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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	30	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Fr A Brunning RIP</i>
Sunday	1	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm 5.30pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin Pol	Third Sunday of Easter	<i>For the people</i>
Monday	2	No Mass		St Athanasius	
Tuesday	3	No Mass		Ss Philip and James	
Wednesday	4	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	English Martyrs	
Thursday	5	7.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Friday	6	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	1st Fri/Easter Feria	
Saturday	7	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	1st Sat Easter Feria Vigil	<i>Bell Family RIP</i>
Sunday	8	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Fourth Sunday of Easter	<i>For the People</i>

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: 1st Fri 5.00-7.00pm

Confessions: Saturday After morning mass and 3.15-4.00pm **Sunday** 8.55-9.20am

Parish Information

Many thanks to all who helped and supported the Life Coffee Cake afternoon last Wednesday. £120 was raised. Fabulous!

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVE

We urgently need a parishioner who would be willing to take on this position. Deacon Martyn is stepping down after giving great service to the parish and in addition, it is more suitable for a member of the laity to be the representative. The Parish Priest has in addition to the representative to take more responsibility.

REGINA CAELI

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
Pray for us to God, alleluia.



Jesus reinstates Peter



Announcements:

Blessed News! Pauline Jaricot, the founder of the Association of the Propagation of the Faith [APF] is to be beatified in Lyons on 22nd May 2022. Find out about this remarkable lay woman in the spring edition of Missio's 'Mission Today' magazine [available in the Lady chapel at the back of church] or visit missio.org.uk/pauline.

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.

Bookings are now open for the Nottingham Diocesan Lourdes Pilgrimage – under the leadership of Bishop Patrick, from Monday 4th until Friday 8th July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie (simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk)

EU Settlement Scheme: If anyone would like help with applying for this scheme please contact: EUSS team on 0800 448 0734

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

The Resurrection opens up the new space that transcends history...in this sense it follows that the Resurrection is not the same kind of historical event as the birth or crucifixion of Jesus. It is something new, a new type of event. Yet at the same time it must be understood that the Resurrection does not stand outside or above history. As something that breaks out of history and transcends it, the Resurrection nevertheless has its origin within history and up to a certain point still belongs there. Perhaps we could put it this way: Jesus' Resurrection points beyond history but has left a footprint within history. Therefore, it can be attested by witnesses as an event of an entirely new kind.

Indeed the apostolic preaching with all its boldness and passion would be unthinkable unless the witnesses had experienced a real encounter, coming to them from outside, with something new and entirely unforeseen, namely the self-revelation and verbal communication of the risen Christ.
(Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI Jesus of Nazareth Vol 2 p.275r)

Dates for Your Diary!

Tuesday 10th May Women's Guild Meeting 1.30pm in Church Hall. Please bring a crafty activity

Second Collections: 8 May Clergy Formation 29 May World Communications 19 June Day for Life 26 June Peter's Pence 10 July Apostleship of the Sea 18 Sept Home Mission Sunday

Sunday Collection: 24 April 2022

Envelope: £ Loose Plate: £ 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 Oct-Dec £1890.50 and Gift Aid Oct-Dec 21 has been submitted £7284.01

Red Box Collection £1270.64

GIFT AID BOXES FOR 2022/3 Those who continue to donate with an envelope, please note: Due the lockdown and people paying via their bank accounts we have an excess of unissued boxes. This year we will issue 2021/2 boxes again to those existing users however, the box number in some cases will be different to the one used for this year.
PLEASE ENSURE ALL PREVIOUSLY UNUSED ENVELOPES ARE DESTROYED / RECYCLED AFTER SATURDAY / SUNDAY 2 ND / 3 RD OF APRIL 2022
Boxes are available for collection from this Saturday as usual. Any query, please see me after Sunday Mass or call on 07778840886. Many thanks – Chaz Mayhew

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 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.
- Kathy Poucher's Brother, Kevin who died recently
- Louis Morrissey who died recently
- Polish First Holy Communion candidates.



From the Parish Priest's Desk...Our Lenten Journey.

This week it might be useful to consider three aspects of the Paschal mystery. This will help us to understand in general the role of Liturgy in making present the mystery we are celebrating to us.

What are the three aspects of the Paschal mystery? To use simple terms we could call these the historical, the Liturgical and the personal.

What is the historical aspect?

The historical: Jesus died on a particular day in history; he died once and this will never be repeated again. Likewise, he rose from the dead three days later – once and for all – the book of Hebrews stresses this. In all the mysteries of Christ's life, be it his birth or transfiguration etc, these took place really and truly in the context of a particular time and place. Pope Benedict emphasises that everything in our faith is centred upon this: that Christ really lived, really died and really rose from the dead – He was firmly rooted just like us in time and place. The events of his life happened historically just like any of those of his time. This is important because it by his deeds that Christ brought us salvation.

This explains the shock and surprise and general confusion of Easter Sunday – the women and the disciples were experiencing something that was new, and beyond their comprehension: a risen and glorified body, a body which had entered into history at the Annunciation and nativity and which as St. John says in his first letter they had touched and handled – but now somehow was glorified and transcended time and space – no wonder it took them time, no wonder that we should be in awe. It cannot be overemphasised that Christ's resurrection was not simply his body coming back to life as it had been, as for example Lazarus, if this had been the case the disciples may have been surprised but they would not have been dumfounded, after all they had seen Lazarus; No! It was a new mode of existence, beyond their comprehension and beyond their wildest imaginings.

What is the Liturgical aspect?

This is very important and if we grasp this, our spiritual lives will become much more meaningful. At the last supper, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and commanded us to continue to celebrate it. Why? Because it makes present to us the paschal mystery. The mystery of his passion, death, resurrection and ascension are “re-presented” on our altars. Thus, the role of Liturgy is to make present to us the unique and unrepeatable mystery of Christ. St. Ambrose writes talking about Christ “I find you in your mysteries.”

Fr. Aidan Nicholls writes that Christ's saving deeds are not simply to give us moral values or to inspire us to virtuous living, but they “have actually changed the terms on which the gift of human life is received from God” and have also reordered our origin, our goal and the support that we shall receive in life. What this means is that Christ's deeds in our very being affect our lives and therefore, they must be made continuously present to us – they are made present to us through the Liturgy. (Liturgy we may consider for the moment to be the Mass, the Sacraments and the Divine Office or Breviary that the clergy recite.)

For us in Eastertide, therefore, when we attend mass we are not only participating in the paschal mystery which we do whenever we attend mass, but also participating during this season in the particular mystery of Christ's Resurrection and the forty days that he spend with his disciples. It is as if we are there experiencing the same mystery that the disciples did. Now it may be objected that we do not see Christ as they saw him; that we do not talk with Christ as they talked with him; that we are not in the upper room when he appeared to them on Easter Sunday evening. True but what is important is not the historical happenings but the mystery beneath them – those are really and truly present to us, just as they were to the disciples. Indeed the Fathers teach that it is to our advantage since we can fully participate in them without the disadvantages of having to live with the experience at the time. Even for the disciples for the rest of their lives they would continue to live out these experiences through the Liturgy.

Psalm 94 says O that today you would listen to his voice, that today is continually present to us. It is a beautiful thought that in death we are going into the eternal day of Christ.

What is the personal aspect? Christ has ordained that he wishes to continue to live his life and his mysteries through us. We are called upon to live his life again, to bring him to the world. For example, when Christ was tired and thirsty by Jacob's well, he lived our tiredness and thirst, and so likewise when we bear tiredness, we are bearing Christ's tiredness in us. Even more profoundly, Christ asks that for the sake of his mystical body, the Church, we make up what is lacking in his sufferings. So our lives are truly redemptive because Christ is using us to bring salvation to people. So we must enter into the mysteries, ponder them, continually chew on their meaning so that they become part of us and inform us.

An example of the episode of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (luke 24:13-35)

If we try and give a concrete example it might help. The episode of the two disciples walking to Emmaus and Jesus falling in with them on the journey happened historically, it was an event just like any other event such as the royal wedding. Now through its presentation in scripture in the Liturgy, we are drawn into the journey, we are there and Christ is walking by our side. We ponder how our eyes are held, how when we suffer we at times forget that this must be on the road to the resurrection; also, how we too meet Christ in scripture and the mass. Lastly, we then absorb that into our present lives, we live like the disciples reinvigorated and bring the good news of Christ's appearance to others. God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

