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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	26	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Thanksgiving MT Parish</i>
Sunday	27	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	1 st Sunday of Advent	
Monday	28	12.30pm	Eng	Advent Feria	<i>K.Sebastian RIP</i>
Tuesday	29	9.30am	Eng	Advent Feria	<i>Kilkenny Family RIP</i>
Wednesday	30	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Andrew Feast	<i>B.Sebastian</i>
Thursday	1	7.00pm	Eng	Advent Feria	<i>D.Sebastian</i>
Friday	2	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Advent Feria	<i>Dec Fam +Friends (KP)</i>
Saturday	3	12.15pm 4.00pm	Eng Eng	St Francis Xavier Vigil	<i>James Poulter RIP</i>
Sunday	4	9.30am Noon 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	2 nd Sunday of Advent	<i>Parish</i>

READERS – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT CYLCLE OF READINGS: SUNDAYS YEAR A AND WEEKDAYS YEAR 1

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: 1st Friday 5.15-6.15pm

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

Retreat Day ~THE MYSTERY OF CHRISTMAS

Saturday 3rd December

Saint Mary's Boston

Schedule

10.15 Tea and Coffee in the hall

10.30 Talk followed by Meditation
(Confession Available)

12.15 Mass

1.00 Shared Lunch (bring Lunch)

2.00 Talk followed by Meditation

3.15 Wrap up and depart

Bring lunch for shared table and a bible. Tea and coffee provided



With the Christmas liturgy the Church ushers us into the great Mystery of the Incarnation. Christmas, in fact, is not merely an anniversary of Jesus' Birth; it is also this, but it is more, it is celebrating a mystery that has marked and continues to mark human history.



IMPORTANCE OF ONGOING FORMATION/CATECHESIS

November Dead List : 12 Masses were celebrated in November and 14 remain which will be celebrated during the year.

There is a Adult Instruction group starting this Thursday after the evening mass. It will combine some catechesis and also some prayer. It will not last longer than an hour. It is very important that adults continue their formation in the faith. The theme will centre around the Spiritual Life and in particular the “New and Divine Holiness” to which Pope St John Paul II said we are being called.

CATECHISTS’ FORMATION & TRAINING - SEE NOTICE IN NARTHEX.

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

“Every one of us, therefore, especially in this Season which prepares us for Christmas, can ask himself: What am I waiting for? What, at this moment of my life, does my heart long for? And this same question can be posed at the level of the family, of the community, of the nation. What are we waiting for together? What unites our aspirations, what brings them together? In the time before Jesus’ birth the expectation of the Messiah was very strong in Israel – that is, the expectation of an Anointed one, a descendent of King David, who would at last set the people free from every form of moral and political slavery and find the Kingdom of God. But no one would ever have imagined that the Messiah could be born of a humble girl like Mary, the betrothed of a righteous man, Joseph. Nor would she have ever thought of it, and yet in her heart the expectation of the Saviour was so great, her faith and hope were so ardent, that he was able to find in her a worthy mother. Moreover, God himself had prepared her before time. There is a mysterious correspondence between the waiting of God and that of Mary, the creature “full of grace”, totally transparent to the loving plan of the Most High. Let us learn from her, the Woman of Advent, how to live our daily actions with a new spirit, with the feeling of profound expectation that only the coming of God can fulfil.”

(Pope Benedict XVI 28.11.2010)



Dates for your diary!

Juan-Raphael Crusio will be baptised into the Catholic Church during the 9.30am Mass. Let us pray for him, his parents and Godparents.

Every weekend of Advent from 26th November to 18th December handmade angels will be on sale at £1 each in the narthex. Place your angels dedicated to your loved ones on the tree or take them home to place on your own tree. All angels have been made by members of the Women's Guild. Father will say a Mass for all the intentions on the tree. Thank you for your generosity.

1st December: Adult Instruction/Prayer group weekly on Thursdays after evening mass 7.30-8.30pm

3rd December Parish Retreat Day 10.00-3.15pm

SECOND COLLECTIONS:11th December Poor and Needy parishes

Diane Chambers on behalf of Boston Women's Refuge , wishes to extend their thanks and most sincere appreciation for the wonderful donation of £519.30 which was recently collected. Thank you so much everybody for your generosity and your support. Please remember the refuge staff and their resident families in your prayers.

"Message from Teresa, local Missio secretary;A red Missio box has been left at church recently without the box holder's name. Please would the box holder contact me on 07956204247"

Sunday Collection: 20 November 2022

Envelope: £152 Loose Plate: £258 Candles: £19 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 March quarter has been submitted to HMRC totalling £6571.00

Amount received from parishioners paid directly into the bank totalled £4,377.01.

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

WOMEN'S REFUGE APPEAL: £519 – thank you for your great generosity.

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

- RIP Patrick Walsh. Teresa Stillwell.
- Lucy Hilton who is dying and for her husband Malcolm.
- 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,

This beautiful season of Advent which ushers in the new Liturgical Year brings us once more to this time of preparation. What are we preparing for? The liturgy this Sunday reminds us that there are three comings of Jesus?

- The Coming of Christ at Christmas
- The Coming of Christ at the end of time.
- And between the two.....the Coming of Christ to the individual soul.

We need to be looking forward to and yearning for these. Pope Emeritus Benedict - in our Spiritual Thought this bulletin - puts before us the question: "What am I waiting for? What is my heart longing for? This is a good meditation to do: to ask ourselves these questions and to ask for the grace of a continuing conversion of our heart so that our greatest longing is Christ.

The Liturgy lays before us the urgent advice:

STAY AWAKE - WATCH - PERSEVERE TO THE END.

How do we accomplish this? How do we make sure that when Jesus comes for us - either at our death or if we are present at the final events of the world - that we are ready; ready to go into the wedding feast. A great scripture commentator answers it in this way:

"Perseverance to the end, rooted in fidelity to Christ, means constantly keeping alive the memory of the words and person of the Lord Jesus, of everything he has taught me, everything that he has done for me, everything his presence has meant in my life. It means abiding in the conviction that I cannot have my deepest identity apart from him and his action in my life. It means not compromising the truths I have come to know since putting on the mind of Christ and beginning to see the world and all reality through his eyes. It means actively choosing, against all the odds, not to stop living the life of grace given to me at baptism.....it means not valuing mere physical and psychological comfort or survival or reputation or property - all of which are ephemeral realities - above the truth that the image of God lives in each man."



ADVENT PRACTICES

- 1) Although not as demanding as Lent, Advent is still a penitential season: prayer, fasting and almsgiving really help our spiritual progress. I particularly encourage fasting a little especially from media.
- 2) Make a good confession. More on this next week.
- 3) Read some Scripture: the prophet Isaiah is a good Old Testament book to read.
- 4) Deepen our prayer life.
- 5) Have an Advent Wreath at home.

Wishing you a very fruitful Advent season.

God bless, Fr. Dominic

Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath Candles

First Week All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.Amen.

Second Week God of power and mercy open our hearts in welcome. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.Amen.

Third Week Lord God, may we, your people, who look forward to the birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving. We ask this through Christ our Lord.Amen.

Fourth Week All-powerful God, your eternal Word took flesh on our earth when the Virgin Mary placed her life at the service of your plan. Lift our minds in watchful hope to hear the voice which announces his glory and open our minds to receive the Spirit who prepares us for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord.Amen.

