

Our Lady of the Annunciation

Our Lady's Grotto

Some of our devoted parishioners had for some time been suggesting that our church should have a grotto dedicated to Our Lady. When plans for our Anniversary Year were being discussed, this idea gained sufficient momentum to be put into practice.



A small but determined group gathered and set about working out the practicalities, design and finances for the project, and have seen it through to its fruition.

The project was sufficiently advanced to have the statue temporarily installed in time to be blessed by the Archbishop during his Anniversary Year visit on 2nd October 2025.

With the remainder of the structure completed, on 31st May Fr Keith wrote:

Today, on the last day of May we are ready to repose the statue of Our Lady in the grotto. Whilst there is still a small amount of work to be done to complete it, this can be done at leisure over the coming weeks. We owe a debt of gratitude to the grotto committee who met at the beginning of the process to consider designs and organise gentle fundraising that has ensured the project has not been a drain on resources that are needed elsewhere. A greater debt is owed to Phil Foulger who engineered the finished article and built it, with his little band of helpers. But it was he who could be seen working into the small hours with his trusted head torch. Bravo Phil! There will be a procession to the grotto following the 11.30am Mass today.

