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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

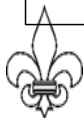
Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	11	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	12	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>Trinity Sunday</b> ( <b>11<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b> )	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Monday</b>	13	<b>7.00am</b>	Eng	<b>St Antony of Padua</b>	<i>66<sup>th</sup> Birthday Intn</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	14	9.30am	Eng	<b>Feria</b>	
<b>Wednesday</b>	15	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	<b>Feria</b>	
<b>Thursday</b>	16	7.00pm	Eng	<b>Feria</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	17	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	<b>Feria</b>	<i>Tommy McCamley</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	18	11.00am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	<b>1<sup>st</sup> HC Vigil</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	19	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 2.30pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Lith Latin	<b>Corpus Christi</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>

NB: CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2.00PM 19<sup>th</sup> 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.**

### 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.



Andrei Rublev The Trinity  
*The greatest Russian icon.*



## **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 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)

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...**

The practice which is most holy and necessary in the spiritual life is the practice of the presence of God. It consists of taking pleasure in and becoming accustomed to his divine company, speaking humbly with him and conversing lovingly with him at all times, at every moment, without any rules, but without measure; especially in times of temptations, sufferings, aridities, revulsion and even infidelities and sins.

We should continually strive to ensure that all our actions are like little conversations with God, quite unstudied, just using the words that come from the purity and simplicity of the heart.

(Brother Lawrence The Practice of the Presence of God)



## **Dates for Your Diary!**

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION NEXT SUNDAY (19TH) 2.00PM

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

### **Sunday Collection:** June 5 2022

Envelope: £178 Loose Plate: £251 Candles: £25 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 candidates.

### First Holy Communions 11.6.22

Adrianna; Kristers, Daniel, Kacper, Mia; Mileja; Laya



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

Dear Faithful

Sometimes the mystery, the drama that we are involved can fill us with feelings of inadequacy, trepidation and even fear. Even at times when we hear the word "God," we can just feel bewilderment. This can be added to because we can't access God – at least at the heart – by our emotions, thoughts, reflections etc (although these can help at times if they lead to conversation with God.) This can lead to either a paralysis when we just remain frozen before the mystery, or we decide simply not to approach "Him" in any intimacy – we keep our distance, living our lives and allowing "Him" to live his; we pray, come to mass but in essence our lives and his are like two tramlines stretching into the distance – they may appear to draw closer but it is in fact an optical illusion.

I believe that if we are honest many of us think this way. Why? There can be a number of causes: Whatever we do, nothing seems to change; we are not prepared to live our fully our Christian lives, so grace is blocked; we have believed the lie that God is fundamentally not to be trusted totally, so we always wish to remain in control.

THIS IS A FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM that must be addressed otherwise we shall never live the fully Christian life of freedom and joy.

What must we do about it – how do we rectify this situation?

Firstly, don't let the problem put us off, God can solve everything – even our sinfulness and infidelity. Secondly, we have to fix firmly in our minds that God is good and we can only truly find fulfilment in him – as Peter said to Jesus (and I am paraphrasing and expanding the gospel passage):

"Lord I don't understand what you are about, I don't really understand what you are telling me. But I know that I don't have the solution to my life and my happiness and so contrary to what I may be thinking or feeling, I do know and believe that in you alone lies the answer. So I am going to stick by you even if everything in me and everybody else decides to part from you." Cf Jn 6:68) Jesus tells us at the last supper: "This eternal life to know you the one true God and him whom you have sent, Jesus Christ." (Jn 17:3)

ABOVE ALL: Let us remember he has CHOSEN me. We may not understand anything, we may not even want him, we may not know how we are going to approach him or how he can possibly change us BUT HE has chosen us. He has first loved us.

This is something that has come home to me preparing the children for First Holy Communion. One worries – have I prepared them enough and/or in the right way? Will they continue to practice? Are they ready? Have my mistakes hindered their preparation? Now whilst it is important to try to get things right – in the end it is HIS encounter; He has chosen it from all eternity. And even if this happens to be their only encounter with Him, it is enough.

Finally, however, as I keep coming back to it because one must always keep coming back to it, **it is only in prayer that we are really able to undergo a profound transformation** - what could be termed a "second baptism" of the Holy Spirit, when something so profound changes in us that we can never look at anything in the same way again.

We must set aside time for God ( Jaques Philippe has written a lovely book, called "Time for God.) It starts there TIME FOR GOD. Then we must persevere come what may – whether anything seems to be happening or not. PERSEVERE. What we say, how we approach it can help but it is secondary. Pray whatever you feel comfortable or feel called to pray. Chat informally or say the Our Father slowly but whatever you do keep yourself open to what God wants to do in you. Look at a picture for example the icon in the newsletter and allow that to help you.

TIME FOR GOD

PERSEVERE

BE OPEN

It really is as simply as that. The battle comes in just doing those things because if we persevere, we shall be transformed and that is the last thing the world, our own weak human flesh and the devil wants.

Let us entrust ourselves to the Blessed Virgin Mary – she wants us to be with her baby, Jesus, more than we do ourselves. Let us place ourselves under her protection and surrender everything to her. As the beautiful prayer of St Bernard (The Memorare) says: "Never was it known that anyone who entrusted themselves to your protection was left forsaken."

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

