

*Dear Faithful*

*Wishing you every blessing for the New Year, may it be one of spiritual growth and holiness in the Lord. Many thanks for your cards and presents – you have been most thoughtful. I am including below a beautiful prayer for the New Year which I find very inspirational. God bless, Fr. Dominic.*

O Lord, my God, we rejoice in you without your help we could not face the year ahead of us unafraid. And God replies I stand between the years; the light of my presence is already spread over the year to come, the radiance of the sun of righteousness. My shadow is cast over the year that lies behind, hiding trouble, and sorrow and disappointment. Do not dwell on the past; concentrate only on the present. Only use the past in the same way that trees use my sunlight. They absorb it so that when they are put into the fire in the days ahead others are warmed by my light which is then released. That is how you must store the blessings from me, the light of the world. Be encouraged by the knowledge that the blessings of the past will be released in the days ahead to warm others. Bury every fear; fear of the future, fear of poverty for yourself or those dear to you, of suffering, of loss. Bury every thought of unkindness and bitterness, all of your dislikes, all or your resentments, your sense of failure, your disappointment in others and yourselves, your sadness, your hopelessness. Let us leave them all buried and go forward to a new and risen life. Remember that you must not see things as unbelievers see them. I hold the year in my hands and I hold it in safekeeping for you. But I shall only guide you and reveal it to you one day at a time. Receive this year as you live each day and leave the rest of it with me. You must not anticipate the gift of this year with fears or questions about what may lie ahead. I will supply the wisdom and the strength for each day.

## *Saint Mary's Parish*

### *Our Lady of the Rosary*



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*If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact Deacon Martyn ( 07753531859 ) .*

## Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	31	4.00pm		Vigil	<i>Shaun RIP</i>
Sunday	1	9.30am Noon 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	<b>Mary Mother of God</b>	<i>Parish</i>
<b>Monday</b>	2	9.30am	Eng	SS Basel & Gregory	<i>NDL</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	3	No Mass		The Holy Name of Jesus	
<b>Wednesday</b>	4	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	Christmas Feria	
<b>Thursday</b>	5	No Mass	Eng	Christmas Feria	
<b>Friday</b>	6	10.00am 6.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol	<b>The Epiphany Holy day of Obligation</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	7	4.00pm	Eng	<b>Vigil</b>	<i>NDL</i>
<b>Sunday</b>	8	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>Mary Mother of God</b>	<i>Parish</i>

### PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES THIS WEEK.

**Divine Mercy: Restarts in the New year**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:**

**Confessions: Saturday 3.15-3.50pm Sunday 8.55-9.20am**

### Dates for your diary!

**6<sup>th</sup> January The Solemnity of the Epiphany** – holy day of Obligation. No Friday abstinence. School will be attending Friday

#### **PLANS TO OPEN THE CHURCH DURING THE DAY IN THE NEW YEAR**

These are nearly complete but it will mean that the door from the sanctuary to the sacristies will be kept locked. The key to access the sacristies (counters, florists, sacristans, Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist) will be in the key safe outside the Church. Code is available from Father. I would also like to start regular periods of Adoration so please see Father if you would be willing to take a slot – we would require two people for each slot.)

Prayers for Pope Benedict's health: Let us Pray. Almighty and Eternal God, You are the everlasting health of those who believe in You. **Hear our prayers for your sick servant Benedict for whom we implore the aid of Your tender mercy.** Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sunday Collection: 25<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Envelope: £125 Loose Plate: £626 Candles: £85 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. We have now received repayments from HMRC in respect of your Gift Aid claim for the quarter ended 30/09/22. The amount due to the parish is £1639.00 Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)  
Second Collection Christmas Flowers £199

#### **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. Michael Campbell

