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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



Our Lady of the Rosary

*In the end my Immaculate Heart will
triumph! Fiat!*

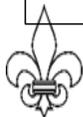
Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	23	4.00pm	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>
Monday	25	7.00am	Eng	St James	
Tuesday	26	9.30am	Eng	SS Joachim and Anne	
Wednesday	27	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	28	No Mass		Walsingham Trip	
Friday	29	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Margaret, Mary and Lazarus	
Saturday	30	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	31	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	18th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>

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. If I can get enough people we could get a coach. PLEASE SIGN SHEET AT BACK OF CHURCH.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank all of you kind people who have helped with the church cleaning over many years. It has been a privilege and a joy working with you all. Thank you! Through ill health, I have regrettably had to retire. The church always needs more helpers, so if you can help please see Father. God bless you and thank you again. I will miss working with you. David Locking.

PADRE PIO'S WISDOM:

In all of life's events, recognize God's divine will, adore it, bless it. Do not be eager to free yourself from the things that are hard for you and particularly the things that are the hardest. Instead lift up your mind even more to the divine Father and tell him, "My life, like my death, is in your hands. Do with me what is most pleasing to you."

In times of spiritual oppression, say to him, "Lord, God of my heart, you alone know and understand completely the heart of every creature. You alone know my pain, you alone understand that all my anguish arises from my fear of losing you, of offending you, and of not loving you as much as you deserve and as much as I ought to and want to. If you, to whom everything is present and who alone can read the future, know that it is better for your glory and for my salvation that I be in this state, so be it. I do not ask to be delivered from it. Give me strength so that I can fight and obtain the prize of valiant souls."

(To Raffaelina Cerase, March 4, 1915)



Announcements:

Times for Confession If you would like confession outside of the confessional, please make an appointment with Father.

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...

Communicating information to God cannot be the purpose of Christian prayer. Would he be the All-Wise if he needed to be informed? "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him." The purpose of Christian prayer is to enter here and now into a deeper and ever more real relationship with God: to enter into his presence and abide there. Christian prayer is a movement of the spirit from a place where I am far from God to a place where I am near him before his very Face with my head resting on his bosom. Thus, prayer does not primarily have to do with any kind of mental exchange but with a proximity of hearts; in other words with love. Only in this context may I proceed to ask God for what he already knows I need.

But do I know what I need? This entrusting to God the judgement of my real needs, therefore, is the heart of the prayer of request. For a Christian asking God for specific things is optional; what is not optional is entering in silence and solitude of heart into his presence. (E Leiva Merikakis Vol 1 St Matthew)

Dates for Your Diary!

WALSINGHAM DATES: Thursday 28th July Please be at the parish car park for 9.15am. Coach leaves promptly at 9.30am
Cost £10 – Some places still available

MARCH FOR LIFE SATURDAY 3RD SEPTEMBER – IF INTERESTED PLEASE SIGN SHEET AT BACK OF CHURCH.

MISSIO

Calling all Missio Red Box Holders! It is time to bring your boxes into Church to be counted. Please leave them in the sacristy. If you would like your box collected, please let me know. Teresa(07956204247)

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 17th 2022

Envelope: £164 Loose Plate: £288 Candles: £17 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, Sadie Wheate, Jenny Hunter, Fay Cowell and Jack Newell.
- Prayers for Margaret Allday who is very ill
- Barbara Goemans RIP Barbara's funeral will be on the 9th August at 10.15am
- RIP Jenny Hunter RIP Liam Fleming



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

We need to use words so that we may remind ourselves to consider carefully what we are asking, not so that we may think we can instruct the Lord or prevail on him.

LORD'S PRAYER – YOUR NAME, KINGDOM & WILL

Thus, when we say: *Hallowed be your name*, we are reminding ourselves to desire that his name, which in fact is always holy, should also be considered holy among men. I mean that it should not be held in contempt. But this is a help for men, not for God. And as for our saying: *Your kingdom come*, it will surely come whether we will it or not. But we are stirring up our desires for the kingdom so that it can come to us and we can deserve to reign there.

When we say: *Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven*, we are asking him to make us obedient so that his will may be done in us as it is done in heaven by his angels.

OUR FATHER – DAILY BREAD

When we say: *Give us this day our daily bread*, in saying this day we mean “in this world”. Here we ask for a sufficiency by specifying the most important part of it; that is, we use the word “bread” to stand for everything. Or else we are asking for the sacrament of the faithful, which is necessary in this world, not to gain temporal happiness but to gain the happiness that is everlasting.

FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

When we say: *Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us*, we are reminding ourselves of what we must ask and what we must do in order to be worthy in turn to receive.

When we say: *Lead us not into temptation*, we are reminding ourselves to ask that his help may not depart from us; otherwise we could be seduced and consent to some temptation, or despair and yield to it.



LORD'S PRAYER – DELIVER US FROM EVIL

When we say: *Deliver us from evil*, we are reminding ourselves to reflect on the fact that we do not yet enjoy the state of blessedness in which we shall suffer no evil. This is the final petition contained in the Lord's Prayer, and it has a wide application. In this petition the Christian can utter his cries of sorrow, in it he can shed his tears, and through it he can begin, continue and conclude his prayer, whatever the distress in which he finds himself. Yes, it was very appropriate that all these truths should be entrusted to us to remember in these very words.

OUR FATHER & PRAYER IN THE SPIRIT

Whatever be the other words we may prefer to say (words which the one praying chooses so that his disposition may become clearer to himself or which he simply adopts so that his disposition may be intensified), we say nothing that is not contained in the Lord's Prayer, provided of course we are praying in a correct and proper way. But if anyone says something which is incompatible with this prayer of the Gospel, he is praying in the flesh, even if he is not praying sinfully. And yet I do not know how this could be termed anything but sinful, since those who are born again through the Spirit ought to pray only in the Spirit.

(Saint Augustine's Commentary on the Our Father taken from his letter to Proba)

