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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	25	4.00pm	Eng	The Annunciation	
Sunday	26	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	5th Sunday of Lent	Parish
Monday	27	9.30am	Eng	Lenten Feria	Francis' intn
Tuesday	28	9.30am	Eng	Lenten Feria	Catarina RIP
Wednesday	29	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Lenten Feria	In reparation
Thursday	30	7.00pm	Eng	Lenten Feria	
Friday	31	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Lenten Feria	
Saturday	1	4.00pm	Eng		
Sunday	2	9.30am Noon 2.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Pol	Palm Sunday	Parish

NOTE CHANGE OF MASS TIMES MONDAY

Stations of the Cross in Lent: English Thursday 6.00pm Keralan Friday 6.00pm

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: Tuesday Thursday 4.00-5.00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3.30pm; Sunday 8.50am Father Stan also hears confessions before the Polish Masses.

SIGN UP SHEET FOR READERS FOR HOLY WEEK AT THE BACK OF CHURCH AND SIGN UP SHEET FOR WASHING OF THE FEET.

CONFIRMATIONS: Any candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please see Father.

Monday in Holy Week

- 12.30pm Mass

Tuesday in Holy Week

- 9.30am Mass
- 11.30am Altar Servers' practice
(for Thursday and Friday Liturgies)

Wednesday in Holy Week

- Chrism Mass at the Cathedral

Maundy Thursday

- 10.00am Confessions
- 7.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday (Divine Mercy Novena Starts)

- 9.00am Office of Reading and Morning Prayer "Tenebrae"
- 11.00am Walk of Witness Centenary Church
- 2.00pm Confessions
- 3.00pm Liturgy of the Passion and Death of O.L.J.C.
(Confessions heard afterwards)

Holy Saturday

- 9.00am Office of Reading and Morning Prayer "Tenebrae"
- 10.00am Confessions
- 12.00pm Altar Servers' Practice (Those involved in vigil)
- 4.00pm Confessions
- 9.00pm Solemn Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday

- 9.30am Mass



What is the importance of this Sunday and why did it used to be called Passion Sunday?

The fifth Sunday of Lent used to be called Passion Sunday – now this tends to be used for Palm Sunday – because it marked the two weeks leading to Easter when we now focus exclusively on Our Lord’s passion. In the Divine Office one is still permitted to use the Liturgical hymns for Holy Week. So we are now entering into this solemn period of the Church’s Liturgical year.

What marks out Passion Sunday?

In contrast with Laetare Sunday with its flowers, organ, rose vestments and a joyful presence, the Church begins its period of the commemoration of Our Lord’s passion with the cross, statues of Our Lady and the saints being veiled in purple. Although, often this is not done in Churches – or it is carried out on Palm Sunday – this is an excellent practice and one that can be followed in our homes. Why? Because our attention now must be focused on Our Lord. The malice of his enemies grows and they plot his death. We must commiserate during this time with Jesus. This is not a time for joy and festivities but grief.

What is the main theme of today’s mass and what is its significance?

The gospel account of the raising of Lazarus dominates this Sunday. But to understand its significance we must first take a step back. Three themes dominate Lent and all the Liturgical readings must be seen in their light: Firstly the passion of Our Lord; secondly, the preparations of the catechumens who will receive baptism at the Easter Vigil and thirdly, the reconciliation of sinners to the Church – in olden days public penitents were readmitted to Church on Maundy Thursday. (This last is not so common but is very important, since we shall be renewing our baptismal vows cleansed of sin.) These are all connected for it is our Lord’s death on the cross that gives new life to those being baptised and brings forgiveness of sin. Hence, the bodily resurrection of Lazarus prefigures our spiritual rebirth at Easter – the mystery was accomplished once and for all when our Lord gave up his life on the cross and rose from the dead; but that same mystery we are about to live through and participate in it again – really and truly. Those being baptised at the Easter Vigil are going to receive new life, a baptism into Our Lord’s death and resurrection. But we also are going to renew our baptismal vows.

Dates for your diary!

PALM SUNDAY: We shall process from the hall with palms

TEA AND COFFEE AFTER SUNDAY MASS: It is quite important that we restore this now but we will need volunteers to be on a rota so that it is not too onerous. Please see Father, Deacon Martyn, or Tony Coates if you would be willing to be on this rota.

Second Collections: 7th April Holy Places; 30th April Clergy formation Fund.

Sunday Collection: 19 March 2023
Envelope: £161 Loose Plate: £291 Candles: £37 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 Parish has received £1689.20 from HMRC for the December quarter return”
Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

Second Collection: Sick and Retired Priests: £273

Cards, Angels etc raised £358.50 for Care Home India The Claretian fathers are very grateful 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. Michael Campbell
- Let us pray for a successful retreat for our Keralan community this week.

PLEASE NOTE THIS LIST WILL BE UPDATED IN A COUPLE OF WEEKS SO IF YOU WISH THE UNDERLINED/ITALICS INTENTION TO CONTINUE PLEASE SEE FATHER. THANKS.



From the Parish Priest's Desk...Our Lenten Journey.

Dear Faithful,

The Gospel this Sunday is the raising of Lazarus from the dead, an event that determined the authorities that he had to die since this great miracle led to many believing in him. They commented that the people were going after him. They also – in a completely illogical move – determined to kill Lazarus too. We see that evil eventually consumes itself and ends up in a complete denial of the truth.

This miracle confirmed that Jesus was truly who he claimed to be – the Son of God – and that he had the power over life and death; hence, when the time for his passion came, it would be clear that he himself was choosing to lay his life down freely and not due to the power of the authorities.

It is an important miracle for us in that it firstly, confirms our belief in the resurrection of the dead. Secondly, and very importantly, it also applies to our life here below. If we die to ourselves, we shall rise to Christ. I call this the “Isaac Moment.” Abraham believed that even were he to kill Isaac, God would bring him back from the dead since it was through Isaac only that Abraham was to have many descendants. The book of Hebrews confirms this “Abraham reasoned that if Isaac died, God was able to bring **him back** to life again. And in a sense, Abraham did receive his son **back** from the **dead**.” Hebrews 11:19.

This serves as an important lesson for us. That we must so trust God and his Divine Providence that even if he asks of us something that we deem impossible, he can bring life from death. This is one of the main errors of the world that when God asks of us seemingly impossible things, we simply decide that that can't possibly be what God would want. At times God does ask of us things that are beyond our human strength and that we can't right then see the point of. Yet these are precisely Isaac Moments because they actually bring about us a true rebirth.

This requires, of course, great faith. But it is precisely here in these moments that we discover our true potential and worth. It also guards us against fashioning our lives simply in accord with our own plans and forces us to surrender control to Jesus.

It is the message of the gospel: to save our life, we must be prepared to lose it; to discover who we truly are, we must be prepared to lose who we think we are. To become masters over ourselves, we must hand everything over to Christ. Let us beseech the help of Mary who always from the instant of her conception, surrendered everything over to God and thus, she truly was at every moment the person God created her to be.

God bless, Fr. Dominic [Fiat!](#)



Pope Francis has asked that this weekend we consecrate or re-consecrate ourselves to the Immaculate Heart of Mary remembering and renewing the Solemn Consecration that he did this time last year of Russia and the Ukraine. One example is below:

A Solemn Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Most Holy Virgin Mary, tender Mother of men, to fulfill the desires of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the request of the Vicar of Your Son on earth, we consecrate ourselves and our families to your Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart, O Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and we recommend to You, all the people of our country and all the world.

Please accept our consecration, dearest Mother, and use us as You wish to accomplish Your designs in the world.

O Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart of Mary, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, and Queen of the World, rule over us, together with the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ, Our King. Save us from the spreading flood of modern paganism; kindle in our hearts and homes the love of purity, the practice of a virtuous life, an ardent zeal for souls, and a desire to pray the Rosary more faithfully.

We come with confidence to You, O Throne of Grace and Mother of Fair Love. Inflammate us with the same Divine Fire which has inflamed Your own Sorrowful and Immaculate Heart. Make our hearts and homes Your shrine, and through us, make the Heart of Jesus, together with your rule, triumph in every heart and home.

Amen.

