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## *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	28	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	29	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>People of the Parish (287,366,633,293)</i>
Monday	30	12.30pm	Eng	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
Tuesday	31	9.30am	Eng	<b>The Visitation Feast</b>	
Wednesday	1	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	<b>St Justin Martyr</b>	
Thursday	2	7.00pm	Eng	<b>Easter Feria</b>	
Friday	3	<b>7.00am</b> 7.30pm	Eng Pol	<b>Martyrs of Uganda</b>	<i>Caple/Bell RIP (FM)</i>
Saturday	4	No Mass 4.00pm	Eng	<b>Vigil</b>	<i>Eamon Lynch RIP</i>
Sunday	5	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm 5.45pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin Lith	<b>Pentecost</b>	<i>People of the Parish ()</i>

### NOTICE CHANGE TO FRIDAY MASS TIME

**Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm**

**Adoration/Holy Hour: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday 5.00-7.00pm**

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

## Parish Information

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: MARCH FOR LIFE. SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER – I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE A COACH FROM BOSTON. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT PUBLIC WITNESS.**

**THE CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES HAVE SAID THAT AT PENTECOST PEOPLE SHOULD NOW BE ATTENDING IN PERSON AT MASS.**

### 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.

### PENTECOST NOVENA

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love. V. Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created. R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth. Let us pray. O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord.

Dearest Holy Spirit, confiding in Your deep, personal love for me, I am making this novena for the following request, if it be Your Holy Will to grant it: (mention your request). Teach me, Divine Spirit, to know and seek my last end; grant me the holy fear of God; grant me true contrition and patience. Do not let me fall into sin. Give me an increase of faith, hope and charity, and bring forth in my soul all the virtues proper to my state in life. Make me a faithful disciple of Jesus and an obedient child of the Church. Give me efficacious grace sufficient to keep the Commandments and to receive the Sacraments worthily. Give me the four Cardinal Virtues, Your Seven Gifts, Your Twelve Fruits. Raise me to perfection in the state of life to which You have called me and lead me through a happy death to everlasting life. I ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.



## **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](http://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 4<sup>th</sup> until Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July. Full details are on the Tangney Tours website: or for more details contact Father Simon Gillespie ( [simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto: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...**

To restore its religious importance to our all too secular Sunday it is not enough merely to tighten up the precept of the Church in every way possible; it can be achieved only by making the religious content of Sunday come fully alive once more. Sunday is more than simply the day upon which we honour God. It is the day upon which Christ, the first of the new creation, rose up from the darkness of death. Hence it is the day upon which the Christian ought to be deeply conscious of the treasure which has come to him in Christ and the Church, the day upon which, along with the whole congregation, he gives thanks to God, with holy joy. For this reason the Christian mind has for centuries counted Sunday not as the seventh day of the Old Testament, but as the eighth day, the day upon which the Creator continued the work of the seven days and completed it in Christ: it was regarded as the Christian conclusion and climax of the week.<sup>3</sup> Thus the number eight has come to be the symbol of the perfection of the new life. (Fr Jungman The Eucharist)

## **Dates for Your Diary!**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> after 9.30am Mass, May Crowning (The procession will not be held this year, apologies)

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm – parish hall - follow up to Roadshow. Anyone who went to the roadshow and would like to come please see Father.

9<sup>th</sup> June 6.00pm Doubletree by Hilton, Nottingham. There is an event – talk, questions, reception on the Synod. If anyone would like to go just let me know and I can give you the details.

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

June 14<sup>th</sup> Tuesday 1.30pm Women's Guild – Strawberry Tea.

WALSINGHAM DATES: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> July Cost £10 - 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> JUNE SIGN UP SHEETS WILL BE AVAILABLE AND DEPOSITS TAKEN

Second Collections: 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: 15 May 2022**

Envelope: £251 Loose Plate: £148 Candles: £24 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. We have received payment from HMRC quarter ending March 22 for £1800.75.

Red Box Collection £1270.64

### **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.
- Our First Holy Communion candidates.
- Gwynneth Lynch wrote asking for a mass for her husband, Eamon RIP and to be remembered to the parish.



### *From the Parish Priest's Desk....*

In today's gospel, we have an extract from chapter 17 of Saint John's gospel which is the greatly priestly prayer of Jesus to the Father. It is of such beauty, truth and goodness, that the truths it contains must be the constant food for our journey.

Firstly, Jesus tells us the whole purpose of God's plan – the “Gospel” – and why he came, died and rose again from the dead: not simply to redeem us but through becoming one with him to be taken up into the life of God himself: he is the bridge to the Father. This truth easily written is nevertheless of such awesome power that it should constantly cause us to be astonished at the goodness of God that he wishes to share his very life (which is his being) with us. Thus, we become one with God and one with all who likewise have been taken up into this unity. How is this accomplished? The last line of today's gospel tells us, “so that the love with which you loved me may be in them and so that I may be in them.” Let us remember that this love is a person – the Holy Spirit.

Secondly, it is this unity – which has not yet been fulfilled – that will bring about the conversion of the world and the coming of God's kingdom on earth (his Spiritual Kingdom). This is the whole purpose of the new Pentecost and the triumph of the Immaculate Heart to usher in an era of peace.

The Old Testament for this reason underlined the unity of God: God is one. How is God one? The three persons of the Blessed Trinity share one will. In other words, it is not that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit decide to agree with each other but they share the very same will. This is of great importance for it means our wills must become one with God's will. This is why at the Last Supper, Jesus emphasises that if someone loves him (and if they love him, they will want to do what he wishes) they will keep his commandments. The essence, therefore, of sanctity is to always do what God commands. The spiritual journey is one in which we grow ever more faithful to God's wishes. St. Ignatius founded the Jesuits on this principle: to be always discerning what God wants of us.

However, to accomplish his will perfectly and thus, become one with him – which is the unity that Jesus was praying for in this great priestly prayer – we need his will to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Only then will we see a true, deep and lasting transformation not just in ourselves but in the whole world. This we are praying for every time we say the Our Father and it is what we have been praying for for nearly two thousand years. In other words we are fast approaching the time when this prayer will be accomplished and the unity Jesus prayed for accomplished on earth.

#### To summarise:

Goal = Unity with God    Method: the unity of our Will with God's    The Bridge = Jesus who always carried out his Father's will perfectly.

How do we accomplish this? Or rather how is this to be accomplished in us? In the end it can't be that we simply try to imitate Jesus' obedience that would not allow us to live out the gospel fully and would in the end cause a huge strain. It can only be accomplished by God transforming us so that our humanity becomes one with Jesus' humanity and thus, being one with Jesus through his power, we can carry out God's will.

In other words once God's transforming love changes us at our very root so that we become conformed to Jesus then our behaviour will naturally follow Christ's because it will no longer be an imitation but will flow from our very being which is now one with Jesus. This is of great importance because otherwise we shall never become perfect.

Put another way Christianity at its heart is not primarily about morality but about transformation. We can never be truly moral persons without this transformation.

To repeat the theme of the last few weeks, this transformation takes place in prayer.

“You see once you admit the prayer is merely the word we use to describe the practical way we go about allowing God's love to enter into our lives to change us and through us others you have to admit that prayer is the most important thing in our lives. Nothing is more important than God's love because only his love can change human beings decisively and permanently for the better.” (Wisdom from the Western Isles, Torkington p.60)

So we must start with the end in mind: union with God. Then, we must put first things first: prayer.

Lastly, this also applies to a parish and the transformation of a parish. This cannot take place simply by plans, ideas, groups, initiatives, social gatherings etc if the unity of the parish is not founded upon prayer, transformation and seeking the Will of God. Nor likewise can any effective evangelisation. This of course does not mean that plans cannot be made and started, but those very plans must have prayer at their centre.

During this week as we await the transforming love of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, let us pray for this transformation in ourselves, in our parish and throughout the world. Nothing else can possibly bring this about no matter how good the intentions are.

“ I SHALL INDEED BE WITH YOU SOON. AMEN; COME, LORD JESUS.”

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

