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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		PolLiturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	12	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
Sunday	13	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>Parish</i>
<b>Monday</b>	14	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Dec Boston Clergy</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	15	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Parishioners KIA</i>
<b>Wednesday</b>	16	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Gertrude	<i>NDL</i>
<b>Thursday</b>	17	7.00pm	Eng	St Hugh of Lincoln	
<b>Friday</b>	18	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	<i>NDL</i>
<b>Saturday</b>	19	4.00pm	Eng	<b>Vigil</b>	<i>NDL</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	20	9.30am Noon 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	<b>Christ the King</b>	<i>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

## 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)

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



## **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...**

“My children, a good priest had the misfortune of losing a friend whom he loved fondly, therefore he prayed a great deal for the repose of his soul. One day, God made it known to him that his friend was in Purgatory and was suffering terribly. This holy priest thought that nothing better could be done than offering the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for his deceased loved one. At the moment of Consecration, he took the Host between his fingers and said: ‘Holy and eternal Father, let us have an exchange. You are keeping the soul of my friend that is in Purgatory and I am keeping the body of Your Son that is in my hands. Therefore, good and merciful Father, please liberate my friend and I shall offer You Your Son with all the merits of His Death and Passion.’ The offer was granted by God and at the moment of the Elevation of the Host, the priest saw the soul of his friend rise up to Heaven. Saint John Marie Vianney added that ‘when we want to liberate from Purgatory a soul that is dear to us, let us do the same. We offer to God, through the Holy Sacrifice, His beloved Son with all the merits of His Death and His Passion; He will not be able to refuse us anything.’ ” (Cure d’Ars)

Dates for your diary! .

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.

**17<sup>th</sup> November: Adult Instruction/Prayer group 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.

**20<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:** 6 November 2022

Envelope: £142 Loose Plate: £666 Candles: £87 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)

FINAL CARE HOME INDIA APPEAL £1035 BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

### **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,

This Sunday is effectively the last Sunday of the ordinary year as next week we shall celebrate the feast of Christ the King. The Gospel includes a section from Our Lord's narrative on the end times which we call the eschatological discourse ( meaning concerning death, judgement and the future of the soul and mankind.) On the first Sunday of Advent, interestingly we shall have a parallel account from St. Matthew's account. By this the Church is teaching us that He who is to come at the end of time, came first as a tiny baby at Christmas.

These passages in Matthew (24,25), Mark (13) and Luke (21) are some of the most difficult to read and to understand. But they are well worth the effort because they are concerned with the end of the present age and the second coming of Christ which will bring about a new heavens and a new earth and will usher in the age of salvation, They help us also to face the practical question as to how we should live now in the light of the events to come. What practical points should we derive from this discourse?

1. These events are tied up with Our Lord's suffering, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. Therefore every Christian is bound up with Jesus' personal history. We all have to face the same challenges regardless of when we live. We have to face a trial and realise that for the sake of Christ we are going to be rejected by some.

2. Jesus is in command of the whole of history. He permits his elect to undergo trials but always bringing them into the heavenly Father's plans. We must therefore have great confidence.

3. These discourses concern three events and they are so interwoven that at times it is difficult to separate the strands. Firstly, Jesus is warning his followers about the destruction of Jerusalem in 70ad and to know the signs that it was to happen so that they could escape it. Secondly, he gives the signs that will accompany the end of the world. Thirdly, they relate to each soul's life, death and judgement.

4. Therefore, Jesus tells us that we must live our lives constantly on watch, constantly vigilant because we do not know either when the end of the world will happen or when our soul will face judgement.

5. Christ consoles us. He will be with us during this journey. Pope Benedict writes, "Without Christ, even today, the world's future is dark, and fear of the future is so common. Christians know that Christ's light is stronger therefore they live with a hope that is not vague, with a hope that gives them certainty and courage to face the future. Therefore, we have HOPE. For Christ has conquered death. HE IS RISEN. He has conquered the world and therefore, in his power we too can be victorious.

6. We have a responsibility. Jesus has entrusted to us talents so that we are responsible to Christ, our neighbours and the world. We must work to bring about his kingdom on earth and to lead people to his message. When we live our lives for Christ fully we no longer have any fear of death and judgement because perfect love casts out fear. Therefore, the final events we are told to welcome; to lift up our heads because our redemption is at hand. The loving plan of the Father is reaching its fulfilment.

7. The last book of the bible, the book of the Apocalypse ends with the phrase: "Maranatha!" Come Lord Jesus. It is a prayer. It is a prayer that the early Christians prayed continuously. It may seem difficult for us to pray for the destruction of the present age and we may shy away from it but if we are honest and phrase this prayer in a different light we shall see that we all want it. We want Christ to come and to end violence, slavery, drugs, people trafficking, refuge camps, We want a better world. But it cannot be achieved without the presence of Christ. It cannot be achieved by purely human means. "Come wherever you are unknown. Come in your way and renew today's world. And come into our hearts. Come and renew our lives. Come into our hearts so that we ourselves may become the light of God, your presence. In this way let us pray with Saint John: Maranatha, Come Lord Jesus." Pope Benedict.

8. The mass which we attend brings these mysteries together for the same Jesus becomes present on our altars, who will come at the end of time. The only difference now is that his power and glory are veiled under the species of bread and wine. This is why the mass is so important for it ties the whole of history together and enables us to live truly in the light of the future. We know that before the end of time, there is going to be the triumph of the Immaculate Heart and a period of peace is going to be given to the world. With her apparitions at La Salette, Lourdes, Fatima and Akita, her message is very clear. We need to work in reparation for the sins of the world so that we avoid a chastisement that is coming. We have a great opportunity to work now for this great triumph and to save souls. It is quite awesome that God has involved us in his plan of redemption; that we all have a role to play and that each of us is indispensable. If we do not play our role, no one else can substitute for me. Leiva-Merikakis writes, "It is impossible to follow Jesus without an intimate share in his redemptive passion, uniquely tailored to my own person, to the point of dispossession from what I had previously considered "my life": He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me Jesus says. We must like St. Paul be crucified with Christ so that he now lives in me. I can gladly let go of--and lose- the puny and pitifully limited thing that I so fondly call "my life" because Christ longs to fill me with himself. What I must "lose" turns out to be nothing but my clutching self-confinement."

MARANATHA! COME, LORD JESUS.

God bless, Fr. Dominic

