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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	14	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>For the People</i>
Sunday	15	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 2.30pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Lith Latin	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>Mrs Paul RIP</i>
Monday	16	12.30pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	17	7.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>G.O'Connor RIP</i>
Wednesday	18	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	<i>D.Locking Intn</i>
Thursday	19	7.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Friday	20	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	
Saturday	21	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	Easter Feria Vigil	
Sunday	22	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Sixth Sunday of Easter	

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour:

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!

“Discipleship” The call to discipleship in the Gospel of Mark. Led by Fr Richard Ounsworth O.P. Wed 25th May 10.00am-1.00pm Swaby Village Hall, Whitepit Way. LN13 0AZ. To book Patrick Doyle 01507 481072 or Stephen Duffy sandsduffy@btintenet.com

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.



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...

Our justification from unrighteousness is so monumental that we can easily say God demonstrated more of his power in justifying us than in creating the heavens and the earth out of nothing. There is a bigger contrast between a sinner and grace than there is between nothingness and being. There is more of a distance between a sinner and God than there is between nothingness and God.

Oh! If only everyone could understand the depth of the wretchedness and degradation from which God's omnipotent hand has rescued us. Oh! If we could fully comprehend only for an instant the new status to which God's grace has raised us, which still amazes the angels.

He has raised us to the status of being nothing less than his sons and daughters now destined to reign with his Son for all eternity! (Padre Pio's Spiritual Direction for Every Day)



Dates for Your Diary!

Sunday 22nd May 3.00pm **MAY PROCESSION**

Our First Holy Communion dates: 11th and 18th June at 11.00am Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

WALSINGHAM DATES: Thursday 28th July Cost £10

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: 8 May 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 Jack Newell.
- Kathy Poucher's Brother, Kevin who died recently
- Louis Morrissey who died recently
- Our First Holy Communion candidates.
- Father's brother, Greg who died recently



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

"I give you a new commandment : love one another just as I have loved you."

During the Last Supper especially in John's Gospel Chps 13-17, we see revealed to us the climax of God's love for us in scripture. Jesus is revealing to his apostles (and to us) the climax of God's love for us. Jesus is sharing his most intimate thoughts: who He is; who the Father is and how they are One. We could call it a "Banquet of Love" with the lovers exchanging their closest thoughts and exchanging their secrets.

Jesus give himself totally to them in communion which is a more intimate union than that between husband and wife. So we see at the Last supper, both the intimacy that we are called to in this life and the heavenly banquet we are called to in the life to come.

How do we grow in intimacy? God has given us relationships so that we can come to understand the answer to this question. Firstly, we need to spend time together with the Lord by exchanging our thoughts and feelings - inviting the other into our lives. Secondly, by sacrificing oneself for the other.

What stops intimacy? Simply put - keeping our distance. The most common cause in the breakdown of a marriage is a lack of communication; likewise with God. We might still even be praying but it is not the prayer of the heart that truly seeks to know the other's wishes. Intimacy requires time spent in prayer. We would not expect a child to progress in playing the piano if they hardly ever practiced or did the minimum. Concert pianists often practice for over six hours a day. Likewise with prayer. We need to have a regular prayer life and if we are faithful to it we shall gradually desire ourselves to increase our time spent in prayer.

The second thing that stops intimacy with God is having false loves or idols. This is the whole message of the Pentateuch: do not worship false idols. Since we are unlikely to literally be worshipping false gods, what does this mean? A false idol is anything or anyone which takes the place of God. This may not necessarily be total but it is enough if we turn to it rather than to God. This is a great temptation when life is difficult or our prayer is dry; rather than persevering we turn to things to distract us. Notice how the Israelites as soon as they noticed Moses' absence and began to worry, immediately built a false idol. This is why perseverance in prayer is essential even when we don't seem to be getting anywhere and there doesn't seem to be anyone there.

The Liturgy today emphasises that we are to share in the Divine Life, to become tabernacles of the living God and this means that we must be as God is; and since God is love, we must become love. Hence Jesus gives us a new commandment. No longer are we asked to simply love our neighbour as ourselves but we are to love one another as God himself loves us.

St Therese of Lisieux pondered this new commandment a lot because at first she couldn't possibly see herself being able to fulfil it. How could she love her fellow nuns as Jesus loved her. She persevered in prayer and meditation until she realised that the answer was quite simple: Jesus had to love the other through her. In other words, once Jesus lived his life completely in her and motivated her every action, she would be able to love her neighbour as Jesus loved her because He would be doing it in her.

So this quite simply put is the goal of prayer and the whole purpose of the Eucharist: So that gradually (and it was gradual too in Jesus' life - see Luke 2) the same Spirit of the Father (the Holy Spirit) that transformed Jesus' human nature to overflowing with love, will also transform ours. The words of Saint Paul "It is no longer I that live but Christ lives in me" must also be able to be said by us.

The Eucharist is the greatest means since it enables us to be transformed into Jesus but the Eucharist is only able to pour out its grace if the recipient is prepared and disposed to receive them. Our daily constant prayer - one could say - is what enables the graces of the mass to be extended throughout our week.

Stephen Covey wrote a very good and popular bestseller "The Seven Rules of Highly Effective People." His first simple rule was "Put first things first." So let us in our lives put prayer first - and remember by prayer as we mentioned last week we mean that place where our intimacy with God grows and is the place where we are transformed.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

