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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		Politurgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	24	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Brigitte RIP</i>
Sunday	25	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	26th Sunday	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Monday	26	7.00am	Eng	Feria	<i>Malachi</i>
Tuesday	27	9.30am	Eng	St V de Paul	<i>Brigitte RIP</i>
Wednesday	28	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	29	7.00pm	Eng	SS Michael, Raphael, Gabriel	<i>Brigitte RIP</i>
Friday	30	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Jerome	<i>Sabu Jacob RIP</i>
Saturday	1	4.00pm	Eng	St Therese Vigil	
Sunday	2	9.30am 12.00 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	Dedication of the Church Solemnity	<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



IMPORTANCE OF ONGOING FORMATION/CATECHESIS

The Church constantly emphasises the need for ongoing formation for Catholics of every age and it is incumbent on the Parish Priest to provide this. Too often formation is limited to a period of time before Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Two classes are being/will be held:

First Holy Communion

It is exciting and a grace filled time to be commencing again our First Holy Communion preparation which will be starting this Autumn. . There will be a choice of preliminary meetings to attend: either on **Thursday 6th October at 5.00pm or on Saturday 8th October at 12.00 noon** both in the Parish Hall. Registration forms will be available at this time. Thank you.

Post Confirmation Catechesis

Father is holding classes for those who were just confirmed Saturday 4.00pm mass at 5.00pm the thought is twice a month. Any other teenagers who would like to join please see Father.

If there is anyone that would like **adult catechesis** please pick up a form at the back of the Church. Thanks.

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

The rite for the dedication of a church and an altar is rightly considered among the most solemn liturgical services. A church is the place where the Christian community is gathered to hear the word of God, to offer intercession and praise to him, and above all to celebrate the holy mysteries, and it is the place where the holy sacrament of the eucharist is kept. Thus it stands as a special kind of image of the Church itself, which is God's temple built from living stones. And the altar of a church, around which the holy people of God gather to take part in the Lord's sacrifice and to be refreshed at the heavenly meal, stands as a sign of Christ himself, who is the priest, the victim, and the altar of his own sacrifice.

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!

Next weekend an appeal for Care Home India – a beautiful project.

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: 18 September 2022

Envelope: £346 Loose Plate: £251 Candles: £46 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)

Home Mission Sunday Collection £198

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, Fay Cowell, David Locking and Jack Newell.



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

Dear Faithful,

There are many problems facing the world today and great tensions between the nations. Laws contrary to God's commandments are enforced with great detriment to the sanctity of life both at its beginning and its end. Many realise this and want to work for a more peaceful world and a more holistic relationship with nature. But they are not looking in the right places. To paraphrase E. M. Schumacher - People go on crying out for solutions but they are looking in the wrong places and they are angry when they are told that the restoration must come from within the person not from without.

In the papers there are terrible incidents of evil that happen daily whilst at the same time, the papers praise a free and godless lifestyle. The two are connected! If the world is going to be saved and avoid a catastrophe, people need to start by changing their hearts and that starts with us - ME. St Catherine of Sienna realised this profoundly. She retreated (literally) into her room at home and spent large amounts of time, knowing that the only way she could be transformed was by opening herself up to the love of God. When she eventually left her room, she became the greatest and most influential peace maker of her time. Any impact on the world to bring about peace and happiness depends, therefore, on souls who wish to undergo this transformation.

The above thoughts are indebted to David Torkington's introductory chapter on "How to Pray" which is also available on youtube.

One thing we should be aware of is that opening ourselves to God's love will transform us but it will also reveal to us our sinfulness. We must be prepared to endure this and work at our faults in order to be more fully open to the love of God.

The Liturgy this weekend calls us to repentance both internally by a change of heart but also externally by changing the way we treat others and being prepared to give of our plenty to those who lack. One of the most powerful ways of helping others is to offer reparation for the salvation of their souls.

So let us follow St Paul's exhortation in the second reading to "fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called."

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)

