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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	17	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	18	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin	25th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i> <i>Conway + Jones Ancestors</i>
Monday	19	9.30am	Eng	Requiem	<i>Queen Elizabeth RIP</i>
Tuesday	20	9.30am	Eng	Korean Martyrs	<i>Marco</i>
Wednesday	21	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Matthew	<i>Malachi</i>
Thursday	22	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	
Friday	23	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Pius (Padre Pio)	
Saturday	24	11.00am 4.00pm	Syro-Mal Eng	Our Lady of Walsingham Vigil	
Sunday	25	9.30am 11.00am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	26th 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

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR

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

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

1st November All Saints' Day

2nd November All Souls' Day

13th November Blessing of Graves 2.30pm Boston Cem.

19th November Parish Retreat Day



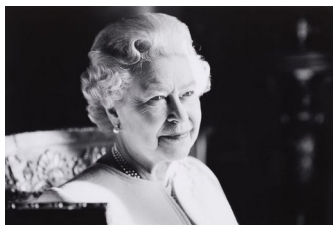
Relics of St. Bernadette

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

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



QUEEN ELIZABETH II RIP: Quotes on Christ



“For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life. A role-model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing. Christ’s example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people of whatever faith or none.” (2014)

“I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God!” (2002)

“Although we are capable of great acts of kindness, history teaches us that we sometimes need saving from ourselves – from our recklessness or our greed. God sent into the world a unique person – neither a philosopher nor a general (important though they are) – but a Saviour, with the power to forgive.” (2011)

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

“I am experiencing here the constant care of Divine Providence, for no sooner have I sacrificed everything to God, than he discovers a remedy for everything and causes me to find whatever I need. When I discover myself without resource, I place all my affairs in the hands of Providence, I hope everything from it, I have recourse to it in everything and for everything; I thank God ceaselessly for everything, receiving everything from his Divine Hand. And never does he fail us, so long as we put all our confidence in his protection. But what do people do as a rule? They try to substitute their own blind and impotent providence for the infinitely wise and good providence of God; they base themselves on their own efforts, and by doing so they place themselves outside the order of Divine Love and lose all the support they would have in carrying out that order. What folly! How can we doubt that God understands our interests much better than we do and that his disposition of events in regard to us are advantageous even when we do not understand them?”

(Letter V Fr de Caussade)



Dates for your diary!

The pupils of Boston St Mary’s school would like to invite members of the parish to join us for a social event on **Friday 30th September from 2:15-3pm** in our school hall. We are hosting a coffee afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support whilst also hoping that this could be an opportunity to meet some members of our parish, have a chat and maybe even play a game of Snakes and Ladders or Snap. We hope to see you there!

9th October Patronal Feast of our parish. There will be a shared table in the hall at 2.30pm. Specific details on meal to follow but keep the date/time free.

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: 18th September Home Mission Sunday; 3rd October Care Home India Appeal; 23rd October World Mission Sunday; 20th November Boston’s Women’s Refuge; 11th December Poor and Needy parishes

Sunday Collection: 11 September 2022

Envelope: £323 Loose Plate: £350 Candles: £25 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.
- 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,

We have been considering the theme from recent gospels which is continued in today's gospel. We have a clear choice in life to serve Christ or to serve a false idol. There is no third way. Jesus also said that if we were not for him, we would be against him and if we were not working for him, we were working against him. (cf Matthew 12:30). This is a hard saying but again like all Jesus' teaching it is absolutely true. We could also add then that if we are not pursuing happiness in following Christ, then we are actually pursuing unhappiness and darkness.

The Spiritual Life is the journey in which little by little we bring everything into Christ, to the extent that even every little thought is brought into subjection to him out of obedience. (cf 2 Cor 10:5). This requires a discipline (notice the connection: discipline/disciple). The modern world does not like discipline, it wants everything now, immediately and without any effort. Happiness is our automatic right.

The Rule of St Benedict (and I commend to you the version with a commentary by Joan Chittister) tells us otherwise. We need a rule and a discipline which will be difficult at first but soon will lead us into open fields. It is much easier for a monk, of course, since they live a life governed by the rule – for us in the world it is much more difficult. BUT if we are to attain everlasting life, we do need some things that can govern us and make us accountable.

I give you opposite five things that Padre Pio (St Pius) thought indispensable in following a spiritual life. Some of them now are very difficult with the reduction in the number of masses in parishes and inhuman working hours but we can adjust. For example, if we can't get to mass daily, we can make a good spiritual communion daily. We may be pushed for time to find mental prayer but if we ask, beg God, it is surprising how often we do make time.

To my mind the most important point and the one the least followed is regular confession. The regularity of confession is a sure guide to progress in holiness and the spiritual life. Saint John Paul II went to confession regularly sometimes a number of times each week. One point that is often not known is that each time we go to confession, we help Christ and reduce his sufferings on the cross. Why? Jesus' greatest suffering on the cross was the fire within that he yearned to pour out upon souls. So when souls reject that love, it intensifies within him. On the other hand when souls receive his merciful love that fire reduces.

Do ponder Padre Pio's points and build them into a schedule. Even if we cannot devote much time to each, a little goes a long way. God bless, Fr. Dominic.



Here are five habits St. Padre Pio believed all Catholics should practice, based on advice he gave to his spiritual children.

I. Weekly Confession; "Confession is the soul's bath. You must go at least once a week. I do not want souls to stay away from confession more than a week. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again!"

II. Daily Communion: "It is quite true, we are not worthy of such a gift. However, to approach the Blessed Sacrament in a state of mortal sin is one thing, and to be unworthy is quite another. All of us are unworthy, but it is He who invites us. It is He who desires it. Let us humble ourselves and receive Him with a heart contrite and full of love."

III. Examination of Conscience Every Evening: Someone once told Padre Pio that he thought a nightly examination of conscience was pointless because he knew what was sin as it was committed. To this, Padre Pio replied, "That is true enough. But every experienced merchant in this world not only keeps track throughout the day of whether he has lost or gained on each sale. In the evening, he does the bookkeeping for the day to determine what he should do on the morrow. It follows that it is indispensable to make a rigorous examination of conscience, brief but lucid, every night."

IV. Daily Spiritual Reading: "The harm that comes to souls from the lack of reading holy books makes me shudder.... What power spiritual reading has to lead to a change of course, and to make even worldly people enter into the way of perfection."

V. Mental Prayer Twice Daily: "If you do not succeed in meditating well, do not give up doing your duty. If the distractions are numerous, do not be discouraged; do the meditation of patience, and you will still profit. Decide upon the length of your meditation, and do not leave your place before finishing, even if you have to be crucified. Why do you worry so much because you do not know how to meditate as you would like? Meditation is a means to attaining God, but it is not a goal in itself. Meditation aims at the love of God and neighbour. Love God with all your soul without reserve, and love your neighbour as yourself, and you will have accomplished half of your meditation."

The following 5 point rule was taken from the article, Saint Padre Pio, by Rev. Father Jean, OFM., Cap.(from The Catholic Gentleman)

