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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

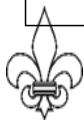
Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	9	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	10	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	15th Sunday (Sea Sunday)	<i>Anna and Abel</i>
Monday	11	7.00am	Eng	Saint Benedict Feast	
Tuesday	12	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	13	11.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Requiem Mass Jenny Hunter RIP	
Thursday	14	No Mass	Eng	Feria	
Friday	15	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Bonaventure	
Saturday	16	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	Our Lady of Carmel Vigil	
Sunday	17	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	16th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>

NB: Different mass times this week

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 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...

Here lies all the powerful beauty of the liturgy. If the resurrection were for us a concept, an idea, a thought; if the Risen One were for us the recollection of the recollection of others, however authoritative, as, for example, of the Apostles; if there were not given also to us the possibility of a true encounter with Him, that would be to declare the newness of the Word made flesh to have been all used up. Instead, the Incarnation, in addition to being the only always new event that history knows, is also the very method that the Holy Trinity has chosen to open to us the way of communion. Christian faith is either an encounter with Him alive, or it does not exist.

The Liturgy guarantees for us the possibility of such an encounter. For us a vague memory of the Last Supper would do no good. We need to be present at that Supper, to be able to hear his voice, to eat his Body and to drink his Blood. We need Him. In the Eucharist and in all the sacraments we are guaranteed the possibility of encountering the Lord Jesus and of having the power of his Paschal Mystery reach us. The salvific power of the sacrifice of Jesus, his every word, his every gesture, glance, and feeling reaches us through the celebration of the sacraments. (Pope Francis' Apostolic Letter on the Liturgy *Desidero Desideravi* (§10/11))



Dates for Your Diary!

10th July Second Collection this Weekend Apostleship of the Sea

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 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: July 3rd 2022

Envelope: £150 Loose Plate: £316 Candles: £27 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.

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 RIP Liam Fleming



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

St. Paul said in his letter to the Ephesians that God could do infinitely more than we could imagine or dare to ask for. (cf Eph 3:20) Sometimes as Catholics we can forget the greatness that God has destined us and the world for. Pope Saint John Paul II in his catechesis on the Theology of the Body reminded us that Jesus did not come, suffer, die and rise again simply so that we could somehow get by; somehow just cope with sin. Nor did he give his teaching as some ideal that we aim for but find impossible to live up to. For example Jesus' teaching that we commit adultery even if we look at a woman with lust in our heart is a teaching he intends that we live out.

Jesus came to give us the power to be transformed; indeed to be divinised. Jesus through his passion, death and resurrection has gained for us the power so that our hearts can be changed, so we look at things in a new way. Ezekiel prophesied that our hearts of stone would be transformed into hearts of flesh. The Christian who is on this interior journey of transformation begins to notice that temptations which before he found unable to cope with have suddenly lost their power. Christ is the Good Samaritan who takes pity on us – we are the man lying half dead at the roadside, crippled by sin, weighed down by our burdens. Christ comes to restore us to the order, purpose and place for which we were created.

If I can be so bold as to put the second reading into simple language: God made Jesus perfect so that in him all things whether in heaven or earth; whether rational or irrational, man or nature could find their home and achieve their unity with one another. This required that he die and rise again so that everything could now be restored once again to how God intended it to be and that all things should be at peace – peace primarily means to be in harmony with God and with one another.

It is not a coincidence that there is such a powerful movement at the moment to “save the planet” because even nature is groaning under its slavery to sin – Paul writes this in his letter to the Romans (Chp 8).

This harmony and restoration can only be brought about when individuals each undergo their own interior transformation. This is the only thing that can save the world. G.K. Chesterton once had to sit a three hour exam paper for university entrance and there was only one question “What is wrong with the world?” He wrote one word quickly and then left: “Me”

The spiritual journey should really excite us because although it is difficult and can only be entered by the narrow gate, it is truly the only great adventure. It is the only way we truly become whom God intended us to be.

The most important thing for the journey is DESIRE. We must want to be saints. Here is a beautiful comment from the headmaster of the Chesterton Academy 31/3/17:

“The only real sadness, the only real failure, the only great tragedy in life, is not to become a saint.”

This quotation by the French Catholic novelist Leon Bloy (from La Femme Pauvre) is more than simply a pious thought; it speaks of the deepest desire of our hearts for God and for human excellence. To put it differently, “the desire of our hearts” (Ps 37) is to be a saint, and to fail to obtain this blessedness is to live a life of sadness.

In this vein, C.S. Lewis offers us some challenging remarks: “It would seem that Our Lord finds our desires not too strong, but too weak. We are half-hearted creatures ... when infinite joy is offered us, like an ignorant child who wants to go on making mud pies in a slum because he cannot imagine what is meant by the offer of a holiday at the sea. We are far too easily pleased” (The Weight of Glory).

As parents and as educators, let us seek to awaken in ourselves and our children this desire for sanctity, for greatness, and not allow ourselves to settle for anything less than this... for that would be a tragedy.

Prayer Revision from last week.

- 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!*

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. This is what ongoing conversion and repentance means: a constant turning away from our thoughts, desires, attractions back to God.

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.

