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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	16	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	17	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	16th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday	18	7.00am	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	19	No Mass	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	20	No Mass 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	21	10.00am	Eng	Leaver's Mass	
Friday	22	9.30am 5.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Syr-Mal Pol	St Mary Magdalene Feast	
Saturday	23	No Mass 4.00pm	Eng Eng	Vigil	<i>Gleeson Family</i>
Sunday	24	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	17th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>

NB: Thursday Saint Mary's School Leavers' Mass

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



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...

The great mystical tradition of the Church of both East and West has much to say in this regard. It shows how prayer can progress, as a genuine dialogue of love, to the point of rendering the person wholly possessed by the divine Beloved, vibrating at the Spirit's touch, resting filially within the Father's heart. This is the lived experience of Christ's promise: "He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him" (Jn 14:21). It is a journey totally sustained by grace, which nonetheless demands an intense spiritual commitment and is no stranger to painful purifications (the "dark night"). But it leads, in various possible ways, to the ineffable joy experienced by the mystics as "nuptial union". How can we forget here, among the many shining examples, the teachings of Saint John of the Cross and Saint Teresa of Avila?

Yes, dear brothers and sisters, our Christian communities must become genuine "schools" of prayer, where the meeting with Christ is expressed not just in imploring help but also in thanksgiving, praise, adoration, contemplation, listening and ardent devotion, until the heart truly "falls in love". Intense prayer, yes, but it does not distract us from our commitment to history: by opening our heart to the love of God it also opens it to the love of our brothers and sisters, and makes us capable of shaping history according to God's plan.
(Novo Millennio Ineunte JP II §33)



Dates for Your Diary!

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 10th 2022

Envelope: £169 Loose Plate: £299 Candles: £14 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





Sometimes a picture is worth a thousand words – the one necessary thing that Jesus tells us in today's gospel Mary did: "She was sitting beside the feet of Jesus listening to his word"

Top left Mary, Mary Magdalene and St Dominic by Fra Angelico Top right: Mary Magdalene by Johannes Vermeer Bottom Left: unknown Bottom right: from the Passion of the Christ

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.

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.

