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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



Our Lady of the Rosary

*In the end my Immaculate Heart will
triumph! Fiat!*

Liturgical calendar					
Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	5	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Sheila Curley RIP</i>
Sunday	6	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm 5.30pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin Lith	Fifth Sunday (468;605;934;877)	<i>For the people</i> <i>Dom Benet RIP</i>
Monday	7	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	8	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Fr A George</i>
Wednesday	9	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Thursday	10	7.00pm	Eng	St Scholastica	
Friday	11	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Our Lady of Lourdes	<i>Kuriakose Thomas RIP</i>
Saturday	12	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	BVM on Saturday	<i>Aleykutty RIP</i>
Sunday	13	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Sixth Sunday (964;643;965;969)	<i>For the people</i>

Confessions	Saturday	8.50am – 9.20am.	3.15pm – 3.50pm
	Sunday	8.50am – 9.20pm	

Other Devotions:

Divine Mercy Devotions: Wednesdays 2.00pm



Parish SYNOD Information



Synod 2023 - A worldwide listening process

A Synod is a worldwide gathering of Bishops (with other delegates and experts) to discuss and discern how the Church responds to a certain issue. The meaning of Synod of journeying together and those Bishops representing their country are called to bring the thoughts and hopes of the people they represent. The 2023 will not be responding to a particular issue, rather it will be reflecting how the nature or culture of the Church can be more synodal - a wider listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through all peoples.

We shall use this process to help our parish develop. Please do pray the prayer for the Church in general and our parish in particular. Many thanks for everyone's contributions and they have been noted. We have chosen two actions to focus on:

- 1) To form the parish into an evangelising parish by first catechising ourselves.
- 2) To develop local domestic church groups to help build community.

GDPR

Dear Parishioners,

We shall shortly be distributing GDPR forms for you to sign. This is very important since it will enable us to draw up a parish register from your parish registration forms. Please do ensure that you return them. If you have not filled in a parish registration form or your details have changed, these will also be available. Much appreciated, Fr. Dominic.

DEANERY CHANGES

There is a proposal that our current deanery (Skegness, Holbeach+Spalding, Sleaford and Boston) will be expanded to form a South Lincolnshire deanery (with Oakham, Melton, Bourne+Deeping, Stamford and Grantham being added.) If you have a comment please speak to Father or Deacon Martyn. It is felt that our current deanery is too small to be effective. The clergy support the proposal. I don't think it will significantly effect the laity.



Announcements:

Website: Is being updated to include easy to access bulletin as well as posts by Father

Times for Confession If you would like confession outside of the confessional, please make an appointment with Father.

Diocesan Retreats: Sat 12th March Women (Doubleday Hilton) Dominican Sisters
Sat 19th March Men (Briars) Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

WOMEN'S GUILD

Many years ago our parish had a thriving Women's Guild. About 20 years ago the guild folded.

Our aim now is to start a new women's group.

We intend : to support Father Dominic, our parish and community in spiritual and practical ways

: to communicate with each other

; to learn and flourish together

: to use our talents for the common good

: to fund raise to support appropriate charities and causes

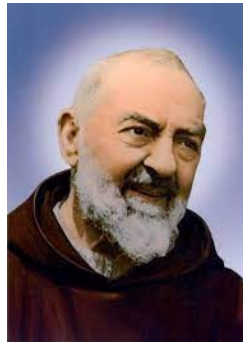
It is hoped that original members will welcome and work alongside new female parishioners and friends.

We are living in new and exciting times where we can all make a difference.

Please look out in forthcoming newsletters for when we will meet up.

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

Always humble yourself before the mercy of our God, and thank him for the favors he has shown you. This is the best disposition to receive new graces from our heavenly Father, out of the depth of his love for you, wants to give you. It is only logical that a person who doesn't respond with gratitude and continual thanksgiving for such gifts does not deserve to receive more of them. Entrust yourself to God and always thank him for everything and you will defy and conquer all the wrath of hell. Padre Pio



Dates for Your Diary!

1. **Parish Retreat Day** Saturday 2nd April A day of preparation for Passiontide and Easter 10.00am – 4.00pm
2. **Parish Meeting** 17th February 7.00pm
3. Anyone who would like to represent our parish at the **Pontifical Vespers** at the Cathedral with Bishop Patrick to celebrate the synodal work February 22nd 7.00-8.15pm please see Father or Martyn.

Second Collections: 13th March Cafod (Lent Fast Day) 15th April Holy Places
8th May Clergy Formation 29th May World Communication

Sunday Collection: 30 Jan 2022

Plate: £322 Candles: £24

Envelope: £106 Loose

If donating by cheque please make it payable to Boston Roman Catholic Parish. Thank you for your financial support and those too who pay through the bank. The donations of those through the bank for July – September quarter was £5387.01

It has been brought to my attention that it has been a while since a financial report has been reported to the parish. We shall post an end of year report. Until then I shall try to put together a brief resume. But rest assured our finances are stable thanks to your generous donations.

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The repose of the soul of Olive McAndrews who died last Sunday (Reception of the body 24/2 3.00pm and Requiem Mass 25/2 11.30am)
- The sick and housebound and for those who need your prayers, Alan Potter, Liam Lane, Valerie Bianco, Graham Parkinson, Barbara Goemans, Margaret Allday, Sadie Wheate, Jenny Hunter and particularly Jack Newell who is in hospital.
- Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Students
- Peace to prevail in the Ukraine situation.
- 8th Feb Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

Dear Faithful,

We have a **parish meeting on the 17th February, 7.00pm**. So that you can better participate, I should like to give you the main topics that will be presented.

- 1) **Our Core Pillars:** Liturgy; Formation and community. Community will provide our identity and unity. A fourth principle is stewardship which will provide functional support for the parish.
- 2) **Parish Structure:** The main backbone of the parish will be Parish Groups who co-ordinate various spheres: Liturgy; Formation and Evangelisation; Community Groups (e.g. Women's Group) which also provide pastoral support; Estate management and lastly, finance. These will represent all parishioners and be led by individual parish members. Each of the groups will have membership on the PPC whose job is to co-ordinate these groups, assist them and liaise with finance committee. So the PPC will move from dealing with the multitude of parish issues to really overseeing the mission of the parish. Once or twice a year there will be a Parish AGM which will enable all the parish to assess our mission. (See post on website for visual structure)
- 3) **Formation of Domestic Church:** As in Acts 2 much happened in homes; the idea is to create small local clusters to oversee the well being (both practical as well as spiritual) of the members. Also they will facilitate evangelisation and mission. Each group will be overseen by a parishioner who can liaise with the Parish Priest. This idea has the support of Bishop Patrick and I think will be very beneficial. It will help share the load of the parish priest. It is very important that co-responsibility is exercised by the laity with the parish priest.
- 4) **A quick update of some diocesan wide issues**
- 5) **Some practical consequences**
 - 1) It is proposed that the hall be refurbished and designated as a Parish Centre which can provide facilities that the parish groups will need. It should be decorated and equipped and be "homely". This would necessarily curtail the hiring out of the hall.
 - 2) We need to re-think our Sundays to build community once more. Both to restart the very important social sphere as well as also considering catechesis/formation to be available.
 - 3) To really work at unity. We are blessed to have such diverse groups in our parish and it is important that everyone feels valued and that they belong.

The main thing the Bishop wants us to ponder is how we move to be a mission-centred parish. Well formed in our own faith so that we can reach out and bring others into the fold. Change is always difficult and needs careful handling and it is important that you, the parishioners, feel that you can take ownership of this. It will also provide an opportunity for me to take general questions. God bless, Fr. Dominic



Parish Practices to help us:

RETREAT DAY (see below) Held quarterly: Lent; Eastertide; September; Advent

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

"Look, my daughter, at my Heart encircled by these thorns with which men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, strive to console me, and so I announce: **I promise to assist at the hour of death with the grace necessary for salvation** all those who, with the intention of making reparation to me, will, on **the first Saturday of five consecutive months**, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the beads, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary."

Devotees of Fátima believe that the First Saturdays help to console the sorrows of God, Jesus, and the Virgin Mary for the sins against her Immaculate Heart. (See wikipedia article)

As a parish we shall make this journey together starting on the 1st Saturday in February, February 5th. Rosary at 9.00am followed by 15 mins for the meditation with mass following (probably will start 9.35) and confessions available. Please note that one can go to confession up to two weeks before or after to fulfil the condition.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: Making reparation to the Sacred Heart 5.00-7.00pm

Retreat Day: Saturday 2nd April Church Hall The Heart of Jesus

9.00am	Rosary in church
9.30am	Mass
10.00-10.30	Coffee
10.30am	Talk 1
11.30-12.15pm	Adoration with Benediction Time for meditation/Confession
12.15pm	Lunch – shared table
1.00pm	Talk 2 – followed by meditation
2.45pm	Wrap-up and depart

Bring bible, pen and paper and something for the shared table. If you can only attend one part of the day that is fine.

