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If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact our Eucharistic Minister John McGarel (07585774745) , or Father at the Presbytery (01205362056) or Deacon Martyn (07753531859) .

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	19	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	20	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 2.30pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Lith Latin	Seventh Sunday (795,849,924,862)	<i>For the people</i>
Monday	21	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Philip RIP</i>
Tuesday	22	9.30am	Eng	Chair of St Peter Feast	<i>GHO J. Hunter</i>
Wednesday	23	7.30pm	Eng/ Pol	St Polycarp	
Thursday	24	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Rethinam RIP</i>
Friday	25	11.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Requiem Mass	<i>Olive McAndrew RIP</i>
Saturday	26	No Mass 4.00pm	- Eng	No morning mass Vigil	<i>S. Curley RIP</i>
Sunday	27	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Eighth Sunday	<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 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

A parishioner is now the lead dementia practitioner at the Pilgrim hospital, and we are blessed that he has offered his expertise to help any parishioner who may be an inpatient and who has been diagnosed with dementia. His offer of charity also extends to advising and helping the family of the inpatient. In the first instance should these criteria apply, please contact Hospital Chaplain Deacon Martyn.

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

Following Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter this weekend, any further Synodal responses, thoughts or reflections can be sent directly to the Diocesan Co-ordinators: Father David Cain (david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or Joe Hopkins, Adult Formation Director for Mission ()

Shalom World's program, HeartTalk, this Sunday features a TV Interview with Bishop Patrick. The bishop speaks about his early life, his mission, his vision, and the ministries he is involved in through our diocese and the wider Church. The interview can be seen on Sunday 20th February, 7.30pm on www.shalomworld.org

Carthusian Motto: "The Cross is steady whilst the world turns."



Spiritual Thought for the Week...

Discipline (or mortification) puts back in its place that something in us which should serve but wants to rule. That is to say, it restores that order which has been upset by the Fall. It puts reason back again as the rule of life; it makes us calm and reasonable. It does not tend to do this it is pointless and stupid. (But it is a symbol): it stands for the chastisement that the will should inflict on all the powers of the soul in order to submit them along with itself to God and so re-establish in Him that shattered unity of our human nature. That is the goal, most sublime and blessed, of all our efforts: a goal which is well worth the journeying no matter how hard it be.

A Carthusian "They speak by silences."



Dates for Your Diary!

1. 22nd February 7.00-8.15pm **Pontifical Vespers** at the Cathedral – live streamed.
2. 31st March Deanery Roadshow with Bishop Patrick 7.00-8.30pm Parish Hall
3. 2nd April **Parish Retreat Day**. A day of preparation for Passiontide and Easter 10.00am – 10.00am- 4.00pm

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

Sunday Collection: 13th Feb 2022

Envelope: £153 Loose Plate: £191.06 Candles: £103.41 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. A refund from HMRC July-Sept £1884.05 and Gift Aid Oct-Dec 21 has been submitted £7284.01

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 repose of the soul of Margaret Howlett who died recently. Margaret was a big supporter of the parish before she moved away. Many of you I am sure will remember her.
- 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.



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

Dear Faithful,

On Tuesday the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Bishop Patrick is celebrating vespers at the Cathedral. This feast is a symbol of unity. We are all united as one church under the Pope. The Bishop also wants to celebrate the work being accomplished on the synodal path.

Last Thursday, we had a productive parish meeting to discuss our parish's own particular journey. I should like to pass onto you some of the important points. One theme that ties in with Tuesday's feast is the need to work at unity in the parish. Our parish is blessed with a wide variety of race, culture and language. I would like to quote from Fr. Alex's sermon:

"Today, nearly two centuries on from the time when this church was built, we have here in Boston a thriving, multi-ethnic Catholic community in which each can hear, in many cases in their own language, and for all in the lingua-franca of English, each can hear the wonderful works of God, the Gospel of the Resurrection. Once again, the Holy Spirit is among us, pushing and cajoling us to see what God is doing in Boston and how we can, if we will, become ready fellow-workers with him in the work of the Gospel."

Such times of change are never easy. They are challenging and they ask of us discernment, patience and generosity. But the great rallying point for all of us, as always, that which is the source and summit of the Christian life, is this, the Eucharist. Blessed are we, all of us, who are called to the supper of the Lamb. It is here that we find the true source of our unity."

Those that attended Thursday's meeting all strongly felt that it was time to start working at greater unity. Saint Mary's is one parish with different communities within it but as Fr. Alex pointed out the Eucharist draws us all together. Different communities rightly at times have the Eucharist celebrated in either their own rite (Syro-Malabar) or in their own language (Polish and Lithuanian). This means that there should be both a sharing in the governance of the parish and a sharing in the many tasks that a parish requires to fulfil its mission. If Saint Mary's is to fulfil her task of mission, she needs to be able to call upon a much wider base.

Another important discussion centred around making the hall a "Parish Centre" – mainly for parish use but available for hire to parishioners. It would become a true centre: re-decorated with facilities etc making it a comfortable place for groups etc and meetings. This will have some financial repercussions but is certainly manageable. There was general agreement too on this.



Thirdly, there was strong support for making Sunday a focus for parish life; not only the Liturgy but also catechesis and Sunday coffee etc in the hall. I personally think this is very important for developing our community and our identity. The need for general catechesis was also discussed. Alongside this was discussed the need for smaller communities in the parish on a local level that would help with support, social and missionary activity.

Lastly, there was general agreement on the re-structuring of the parish. To move forward we need to re-start parish groups that will take responsibility for different aspects of the parish. The Parish Council would then have a co-ordinating and supervisory role.

Please take time to reflect upon this and see me or Martyn if you have any comments. Wishing you every blessing for the weekend.

God bless, Fr. Dominic
Fiat!

Parish Practices to help us:

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

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

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.

