



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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‘As Jesus was praying, the appearance of his face was altered’.

Luke 9:28b-36

Second Sunday of Lent

Holy Masses and Services for 15th - 23rd March 2025

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
Monday 17th March St Patrick, Bishop, Patron of Ireland	9.30am Mass; SA 1pm <i>Funeral Service</i> ; HS	Private Intention Maria Lindsay Loveday Pankhurst RIP
Tuesday 18th March Lenten Feria	9.30am Mass; SMC	For Carmel Zawodniak
Wednesday 19th March St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary	9.30am Mass; HS	Anna Corry
Thursday 20th March Lenten Feria	No Mass	No Mass
Friday 21st March Lenten Feria	12pm Mass; SA 7.30pm Mass; HS	Philip Golden Hazel Ryan
Saturday 22nd March Lenten Feria	4.30pm Mass; SA 6.30pm Mass; HS	Elizabeth Montgomery RIP Mal McNulty RIP
Sunday 23rd March Third Sunday of Lent	9am Mass; SA  9am Mass; SMC 11am Mass; HS  11am Mass; OLOG	Carmel Goodacre's Intentions Curtis Family Lucy- Special Intention The People of The Parish

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; 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.

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

Prayer for the health of Pope Francis



Let us ask Almighty God to grant the Holy Father Pope Francis the gift of healing, comfort in faith, the blessing of hope and the strength of divine love in his suffering. May the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Unfailing Help, intercede for him, and may the prayers of St George defend him from all evil.



Let us pray for those who have died recently: With deep sadness, we inform you of the passing of our beloved parishioner Vincent Taylor. Vincent's Funeral Mass is on Friday 28th March, 12.30pm at Holy Spirit. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. We also remember those whose anniversary occurs around this time. May they rest in peace.



Dear Friends,

My prayer for you all is that you continue to enjoy the spirit of Lent walking along side Jesus and more importantly you allow him to walk along side you and fill you with his Peace. A parishioner sent me this reflection and I found it very profound and inspiring, I offer it now to you as it may help those who are sick or struggling with life.

The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing. The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect...

Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely!

And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

Wishing you all a JOYFUL Lent! Peace, John

Our Lady of Grace ♦ Fairtrade The next Fairtrade/Ethical stall will be next Sunday the 23rd March. I will look forward to seeing you there. Lynn Harrison.

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 Lent Discussion Groups based on the film Casablanca will be continued in St Margaret Clitherow at 2pm on Thursday 20th March. Do join us!

Congratulations and welcome Catechumens and Candidate We were very proud to take 14 people to the Cathedral last Sunday for the Diocesan Rite of Election. This is the special service with the Bishop for adults preparing for baptism or reception into the Catholic Church at Easter. Congratulations and a warm welcome to Nicola, Chinny, Confidence, Sylvia, Raymond, Kirk, Caio, Zoe, Shadow, Vincent., Rekha, Roshan, Merryn and Sarah. Many thanks to all the catechists and helpers who support them on their faith journey.



Mission Witness: 'Red Box' Thank You and Appeal Next weekend we will welcome Fr Emmanuel and Fr Dermot to give the five-yearly Red Box Appeal. Through the Red Box we care for our Church family around the world. Thank you to all parishioners who already give to the Pope's official charity for overseas mission – Missio – and Britain's own missionary order, the Mill Hill Missionaries, through the Red Box.



Services and Holy Mass Times during Lent

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

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



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

Stations of the Cross

- ◆ HS: FRI 21st March 6.45pm by Friendship Group
- ◆ OLOG: SUN 16th March after Sunday Mass
- ◆ SA: MON 17th March 10am; FRI 21st March, 11.30am
- ◆ SMC: FRI 21st March, 6pm by SVP



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. They 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:** 19th 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/>

The Jubilee Pilgrimage to Walsingham with Bishop Patrick This takes place on Saturday 14th June, gathering at the Anglican Shrine with procession to the Catholic Shrine starting at 1.00pm. Mass will be celebrated at 4.00pm. More information about events for young people to come soon.

Walsingham Pilgrimage Bus Service Holy Family Parish has arranged a bus service for the Walsingham Pilgrimage. The pick-up point will be at Sacred Heart Church. Seats are limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. To reserve your seat, please contact Diane Williams at ccen@dioceseofnottingham.uk.



Thank you to everyone who supported the annual World Day of Prayer service in St Margaret Clitherow church last Friday. Over 60 people attended the service which was prepared by Christian women in the Cook Islands, the theme was "I made you wonderful" based on Psalm 139:14. Volunteers from all five Keyworth churches took part in a beautiful service. Following the service home baked refreshments including banana loaf, orange cake and coconut cake were served – all these fruits are grown in the Cook Islands. The afternoon began and ended with a traditional greeting in Cook Islands Maori "kia orana" – "may you live a long and fulfilling life."

CAFOD Lent Appeal – Family Fast Day is on Friday 14th March 2025. 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.

MORE UPDATE FROM DIOCESE OR OTHER PARISHES

One bedroomed flat at St Augustine's Church: Available to rent from now at £700 per month including gas, water & internet charges. It has off-road parking, a new carpet & has recently been painted - suitable for one person or a couple. We are a working parish, so events/services do happen on site at various times. For all enquiries, please email the letting agent: anthony@arresidential.co.uk

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 and Men's Lent Retreat Please find more details on dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

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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 RCP Account Number: 44603560 Sort code: 30-96-18

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