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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
<b>Saturday</b>	10	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	11	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	<b>24<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>Patricia RIP</i>
<b>Monday</b>	12	<b>12.30pm</b>	Eng	Requiem	<i>The Queen RIP</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	13	9.30am	Eng	St John Chrysostom	
<b>Wednesday</b>	14	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Exaltation of the Cross	
<b>Thursday</b>	15	7.00pm	Eng	O.L of Sorrows Confirmation Mass	
<b>Friday</b>	16	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	SS Cornelius + Cyprian	
<b>Saturday</b>	17	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng	<b>BVM Vigil</b>	<i>People of the Parish</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	18	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	<b>25<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>People of the Parish Conway + Jones Ancestors</i>

**Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:**

**Confessions: Saturday** After morning mass and 3.15-4.00pm **Sunday** 8.55-9.20am

## IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR

2nd October: The anniversary of the Consecration of Our Church Solemnity (Transferred from the 3<sup>rd</sup> October)

9<sup>th</sup> October: Patronal Feast day: Our Lady of the Rosary (transferred from the 7<sup>th</sup> October) Shared Table 2.30pm in the Hall. SOLEMNITY

1<sup>st</sup> November All Saints' Day

2<sup>nd</sup> November All Souls' Day

13<sup>th</sup> November Blessing of Graves 2.30pm Boston Cem.

19<sup>th</sup> November Parish Retreat Day



### Relics of St. Bernadette

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, in Saint Bernadette's church, Scunthorpe; 8.00am – 5.00pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October, in Saint Barnabas Cathedral; 6.30pm (Thursday) – 10.30am (Friday). For booking go to [stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour](http://stbernadette.org.uk/the-tour)



## QUEEN ELIZABETH II RIP



On behalf of the Catholic Community here in Nottingham and across much of the East Midlands, we wish to express our deep sadness at hearing the news of the death of Her Majesty the Queen this afternoon. I wish to take this opportunity to express our gratitude and love for the late Queen. We have always admired her deep sense of duty, service, and commitment, but also her very evident love for the people she has served so generously these last 71 years.

We also want to pay our respects to the Queen as a woman of a faith, as a Christian, whose faith always inspired and shaped the way she lived. We pray that Christ Jesus, whom she faithfully served throughout her whole life, may now welcome her into His Kingdom with these words: Well done good and faithful servant.

Our prayers go out to her family at this very sad time for them, as well as the whole nation. God save the King.

During this time of national mourning, Nottingham Cathedral will open daily (from 7am-7pm) for people to sign the book of condolence, to light a candle and to spend some time in private prayer or reflection. All are welcome. + Patrick

## Spiritual Thought for the Week...

**In spiritual conflicts you need to do what the violin player does. When he hears something out of tune, he does not snap the string or walk away from the violin. Instead, he immediately bends down to discover the source of discord, and then patiently and gently stretches or relaxes the string as needed.**

**Well do the same. Do not become impatient with troublesome things. Do not try to snap the string as soon as you hear a note out of tune. But be patient. Humble yourself before God. Gently stretch out or relax the strings or your heart before the heavenly Musician, because he can fix the disharmony.**

(Padre Pio November 22, 1916 from Spiritual Direction for every day)

## Dates for your diary!

**13<sup>th</sup> September** Women's Guild meets. 1.30pm Church Hall. Topics: Charities at Christmas and Advent Agnells.

**15<sup>th</sup> September 7.00pm Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick.** Please keep our candidates in your prayers: Oscar, Maryanne, Adrianna, Skaiva, Akhil, Bernie, Seamus and Samuel.

**MISSIO:** reminder to Red Box holders to bring their boxes to the sacristy for emptying.

Saint Marta Group (to help combat trafficking etc):Postponed

**CENTREPOINT** are desperately short of food so all the donations which can give at anytime will be gratefully appreciated and accepted.

**SAFEGUARDING TRAINING (FOR THOSE WITH DBS):** Please pick up a leaflet at the back of Church or see Father. I am afraid it is compulsory.

**SECOND COLLECTIONS:** 18<sup>th</sup> September Home Mission Sunday; 3<sup>rd</sup> October Care Home India Appeal; 23<sup>rd</sup> October World Mission Sunday; 11<sup>th</sup> December Poor and Needy parishes

### **Sunday Collection:** 4<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Envelope: £148 Loose Plate: £315 Candles: £24 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. The June quarter return has been submitted totalling £6,721.01.

The amount received by bank payments from parishioners is £4,685.01.

Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

### **OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR**

- Queen Elizabeth II RIP
- Confirmation Candidates – see above.
- The sick and housebound and for those who need your prayers, Alan Potter, Liam Lane, Valerie Bianco, Graham Parkinson, Sadie Wheate, Fay Cowell, David Locking and Jack Newell.



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

Dear Faithful,

The death of our Queen Elizabeth and the accession of King Charles III has moved the country. It is truly the end of an era. The Queen fulfilled her coronation promise to be our servants. She understood the people of this country and most importantly she was a Christian presence in our land. We must pray for the repose of her soul and for King Charles. Saint Paul himself reminds us of the importance of this in his letters.

The coronation ceremony – an ancient and Christian one – reminds us of the role that God should have in our country. I think we can all learn from the Queen in her witness to “Duty” and “Service.” We need to pray for the Royal Family at this time and that it be for them a time of unity.

It is also the beginning of a new school year and although not a start like Advent and the beginning of a new calendar year, it does represent for many a picking up of life after the Summer holidays. I am hoping that it has also been a time of reflection, a chance to stand back and take stock of our spiritual lives: Where are we going? What needs changing? This was beautifully illustrated in last weekend’s liturgy: Luke 14:25-33. Jesus tells us that we must “hate” anything that stops us from following him and entering the kingdom, whether that be a wife or father etc. We must also carry our cross and give up all of our possessions.

Most interesting of all, He asks us to sit down and weigh up what it means to be his disciple. When I examine my own soul, I see that this lack of total commitment really hinders spiritual growth as well as peace of soul. The Spanish phrase sums this up: *toto o nada* = all or nothing. This can be off putting but if we really meditate about it, it makes complete sense. If God is God, then it is clear that his will for us must be followed and contains our greatest good. What must we bear in mind:

- 1) It is a temptation of the devil as well as our own weakness that makes this seem impossible and therefore, something we cannot really aim for.
- 2) But on the contrary it is God that is going to accomplish this work not us. Only He can make us holy – not our own efforts. Therefore, TRUST is vital – trust in the love God has for us.
- 3) What we must do is to open ourselves up to his saving mercy – as in the gospel this weekend of the prodigal son.
- 4) We must be serious about prayer – the theme of many of the past bulletins.



Prayer above all is a love relationship, indeed all of life is about loving relationships with God and with our neighbour. But we often forget that love is not primarily about feelings, it is about the will. Progress in prayer is often delayed because we think that because we don’t feel anything, we must be doing something wrong. Whereas, it is precisely when we don’t feel anything that God wants to pour out on us his greatest goods. Why? He wants to test our fidelity – are we in a relationship with Him because it benefits us and make us feel good or for his sake alone.

One of the great obstacles in a love union is that we continue to think our way rather than thinking the way of the spouse – the heavenly bridegroom. So much is ruined because we don’t want to surrender our way of thinking. This is how Jesus puts it to an Italian mystic, Luisa Piccarreta:

“The most perfect, the most sublime humility is losing one’s own way of reasoning and of not discoursing on the “why” and on the “how” but of abandoning oneself to God in one’s own nothingness and , in so doing, the soul, without realising it, finds itself immersed in God. This, in turn, produces in the soul the most intimate union, the most perfect love towards its Highest Good...this is to the soul’s greatest advantage, for in losing its own reason, the soul acquires divine reason, and in losing every inquiry of itself – whether the things that happen to it are favourable or adverse – it will acquire a language that is completely divine and heavenly. Additionally, humility produces for the soul a garment of safety, whereby wrapped in this garment of safety, the soul remains in the most profound calm, thoroughly embellishing itself in order to be pleasing to its dearest and beloved Jesus.”  
(20.6.1900 Vol III)

We should meditate profoundly on this because there is a great secret here and so much peace is gained when we surrender our thoughts, our way of thinking (ie independent from God.) So when our thoughts, our feelings, our looks, our listening becomes detached from God’s let us pray that we see with Jesus’ eyes, hear with Jesus’ ears, think with Jesus’ thoughts.

God bless, Fr. Dominic.

