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If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact Father at the Presbytery (01205 362056) 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 | 25 | 4.00pm | Eng | Vigil | |
| Sunday | 26 | 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm | Eng Pol Pol | 13th Sunday | <i>People of the Parish</i> |
| Monday | 27 | 12.30pm | Eng | Feria | <i>Tony Markham</i> |
| Tuesday | 28 | 9.30am 7.00pm | Eng Eng | St Irenaeus Vigil of Ss P+P | <i>Orphans RIP</i> |
| Wednesday | 29 | 10.30am 7.30pm | Eng Pol | SS Peter and Paul | |
| Thursday | 30 | No mass | Eng | Feria | |
| Friday | 1 | 9.30am 7.30pm | Eng Pol | Feria/1st Friday Adoration | <i>NDL</i> |
| Saturday | 2 | 9.30am 4.00pm | Eng Eng | BVM/1st Saturday Vigil | <i>NDL</i> |
| Sunday | 3 | 9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm | Eng Pol Pol Latin | 14th Sunday | <i>People of the Parish</i> |

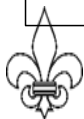
NB: PLEASE NOTE DIFFERENT MASS TIMES THIS WEEK
(Next Lithuanian mass 2nd October 2.30pm)

29th June SS Peter and Paul is a Holy day of Obligation

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: First Friday Adoration 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.

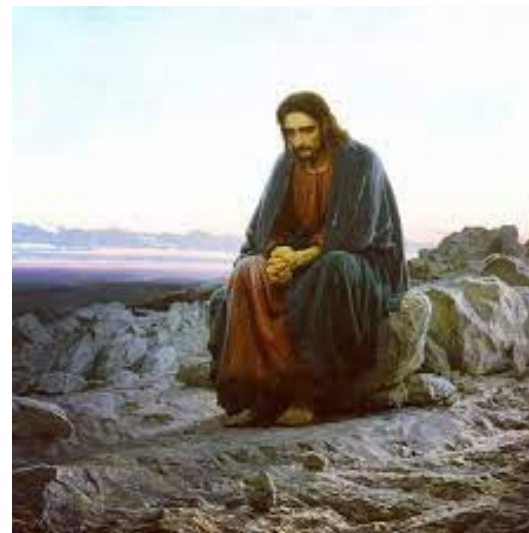
THE CONFERENCE OF BISHOPS OF ENGLAND AND WALES HAVE SAID THAT AT PENTECOST PEOPLE SHOULD NOW BE ATTENDING IN PERSON AT MASS.

Butterfly Hospice annual butterfly release will take place next month. We as a parish have always held a "second" collection and accepted donations on behalf of the Butterfly hospice with whom we have a close connection, This will be held on the 2nd/3rd July. If parishioners would like to sponsor a butterfly, this can be done via their web site: <https://www.butterflyhospice.org.uk>. or they could telephone the charity office 01205 311222 and a secure card payment could be taken and if any parishioner would like to make a donation, Deacon Martyn happy to accept on behalf of the hospice. The butterfly release will take place at 2pm on Sunday 17th July at the hospice and sponsors and supporters are most welcome to attend.

Your Excellency

I am writing to acknowledge and to thank you very much for the generous amount of £1,511.83 received for the Peter's Pence collections. This contribution is not only the expression of the bonds between the Diocese of Nottingham and the Apostolic See, but is also a practical means by which the faithful people in your parishes help the Holy Father in carrying out his universal ministry of caring for the entire Church. More than ever, such kindness is profoundly appreciated.

*With my prayerful best wishes, I remain, Yours devotedly,
+ Claudio Gugerotti*



"The Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head."



Announcements:

Website: has been 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...

Mature Christian freedom, by contrast, is my total availability and obedience to the will of the all-wise God. We may find initially any disciplinary structure difficult, but with time we may so internalise it and identify with it that it becomes a new and comfortably improved self-image. But that would be too bad, because this accommodation would defeat the purpose of Christian discipline as a permanent instrument of openness to the work of the Spirit within us. It is not enough by far to have taken radical initial steps of conversion and to be a reasonably observant and faithful Christian. At the centre of our being we must remain poor and free and available to God rather than barricade ourselves through habit to the approaches of God's ever surprising grace.

(Erasmio Leiva-Merikakis The Way of the Disciple)

Dates for Your Diary!

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND: PETER'S PENCE

WALSINGHAM DATES: Thursday 28th July Cost £10 – Book your place this weekend – see sign up sheet after mass and make your deposit

2nd/3rd July Voluntary Second Collection for **the Butterfly Hospice**

Women's Guild: Thursday 6.30pm Meal at the Ropers. See Carolyn or Father if interested.

Second Collections 26 June Peter's Pence 10 July Apostleship of the Sea 18 Sept Home Mission Sunday

BRIEF FINANCIAL REPORT YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2022

Due to it being a while since a financial report has been posted for parishioners, I have posted the end of year report in brief on the notice board. There will be a summary and commentary coming but this shows a good indication of financial state and many thanks to all who contribute to the collection and make donations. Fr.

Sunday Collection: June 19th 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. We have received payment from HMRC quarter ending March 22 for £1800.75.

Red Box Collection £1270.64 World Communication Sunday collection £132

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, Fay Cowell and Jack Newell.
- Our First Holy Communion Children: Isabel, Jochebed, Mia, Jagoda, Aniela, James, Nikolas, Nikodem, Nikola, Jacob,



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

This year there is a beautiful harmony as we start the Sundays in ordinary time. After contemplating the beautiful mysteries of the Trinity, Corpus Christi and the Sacred Heart, we are now plunged dramatically into what it means to be a disciple. If we believe these mysteries, what consequences will that have in our life?

The Liturgy is pointing out that if we want to live in the light – and not in darkness – if we want to be truly free, that freedom and light can only be found in Christ and we might add: where Christ IS. In Mark 3:14-15, Jesus primarily appoints his apostles so that they might be with him. Any missionary activity, indeed any activity at all comes after being with Jesus. John 1, his first followers want to know where he lives and they spend the day with him.

In the gospel today, this is taken to its logical conclusion, to be with Jesus means following him wherever he might go. The man in the gospel we know from Matthew's parallel text was a scribe which is interesting. A scribe was resident in a particular place with students gathered around him, so this scribe shows incredible generosity of spirit being willing to sacrifice his stability, his life's work to follow Jesus. Through grace he has come to realise that his studies of the law are now being fulfilled and brought into concrete action by the man in front of him. The written law is now brought into existence by the living incarnate law present in Jesus Christ.

Jesus then points out to him that the true nature of God is realised in the fact that the Son of Man has no place that he can call his own. Being the creator as well as the redeemer, this follows. The proof of Jesus' divinity lies in this simple fact that he has to move through his creation as a wayfarer. This is important for his disciples as following Jesus is going to necessitate a journey into the desert, a separation or better a detachment from not only things but also people and even important human duties and conventions – this is clear in Jesus' admonitions: leave the dead, leave ones family.

Once we acknowledge Jesus as God, there are only remain two logical solutions: to give up everything and to follow him or to kill him. This scribe follows, other scribes plot his death. This is why the world hates him because he puts this stark choice before everyone: either repent.....or..."It is not enough by far to have taken radical initial steps of conversion and to be a reasonably observant and faithful Christian. At the centre of our being we must remain poor and free and available to God rather than barricade ourselves through habit to the approaches of God's ever surprising grace" See Spiritual Thought for the Week

This radical conversion and following of Jesus is not attained immediately but come through the interior spiritual journey. St Teresa of Avila compares it to journeying through the mansions of the soul to the Interior Castle where uncreated light dwells. This journey is so exciting and beautiful that it makes the exterior world quite dull in comparison. Jesus does not ask that we are morally perfect, or brilliant students, or event that we are confident and know the way; he asks rather for complete openness and courage to continue come what may. He also promises that following him at least guarantees one very important thing: we will not be alone.

Our world of health and safety, of increasing protective laws, or a more sedentary life, I believe has dulled a spirit of adventure that we need in life. Danger, risk – although managed risk – is going to be a part of our life if we are going to accomplish anything. To follow Jesus then we also need to be adventurous, to be excited about the journey and to be prepared to sacrifice anything in order to continue. The Hobbit is a good example of how a staid, comfortable hobbit ends up setting out on a journey that he did not really want – except deep down - but this journey changes his life.

So let us be careful of building around ourselves structures that provide us with a nice comfort zone but which in the end hinder us. Even our very faith if we are not careful can end up being a pleasant comfort zone but one which does not call us to deep internal conversion and mission. We need the virtues especially of detachment, courage and perseverance. Let us "Put out into the deep" and enjoy the light and freedom that comes from being where Christ is. Also in this strange paradox when we have become detached from everything, we end up in fact possessing everything but now in the right way. We have nowhere to lay our head but the whole world is our garden!

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

THANKS BE TO GOD FOR THE REPEAL OF ROE VS WADE IN THE AMERICAN SUPREME COURT.

