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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

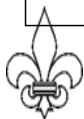
Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	2	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	3	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	14th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday	4	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Mariyam Thomas RIP</i>
Tuesday	5	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Tony Markham</i>
Wednesday	6	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	7	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	
Friday	8	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Saturday	9	No Mass 4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	10	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	15th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>

(Next Lithuanian mass 2nd October 2.30pm)

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.

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.

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TRIP TO WALSINGHAM 28th July

Depart 9.30am

Mass 12.00 (noon) followed by Lunch and walk to town.

Arrive back latest 7.00pm

Cost £10 see Carolyn or Father to book a place.

This is a parish pilgrimage and a great opportunity to visit the National Shrine of Mary. Many graces available.

JULY: MONTH DEVOTED TO THE PRECIOUS BLOOD. The Litany of the Precious Blood is a beautiful prayer to recite in this month. "Blood that but one drop of has the world to win, all the world forgiveness of its world of sin." (St Thomas)

Let us, then, come back from that table like lions breathing out fire, thus becoming terrifying to the Devil, and remaining mindful of our Head and of the love he has shown for us. . . This Blood, when worthily received, drives away demons and puts them at a distance from us, and even summons to us angels and the Lord of angels. . . This Blood, poured out in abundance, has washed the whole world clean. . . This is the price of the world; by it Christ purchased the Church... This thought will check in us unruly passions. How long, in truth, shall we be attached to present things? How long shall we remain asleep? How long shall we not take thought for our own salvation? Let us remember what privileges God has bestowed on us, let us give thanks, let us glorify him, not only by faith, but also by our very works. (St John Chrysostom)



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...

In the noise of everyday life there is always a certain agitation that is stirred up in man. Noise is never serene and it is not conducive to understanding another person. How right Pascal was when he wrote in his Pensees: “All the unhappiness of men arises from one single fact, that they cannot stay quietly in their own chamber.”

On the merely physical level man can find rest only in silence. The most beautiful things in life take place in silence. We can read or write when we have silence at our disposal.

How is even one moment of prayer life imaginable apart from silence?

Mankind must join a sort of resistance movement. What will become of our world if it does not look for intervals of silence. Without it life does not exist. The greatest mysteries of life are born and unfold in silence.

(Robert Cardinal Sarah: The Power of Silence sect. 20+23)



Dates for Your Diary!

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

Jenny Hunter RIP Requiem Mass 11.30am 13th July.

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

Women's Guild: Thursday 21st July 6.30pm Meal at the Ropers. See Carolyn or Father if interested.

Second Collections 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 26th 2022

Envelope: £133 Loose Plate: £270 Candles: £23 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 Peter's Pence collection £124

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.
- RIP Jenny Hunter



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

Last week in the light of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, we considered that the disciple must always be available and open to God's will. Once we have acknowledged him as Lord, we are naturally at his disposal. Discipleship is a journey and the nature of the journey is grow deeper and deeper in union with Jesus.

This journey is an interior one that takes place in the depth of the soul. What is the gateway or entrance? Jesus says to "enter by the narrow gate.....because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it." (Mt 7:13-14) The Fathers of the Church see the narrow gate as being prayer and meditation. St Teresa of Avila tells us that if anyone points out a different way then they are misleading us. Prayer is where the love of God transforms us to be true followers of Christ. This is why Jesus himself spent long nights in prayer alone and often on a mountain.

So let us make prayer a priority. How often and for how long will differ from person to person – we don't expect a worker to pray as much as a monk. But everyone must make time for it. Likewise how we pray or what we say will differ from person to person and will also change depending on our own development. But whatever we are praying whether the rosary, scriptures, or just sitting quietly in God's presence, the most important thing is that we are aware of whom we are talking to and that how our prayer flows depends upon him.

Sometimes prayer seems to flow smoothly and beautifully and we receive great consolations from it. At other times, it seems so dry and so difficult that we wonder if we should bother at all. This is a crucial crossroads in our journey: we must persevere in prayer regardless of how we think we are doing and no matter how dry it may be. This is the main reason people do not progress far on their journey because they stop or slow down when prayer seems to be difficult. But what in fact is happening is that God is purifying us through difficulties in prayer because he wants us to learn to pray for his sake alone and not for what we get out of it. St Therese of Lisieux compared it to a bird who is walking around on the ground whilst it is raining and the clouds are covering the sun. The little bird must know that the sun is still shining even though it cannot see it. Prayer has to be a journey by faith and trust and not by sight and consolations.

Another important thing to remember is that distractions are not only normal but they are a good thing. Most of the time in prayer we will have distractions and this is completely normal. Indeed St Teresa says that one cannot pray without distractions. What does she mean? Every time we turn from a distraction to God, we are praying and growing in love. Every time this happens we are undergoing a conversion.

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Lastly, in prayer we need to learn to listen, to seek that still quiet voice that is speaking in the depths of our soul. Growth in the spiritual life is through the transforming word that God speaks in the soul. This is why silence is so important. Not just exterior but also interior. Quietening our thoughts and distractions by praying a verse of scripture or the Our Father slowly thereby recollecting ourselves and creating stillness in the depths which enables us to listen.

To summarise:

- Prayer is the great necessity: it is the narrow gate, it is sitting at the feet of Jesus like Mary doing the one necessary thing.
- Faithfulness to prayer is the only way to grow spiritually.
- Dryness and difficulties in prayer such as distractions or thoughts enable us to pray better.
- Learn to listen and to seek silence and solitude. God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

The Precious Blood

