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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	7	4.00pm	Eng	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>
Monday	9	7.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	10	9.30am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Francis Abiodun</i>
Wednesday	11	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	
Thursday	12	7.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Friday	13	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Our Lady of Fatima	
Saturday	14	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	St Matthias 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>

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!

“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...

Christianity is not primarily a moralism; it's mysticism. It's not primarily concerned with teaching us every detail of perfect human behaviour. It is primarily concerned with communicating the love that will enable us to be perfectly human. Once love has made us perfectly human, then perfect human behaviour follows as a matter of course. The gospels show us how this happened in Christ's life and promise that it will happen in ours also, if we will only allow God's love to possess us as it possessed Jesus. Our main concern is to be permeated by the love that was the mainspring of his every action; to be penetrated by the same Spirit that was the source of all he said and did.....

Authentic Christian spirituality (begins) with the full-blooded endeavour to facilitate the invasion of our lives by the same love that filled Jesus. When the self-same Spirit that animated every thought, word and deed of his begins to possess us, the the spiritual life has begun in earnest, and that same Holy Spirit will gradually become the principle of all we say and do. (Wisdom from the Western Isles, D. Torkington)



Dates for Your Diary!

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

Sunday 22nd May 3.00pm MAY PROCESSION

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: 1 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
- Polish First Holy Communion candidates.
- Father's brother, Greg who died last Monday



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

“Because the Lamb who is at the throne will be their shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away all tears from their eyes.” (Revn 7:17)

Today's liturgy is one of great consolation and joy. One could say that it holds out to us what Jesus wanted to pass on to us by his dying and rising from the dead. The gospel of Saint John has one of its main themes “living water.” Throughout the bible, water plays its important role from the first book of the bible, Genesis, when the Spirit moves over the waters to the last, the Apocalypse, when we see the vision of the river that runs from the heavenly city.

Water is one of the most important elements for man. Pope Benedict points out that it can be a spring that comes forth from the earth, or a flowing river or the sea. It brings life, it has power but most importantly it brings rebirth. Anyone who has lived in a country of drought can witness the transforming effects when the first rains fall.

Jesus tells Nicodemus the necessity of being reborn by water. In the episode of the Samaritan woman we see the link between water and the Spirit. Most importantly, in John 7 Jesus promises that anyone who thirsts and comes to him and drinks will receive living water.

Therefore, above all, Jesus came to give us rebirth from water, blood and the Spirit. To transform our lives; this is why he both had to die and rise again. Likewise, we must die to the old man and rise to the new.

Let us take this a step further. The Father sent his only Son to take flesh so that humanity could be raised again by being reborn through baptism. But that is not all, the Father's plan or mystery was that the same Holy Spirit that transformed Jesus' humanity during his earthly life and filled it to overflowing with the Father's love should also fill us. We all need to be transformed by the power of God's love. There is no other way, no other option but that the human heart be transformed and reborn through the Love of God.

A writer, David Torkington, in a little book, “How to Pray” has put it beautifully:

“The Gospel is the story of how this loving (*i.e God who is Loving*) continually penetrated the human nature of Jesus Christ. It was the tangible experience of being loved by God that was the source of his inner security and strength. It made him the most perfect and the most lovable person to have walked this earth. His prime purpose in life was to tell us where the love that animated him comes from and then to show us how to receive and experience it for ourselves, transforming us into ever more perfect human beings. Prayer is the word to describe how a person freely chooses to turn

towards God to receive, and then to assimilate, this love, until it unites us with him.”

This extended quotation is only what the Liturgy is telling us today. So nothing matters and nothing can really change in the world unless there are souls who are prepared to be transformed totally by this love; this also means that nothing will really change in us or in the world unless we give ourselves over to prayer on both a regular and deep level.

This is something as a priest I was taught and knew in my head but over the past couple of months, I have come to know it in my heart. The problems in the Church and the lack of zeal, joy and commitment in many Catholics comes from this simple fact and nothing will change unless we undergo this profound change in regards to the importance of prayer. This after all is what all the recent popes have been constantly saying: a true and deep conversion of the heart only comes about when one has had a personal encounter with the Lord (one could add the Risen Lord whose wounds are now transformative power.)

The author, David Torkington, whom I have been mentioning recently, I believe explains this beautifully whilst giving simple advice on prayer. Some resources of his:

1) How to pray (also available on youtube when he reads his book – I prefer listening to this rather than reading the book itself)

2) A podcast that is available called “The Hermit.” This is a more in depth approach which is set as a story. It is available as a book entitled “Wisdom from the Western Isles”

Both are really excellent.

To finish with the most foundational principle regarding prayer:

Simply do it! Do not worry about techniques etc; although these can help, prayer is not what we do but what God does in us. So the most important thing is to set time aside to open our hearts to this transforming power and to persevere come what may.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

