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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

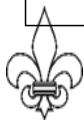
Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	18	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Simone GHO</i>
Sunday	19	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 2.30pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Lith Latin	Corpus Christi 12th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday	20	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>GHO J.Flynn</i>
Tuesday	21	9.30am	Eng	St Aloysius	<i>Niamh Doohan</i>
Wednesday	22	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	SS John Fisher + Thomas More	<i>NDL</i>
Thursday	23	9.30am	Eng	John the Baptist	<i>Reji&Nici Wed Annv</i>
Friday	24	9.30am 5.30pm 8.00pm	Eng Syro Pol	The Sacred Heart	
Saturday	25	No Mass 4.00pm	Eng	Immac Heart Vigil	
Sunday	26	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	13th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>

NB: CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2.00PM 19th June

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

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.



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...

Who can express, O Jesus, the power and depth of your regard! You looked on Simon, and You saw in him the eternal foundation of Your Church. You looked at Matthew, and You drew him to You to make him an apostle. You looked at Zacheus, and You brought salvation to him, and to all his house. You looked at your unfaithful apostle, and opened in his heart an inexhaustible source of tears. The good thief looked at You, and Your charity and sweetness revealed to him the Son of God. You looked at the good thief, and You assured him of his pardon, and You opened to him the gates of Your kingdom. O Jesus! deign to turn on me one of those merciful looks, and grant that in contemplating You, I may be filled with your love. (Cure d'Ars, St John Marie Vianney)

Dates for Your Diary!

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION TODAY 2.00PM

Fr Alex is kindly celebrating the mass on the Sacred Heart for us.

25th June Our Lady of Lincoln 4pm : To celebrate World Meeting of Families. Mass celebrated by Bishop Patrick. Followed by BBQ, Ice Cream Van, Games. A free event but needs booking at dioceseofnottingham.uk/events

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**

Second Collections: 19 June Day for Life 26 June Peter's Pence 10 July Apostleship of the Sea
18 Sept Home Mission Sunday

Sunday Collection: June 12th 2022

Envelope: £157 Loose Plate: £320 Candles: £43 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....

“Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts, stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder. It has fed our thirst for facts, but not for meaning or mystery. It produces 'nice' people, not heroes.” --Peter Kreeft

Fr John Hardon S.J. taught that the greatest need in the Church today was to understand the Eucharist and that the great crisis of our time has as its root belief in the real presence. There can be no doubt about this when one simply reflects on the decline in mass attendance and the decline in attendance at Adoration. As Richard Weaver wrote, “Ideas have consequences.” As human beings what we think should govern our actions. If something is true, then we must act upon it; it must govern our lives. If we don't, eventually how we act will change the way we think.

We should all examine ourselves on this. What priority does mass have in our lives? Do we make any preparation or thanksgiving? Do we respect the real presence in Church by refraining from unnecessary talk? Do we receive Holy Communion with reverence and awareness?

The Blessed Sacrament requires thought and meditation; we have to reflect upon this mystery if it is going to play a role in our lives. Moreover, we should only receive Holy Communion if we are in a state of grace and are committed to living a full catholic life. We need also to be able to pass this on to others— what a gift we have to offer to others that God is truly present amongst us and we can be in his presence. This requires courage, the sort of courage of a Margaret Clitherow who sacrificed everything for the sake of the mass and the priests who celebrated it; we need heroes.

This is clear when we consider belief in the Eucharist: either it is what the Church teaches—the most profound sacrifice, grace, act of love, the real presence of God amongst us, the greatest gift we have, OR it is not. Yet so often we do not put this clearly at the front of our minds and think about what consequence this should have in our lives. I firmly believe that the crisis in today's society is not about disbelief in God or materialism but a philosophy called relativism that seeks to deny an absolute truth and that this absolute truth must govern our lives. It is not that people don't believe in God but that people don't want to ask themselves the important questions because of where this might lead them in their lives—the necessity to repent and to deny the self.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*



The Feast of Corpus Christi was instituted in the fourteenth century by Pope Urban IV and the office for the feast was composed by St. Thomas Aquinas - it is one of the most beautiful. It gives us an occasion to celebrate this mystery when on Maundy Thursday during Holy Week we are preoccupied with the passion of Our Lord.

- Jesus offers his body and blood—what does this mean? His body represents his whole complete self. In Hebrew it is more than just the physical body but the total person. His blood represents his life. Jesus thus offers everything to the Father. What does this mean for us? We must offer our body: our time, our resources, our leisure and all that we are. We must offer our blood: not just our life, but our illnesses, physical difficulties etc. Both must be done in union with Christ.

- At mass Jesus wants us to join in with his offering. It is a bit like an older brother buying a present for his parents and getting his younger siblings to sign the card. This is why the “Amen” at the end of the Eucharistic Prayer is so important. It is our pledge: we agree, we accept, we join with this mystery.

- What does our participation in receiving Our Lord's body and blood mean? Firstly, Jesus lived his life as a man, not as a mother or old person etc. But by communion with us, our eyes, body, minds, hands become his. He absorbs our life. Everything we have becomes his. Therefore, we know that everything we live through has already been lived and experienced by Christ. He truly knows our sufferings, our successes, our failures, our difficulties. What we have is more properly Jesus' than ours.

- Secondly, this sharing also happens the other way around. Through communion we participate in Jesus' life. His mysteries, his life—including his graces and virtues—becomes ours as well as his. What Jesus has is more properly our own than what we have. St. Bernard of Clairvaux and Blessed Elizabeth of the Trinity both knew how important this “appropriation” is. We can claim for our own what is Jesus'.
Mondays

- However, an important consequence of this is that through the grace received at communion, we try our best to live our lives in the way Jesus would choose to live in us.

- This is why St. Paul compares in Ephesians marriage to the mystery of the church and communion. In marriage the couple give themselves totally to the other and become one body. This deep, deep unity is still but a sign of the unity that occurs in communion. There is no deeper union possible or imaginable that the union between Christ and a person in Holy Communion. This is also why to receive communion whilst not in a state of grace is so deadly—it brings life not death. Likewise, to receive communion without thought or preparation is very unfitting.

Parish contacts

- Lastly, this intimate union formed in Holy Communion must bear fruit in our lives. We must really desire to give ourselves over totally to the Lord so that no longer are two separate lives being lived but just one.

