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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	21	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	22	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Sixth Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish (268,910,898,356)</i>
Monday	23	12.30pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	24	9.30am	Eng	Easter Feria	
Wednesday	25	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Bede	
Thursday	26	10.00am 7.00pm	Eng Eng	The Ascension Holy Day of Obligation	
Friday	27	9.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Eng Syro Pol	St Augustine Canterbury Feast	
Saturday	28	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	Easter Feria Vigil	<i>M.O'Connor</i>
Sunday	29	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Seventh Sunday of Easter	<i>People of the Parish (287,366,633,293)</i>

St Mary's Primary School will be attending on Thursday

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: Father tries to be at Church for 3.00pm

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

Parish Information

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

THIS ASCENSION IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION MASSES WILL BE AT 10.00AM AND 7.00PM

"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.



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...

I am here – really present - available to you at any hour of the day or night. I wait for you. I want to listen to the cares and preoccupations that you carry like a heavy burden. Give them all to Me. Trust in Me and I will act. I have told you this before: for me nothing is insignificant. No detail of your life is too small and no sin of yours too shameful to be brought to me and to be abandoned at My feet. Yes, this is how my saints acted. They were certain that any difficulty entrusted to My Heart would find there the best of all possible solutions. Tell me that you trust in my merciful love by letting go of the things that burden and oppress you. I am the Lord of all things in heaven and on earth, and to Me nothing is impossible. (In sinu Jesu p.100)

Dates for Your Diary!

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

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: 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. The March quarter has been submitted to HMRC for £7231.

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



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

PENTECOST NOVENA

This week will be the feast of the Ascension and then the great feast of Pentecost. Pentecost is the second most important feast in the Year and of tremendous importance for our spiritual lives. It is of even great importance at the present time as the recent popes have all seen the need for a "New Pentecost" - a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit which will lead to a New Evangelisation. As Christians, we need to live our lives with the same principles that fired the early Church Acts 2:42ff:

" They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

We can prepare for this great feast, the second most important in the year by praying the novena: Come, Holy Spirit..... The origin of the novena, nine days of prayer, started from the custom of praying a novena to the Holy Spirit on the nine days before Pentecost, following Our Lord's command to his disciples. It is still the only official novena prescribed by the Church. There is no official version given by the Church and there are longer versions on the web but I include one below that can be prayed easily. We should all learn the first section off by heart. Start Friday 27th May Finish Saturday 4th June

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.

THE ASCENSION

On Thursday, we celebrate the beautiful feast of Our Lord's Ascension into heaven. It is a feast of great joy. Firstly, we celebrate Our Lord's glory in being raised to the right hand of the Father and all things being made subject to him; he is now Christ the King. All authority is also given to him, he is the judge of mankind. He is superior to all the angels and continually intercedes for us in heaven before the Father. He has also led all the souls of the just with him to their reward.

It is also a feast of joy for us. We too, being mysteriously joined to Christ have been elevated. St Paul tells us that our life is hidden in Christ at the right hand of the Father. (Col 3) Moreover, like the apostles and disciples we should be radiant that Christ is ascending not because he is leaving us but in fact because he is becoming closer to us. It is a great mystery but now that Christ has ascended into heaven he is more present to us than when he was on earth; as the Fathers tell us that although he is more absent in his humanity, he is more present in his divinity. This is why the disciples were not sad at the ascension but returned to Jerusalem praising God. For now we are part of the new creation. (see 2 Cor 5:16- 17) Of course we still have to complete our life of trial here on earth but nevertheless it holds out to us a real hope.

Lastly, and in some ways most importantly, Jesus at his Ascension commissioned us. He has left it now to his Church to complete his mission on earth. He will work through the Church now and not directly. This is a great mystery— as Adam and Eve helped complete creation in Genesis (naming the animals), we now have to help complete the second creation and build up the body of Christ to its maturity. To enable us to do this, Jesus made us at baptism Priests, Prophets and Kings and showered upon us numerous gifts without which we would not be able to evangelise: "each of us has been given his own share of grace, given as allotted by Christ, it was said he would 'When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.'" (eph 4: 8, Ps 68:18) We spend our time now in prayer preparing for the greatest gift that will be given to us in a week's time: The Holy Spirit.

One of the most interesting things about the time we live in is the recent popes' call for a New Pentecost. St. John Paul II saw the Church as preparing for a New Pentecost in the new millennium, a fruit flowing from the Second Vatican Council. We need a "New" Pentecost to accomplish in the world a new evangelisation. It cannot be done without the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us. St. John Paul said that the evangelisation would be new in ardour, new in method and new in the use of the charisms of the Holy Spirit. Let us prepare for the great feast of Pentecost by praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us all.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

