat is 'The Sacred Heart: An Icon of Hope' and it will be given by Canon Jonathan Cotton, a fantastic retreat leader. Good Shepherd Church, Nottingham (NG5 4HT) will host the retreat which will include Holy Mass, Talks, confession, social time and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

Annual Men's Retreat Join men from across the diocese on Saturday 12th April for our annual Men's Retreat, once again at Mount Saint Bernard Abbey. The theme of the retreat is 'The Journey Through Holy Week' and it will be given by Father John Farrell OP, former provincial of the Dominican Order. The retreat will include Holy Mass in the Abbey, Talks, confession, guided adoration and more. The cost of the day is £15, please bring a packed lunch. For more details and to book please see the poster in church or visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

A DAY LENTEN RETREAT: A SEASON OF HOPE AND REJOICING - ORGANISED BY THE FRIENDS OF NANO CORE GROUP

Join us on a sacred Lenten journey with Fr. Chris Thomas - a Priest of the Archdiocese of Liverpool, Director of the Irenaeus Project, author, and inspirational speaker - who will guide us in reflecting on sacrifice, renewal, and the joy of drawing closer to Christ. In this Jubilee Year : "Pilgrims of Hope", embrace God's mercy, and discover how this season of repentance brings us closer to the ultimate celebration of Easter. Through prayer, scripture, and fellowship, let us deepen our faith, be renewed in hope, and rejoice in His love. All are welcome! Registering via email at associates@pbvmengland.co.uk or call 07565 171482

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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. For the purposes of setting up a regular donation via your online banking, the parish bank details are: **Annunciation Rushcliffe**

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