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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	Pol	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	5	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
Sunday	6	9.30am Noon 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	<b>32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>Parish</i>
<b>Monday</b>	7	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	8	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	9	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Lateran Basilica Dedication	<i>Psnl Intn</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	10	7.00pm	Eng	St Leo the Great	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
<b>Friday</b>	11	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Martin of Tours	
<b>Saturday</b>	12	4.00pm	Eng	St Josaphat <b>Vigil</b>	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	13	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	

**Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:**

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

## NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is a requirement of Christian charity. Our own prayers and sacrifices can be offered up to relieve their suffering. Some or all of the following prayers can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month.

### Some Prayers

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. - One of the most commonly recited of Catholic prayers in times past, this prayer has fallen into disuse in the last few decades. Prayer for the dead, however, is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform, to help them during their time in Purgatory, so that they can enter more quickly into the fullness of heaven.

For the souls in Purgatory: My Jesus, by the sorrows Thou didst suffer in Thine agony in the Garden, in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, in the way to Calvary, in Thy crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; do Thou deliver them from the dire torments they endure; call them and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in paradise. Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal rest etc. (Taken from Catholic Culture Website)

### Indulgences.

1st November to 8th November Plenary indulgence for Holy Souls by visiting cemetery and there praying for the dead and fulfilling normal conditions. (Normal Conditions = Holy Communion that day, Prayers for Pope that day and confession ten days before or after.)



## **IMPORTANCE OF ONGOING FORMATION/CATECHESIS**

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.

**Parish Retreat Day** – (Apologies I have had to move this due to a commitment that has come up at North Sea Camp) 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The theme will be Christmas. Rough Outline: 9.30am Mass 10.00am Tea/Coffee Hall 10.30am First Talk 11.30am - Meditation (Confessions available) 12.15pm - Mass 1.00pm Lunch 2.00pm Second Talk followed by meditation. 3.15pm Finish

### **Spiritual Thought for the Week...**

Surrender to me does not mean to fret,  
to be upset, or to lose hope,  
nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you  
and change your worry into prayer.  
It is against this surrender,  
deeply against it, to worry,  
to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything.  
It is like the confusion that children feel  
when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of  
those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's  
way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul,  
to turn away from thoughts of tribulation  
and to put yourself in my care (Fr Ruotolo)

Dates for your diary! .

**November Dead List** – Please pick up an envelope from the back of Church

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.

**10<sup>th</sup> November: Father is starting an Adult Instruction/Prayer group starts weekly on Thursdays after evening mass 7.30-8.30pm**

15<sup>th</sup> November The next Women's Guild meeting will be held on Tuesday 15th November at 1:30pm in the church hall. Father Dominic will be there to give us a special blessing. Everyone welcome.

29<sup>th</sup> November Blessing of Graves, Boston Cemetery at 2.30pm

**3<sup>rd</sup> December Parish Retreat Day 10.00-3.15pm**

SECOND COLLECTIONS: 20<sup>th</sup> November Boston's Women's Refuge; 11<sup>th</sup> December Poor and Needy parishes

"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: 30 October 2022**

Envelope: £240 Loose Plate: £295 Candles: £32 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) World Mission Sunday £281

#### **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. Patrick Walsh



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

Dear Faithful,

The theme of the Liturgy today is the Resurrection. Saint Paul tells us that without the Resurrection of Jesus, our faith would be in vain. On one level it is quite simple: Jesus who had been dead for three days rose from the dead; not simply to the life that he had had before but his Sacred Humanity existed now in a new and eternal mode of being. However, the significance of what happened is very profound.

Jesus was born in complete humility and poverty and all through his life, many did not recognise him. They passed him by. Even after his glorious resurrection, we see that many did not/could not see him. Only those who had the seed planted in them would recognise him and adore him.

Jesus' humanity received so much glory because of his perfect obedience that allowed the debt owed by humanity to be repaid. As Adam sinned through disobedience and forfeited life, so through one man's obedience all were reborn to new life.

Thus, "resurrection" is not simply about when our bodies are restored to us but about a daily dying to the old man and rising to the new. Thus, this theme is deeply embedded in everything. Each day the sun sets and rises. We have the dying of winter and the new life of spring. Even within our own lives we witness good times and more difficult ones. If we are to rise on the last day to eternal life, we must during this earthly existence continuously die to our vices and rise to virtues. The key which enables this to take place is obedience. It is through our obedience to God and to those who may have authority over us that this resurrection takes place. Disobedience on the other hand only produces more problems and darkness.

The reason there is so much darkness in the world today is that man has forsaken God and become disobedient to his commands. Man has glorified his own will and sought only what he wishes with the consequences we see all around us. However, we by our obedience to God can help restore what has been lost.

Jesus teaches us that resurrection can only be reached by first passing through suffering. Suffering brings about three types of resurrection: Firstly, suffering enables us – when embraced – to rise to grace. Secondly, it enables us to grow in virtues as we practice resignation, obedience, patience etc. Lastly, as we grow in the spiritual life, suffering becomes a crown .

In summary, through obedience to the will of God and in union with Jesus' obedience, all things can be accomplished in us. It is the only way to holiness. It is how Jesus himself redeemed us by fulfilling perfectly the will of the Father.

How to bring this about? It is daunting because our own will is so strong it fights tooth and nail to get its way. Even the great Saint Paul said that the things he didn't want to do, he did' and the things he wished to do, he didn't. You feel in this passage (Romans 7:15-20) the cry of every soul involved in this battle to the death. But Paul also tells us that the answer to the battle is Jesus.

One very simple but powerful way of beginning is look at everything we do in a different light. If we are washing the dishes, we say that Jesus wants us to wash the dishes so let us do them together. Jesus wants to eat, Jesus wants to walk, Jesus wants to pray, so I will do these things with him. The only thing we can't say this about of course is sin. It is a simple approach to life and it is very powerful in conquering our human will. (Remember that when we say our human will we are using it to stand for our own particular desires apart from God's – we shall always have our human will in the sense that it is our faculty that enables us to choose and thus to love.)

It is a difficult journey and we will often get it wrong but the rewards are so great that it is worth being fully committed to always doing the Will of God to the best of our abilities.

Let us continue our prayers this month for the Holy Souls who are so dependant on our intercession.

God bless, Fr. Dominic

