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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	12	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	13	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Sixth Sunday (964;643;965;969)	<i>For the people</i>
Monday	14	12.30pm	Eng	Ss Cyril/Methodius Feast	
Tuesday	15	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	16	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	17	No Mass		Feria	
Friday	18	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	<i>Mary Burke RIP</i>
Saturday	19	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	BVM on Saturday	
Sunday	20	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Seventh 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

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...

I remind you daughter that as often as you hear the clock strike the third hour, immerse yourself completely in my mercy, adoring and glorifying it; invoke its power for the whole world, and particularly for poor sinners; for at that moment mercy was opened wide for every soul. In this hour you will obtain everything for yourself and for others for the asking; it was the hour of grace for the whole world - mercy triumphed over justice. (Jesus to Saint Faustina)



Dates for Your Diary!

1. 17th February 7.00pm **Parish Meeting**
2. 22nd February 7.00-8.15pm **Pontifical Vespers** at the Cathedral
3. 2nd April **Parish Retreat Day**. A day of preparation for Passiontide and Easter 10.00am – 10.00am- 4.00pm

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: 6th Feb 2022

Envelope: £311 Loose Plate: £312.78 Candles: £ 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.
- 8th Feb Day of Special Prayer for Victims of Human Trafficking



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

Dear Faithful,

Before the changes to the Liturgical Calendar, the Church used to set aside three weeks of preparation for Lent. Whilst, this is no longer the case, it is important that we do spend some time preparing for this great season when many graces are available as we prepare to approach the Paschal mysteries and the renewal of our baptismal vows.

This Sunday providentially marks ten weeks (an important number) until we celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** (24th April). This Sunday, it can be argued, is the greatest of the year; for not only is it Easter Sunday but the font of mercy pours out in superabundance so that we can obtain not only remission for our sins but a total cancelling of the debt we owe for them. It has been called a “second baptism.” So I would like to invite you on a journey with this great Sunday as its goal. To come to it in the words of that beautiful preface of Lent *“with the joy of minds made pure, eagerly intent on prayer, and participating in the mysteries by which they have been reborn, they made be led to the fulness of grace that you bestow on your sons and daughters.”*

So we need to make Mercy - God's Mercy – the focus of our journey. What is it? How great is it? What price it cost? How do we respond?

The goal of any spiritual journey is to be made anew or come to a rebirth through conversion of the heart and a changing of ones life. This theme dominates the Lenten Liturgy. At the start it is good to have in mind certain principles that will aid us in this transformation and transfiguration. In the gospel today we have the beatitudes in the account given by Luke and the first beatitude is the most important and the gateway to all the others: “Blessed are the poor.” Although Luke leaves out the phrase found in Matthew (in spirit), it is nevertheless understood.

What does this mean? Jesus is not referring only to material poverty – although that is also included – but to spiritual poverty. This is the foundation on which the spiritual life and our journey stands: that before God we are poor, totally dependant on his grace. The only thing in this life which we can call truly ours is our sins. This disposition can be seen in the story of the pharisee and the tax collector at prayer. Luke 18:9-14. The tax collector goes home justified (righteous in the eyes of God) because he was humble he realised his total poverty.

This disposition must be ongoing; a constant holding of ourselves in our profound nothingness before God; but totally trusting in his goodness and his desire to fill us with graces beyond our imagining. “Mature Christian freedom is my total availability and obedience to the will of the all-wise God.....At the centre of our being we must remain poor and free and available to God, rather than barricade ourselves through habit to the approaches of God's ever-surprising grace.” E.L-Merikakis Way of the Disciple p.29)

Lastly I recommend a great book to help you in this: “Consoling the Heart of Jesus” by Michael E Gaitley. I think you will find it an eye opener. God bless, Fr. Dominic

Fiat!



We have a **parish meeting on the 17th February, 7.00pm** (with refreshments!)

So that you can better participate, I should like to give you the main topics that will be presented. (If you missed the detail in last week's bulletin please see the website)

- 1) **Our Core Pillars**
- 2) **Parish Structure**
- 3) **Formation of Domestic Church:**
- 4) **A quick update of some diocesan wide issues**
- 5) **Some practical consequence**

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 opportunities 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

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.

