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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	1	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Sunday	2	9.30am 12.00 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	Dedication of the Church Solemnity 27th Sunday	<i>Mr. K.M. Augustine</i>
Monday	3	No Mass		Feria	
Tuesday	4	No Mass		St Francis	
Wednesday	5	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	St Faustina	
Thursday	6	7.00pm	Eng	St Bruno	<i>Prayer requests</i>
Friday	7	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	1 st Fri Sacred Heart	<i>Benefactors</i>
Saturday	8	4.00pm	Eng	BVM Vigil	
Sunday	9	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Our Lady of the Rosary Patronal Feast Solemnity	<i>People of the Parish</i>

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: 1st Friday 5.00pm- 6.30pm

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

IMPORTANT DATES TO PUT IN YOUR CALENDAR

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...

A Spirituality based on complete trust in God, therefore, is the surest guarantee of peace of soul and freedom of spirit. In it the soul must learn to act not on its own initiative, but in response to whatever demands are imposed by God in the concrete instances of each day. Its attention must always be centered precisely and primarily on God's will as revealed and manifested in the people, places, and things he sets before us, rather than on the means required to fulfill it.

(He Leadeth Me Walter Cisek.)

Dates for your diary!

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



In October, let's
pray the rosary
daily

Sunday Collection: 25 September 2022

Envelope: £123 Loose Plate: £285 Candles: £ 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,

We read in Scripture: “but be holy in every department of your lives, for the one who has called you is himself holy. The scripture says: ‘Be holy, for I am holy.’” (1 Peter 1:16)

What is holiness? The biblical word is rich in meaning, it includes goodness, purity, being firm in resolution, and set aside (consecrated) to the service of God. The essential meaning, however, (and all other meanings come from this) is the pursuit of the supreme good, God. This means that a holy person is one who with all his heart, mind and strength sets their lives on God as their final end and greatest good. Therefore, in their lives all things are ordered to this end and nothing that hinders this end is allowed.

What flows from this is that any action – word, thought or deed no matter how big or small when ordered to God is of great holiness. But any action not ordered to this end is utterly meaningless, in reality nothing. Jesus tells us that without him we can do nothing; and without him acting in us, any action is of no value. This is why being a good person is not enough by itself. Many justify their lives by the phrase.....I don't go to Church but I'm a good person.

Now God's plan from the very beginning is for everything to be holy; that is, everything is set apart and consecrated to him. Either formally in the case of people, sacred objects and places or indirectly, as ordered to him. This is why we bless not only people but also objects – homes, cars, rings etc.

Our mission as “priests” given to us in baptism, is to complete this mission to sanctify everything so that everything even from the furthest planet to the smallest cell in our body renders to God the complete praise that is owed to him and which he had in mind when he created it.

Now God also wanted to dwell with us – as St John says in the prologue – to pitch his tent and live among us. Why? So that through his presence – most importantly – in the Blessed Sacrament, he can continue his work to sanctify us. In the beginning, creation was his temple, the place where he walked with Adam and Eve. Then during the exodus, his presence – shekinah – dwelt within the Holy of Holies; then under Solomon the temple is built where God took up his holy presence for the people.

But this all pointed to the supreme temple: Jesus Christ. No one expected such lavishness of God that he himself would through the incarnation literally live among us and continues to do so in every tabernacle throughout the world. But even this has an end that through this grace we become living temples of the trinity. What a destiny! What Divine Mercy! What Divine Condescension!

The crisis in the church, the world and the family is that we have lost site of this mission. As things lose their link to God, so they lose their moorings and the pursuit of the supreme good is substituted for by immediate human happiness. Liturgy becomes orientated towards the needs of man. Education becomes orientated to jobs and the demands of the state. The sacredness of the Church becomes undermined. We no longer have our houses, cars, etc blessed. Church teaching which by definition is the teaching of Christ and therefore, orientates us to our final end, is disobeyed if it interferes with our temporal happiness. The world has assigned the good to temporal things and has lost sight of its final end.

We need to RESTORE (restoration = redeeming) everything to its order, plan and purpose for which it was created and to rediscover our lost innocence. How?

- Knowing what we have lost
- Knowing how to restore it and realising in this lies our happiness, peace and joy.
- Avoiding Lukewarmness

One of the mysteries that God has built into our faith is that we can only discover the rewards once we have pledged ourselves. We cannot discover this joy and peace and love unless we are all in regardless of what this might bring.

This is why the Pentecostals and born again faiths have such staggering growth. They flow from the Holy Spirit and ask their followers for total commitment. Their faith is community. One of our mistakes, I believe, is that we don't ask enough of people.

This weekend as we celebrate the anniversary of the Dedication of our Church, let us pray for a renewal in our parish animated by the Holy Spirit. Let us pray too that by the end of our lives we have used up all our energy, totally spent in the service of God. Let us work at discovering the sense of what it means to be holy – what does it mean that a time is sacred time; that a place is a sacred place.

In this month of October let us ask Mary to intercede for us when we pray our daily rosary. God bless, Fr. Dominic.

