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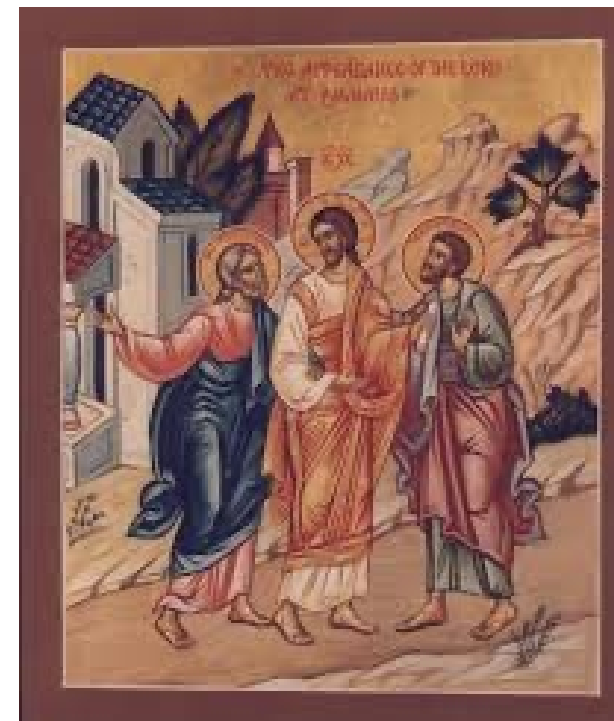
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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



Our Lady of the Rosary

*In the end my Immaculate Heart will
triumph! Fiat!*

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	22	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	23	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Third Sunday of Easter	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	24	9.30am	Eng	Saint George	
Tuesday	25	No Mass	-	Saint Mark	
Wednesday	26	No Mass 7.30pm	- Pol	Easter Feria	
Thursday	27	7.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Joan Prendergast RIP</i>
Friday	28	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	
Saturday	29	4.00pm	Eng	St Catherine of Sienna	
Sunday	30	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Fourth Sunday of Easter “Good Shepherd - vocations”	

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour:

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 8.50am-9.20pm



Society for the **Protection**
of Unborn Children

SPUC (Society for the Protection of Unborn Children) Pro-life Chain Come and join us to take part in a nationwide act of witness to the lives of more than 10 million unborn babies killed by abortion in Britain since the Abortion Act came into force on 27th April 1968. **This is a silent kerbside vigil here in Lincoln on Saturday 29th April from 11am until 1pm.** We meet on Tritton Road approximately 200 yards from the CO-OP Funeral Services LN6 7QY heading towards the City centre. For further details ring Julie on 07465440171 or email julierogers.uk@gmail.com

Ladies Guild: Thank you to everyone who has supported the Guild. We have been together for a year now and slowly we are growing in numbers. We have supported local and global charities and businesses. The next meeting is on **Tuesday 9th May at 1:30pm in the church hall.** Everyone is welcome.

A message from Bishop Patrick:

Our vision for the Diocese of Nottingham is to become a more outward-looking missionary Catholic community. We are currently reorganising our parish and deanery structures, and to ensure we are supported in mission-focused initiatives the Diocese has launched a Mission Enabling Programme. We must also develop a financial plan, one that is well informed and meets our needs. Therefore after Easter we are commencing a consultative phase, with professional support, to gather opinions from parishioners about our funding strategies. If you are asked please consider giving your views, through a one-to-one conversation or an at-Mass survey. Please also pray for our mission and for this journey of discernment, that we can share the love and message of Christ more widely. For the full message from Bishop Patrick, visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/consultation

The Regina Coeli Lyrics in Latin

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.
V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.





ZOOM CATECHESIS SUNDAYS 8.00PM – 9.00pm
Starts Sunday April 30th

Father will be holding catechesis classes on Sunday evenings lasting about an hour. If you would like to attend please send me an email to the parish email address requesting a link. Thank you. Topics that will be addressed:

- What is the nature of the times in which we are living in the Church?
- What is the new and divine holiness referred to by John Paul II?
- How to understand the spiritual life?
- Foundational blocks of the spiritual life.
- Q and A

This is a basic course for people wishing to pursue holiness in their lives in a simple, accomplishable manner whilst introducing what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church in these times.



NEXT WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY FORMATION

Any volunteers to join the permanent flower rota to contact me on 01205 358832, leaving a message on the answerphone if not in, or, e-mail me at eileen.m.busby@cloud.com.

'GIFT AID ENEVELOPES

For those who continued to use the envelopes during 2022/23 there is a box of envelopes available for collection in the Narthex. These are old envelopes so please read the note attached to the box. We would ideally like parishioners to pay directly into the church bank account as this reduces bank charges incurred for handling cash. Thanks to all parishioners who Gift Aid their offerings. Queries etc. to Chaz: 07778840886 or chaz.mayhew@btinternet.com.'

Sunday Collection: April 2023

Envelope: £ Loose Plate: £ Candles: £ 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)

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In 2022, here at St Mary Our Lady of the Rosary, we raised £1,386.05 through the Red boxes, including individuals giving directly. THANK YOU

Second Collections: 30th April Clergy formation Fund; 21st May World Communications; 18th June Day for Life; 2nd July Peter's Pence; 16th July Sea Sunday; 17/9 Ev.Gaudium.

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

- The sick and housebound and for those who need your prayers, Sadie Wheate, Rosalyn, Mary, Fay Cowell, David Locking and Jack Newell. Michael Campbell
- First Holy Communion Candidates
- Caterina Cimino RIP . Emilia Whelbourn RIP Joan Prendergast RIP



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

his week it might be useful to consider three aspects of the Paschal mystery. This will help us to understand in general the role of Liturgy in making present the mystery we are celebrating to us.

What are the three aspects of the Paschal mystery? To use simple terms we could call these the historical, the Liturgical and the personal.

What is the historical aspect?

The historical: Jesus died on a particular day in history; he died once and this will never be repeated again. Likewise, he rose from the dead three days later – once and for all – the book of Hebrews stresses this. In all the mysteries of Christ's life, be it his birth or transfiguration etc, these took place really and truly in the context of a particular time and place. Pope Benedict emphasises that everything in our faith is centred upon this: that Christ really lived, really died and really rose from the dead – He was firmly rooted just like us in time and place. The events of his life happened historically just like any of those of his time. This is important because it by his deeds that Christ brought us salvation.

This explains the shock and surprise and general confusion of Easter Sunday – the women and the disciples were experiencing something that was new, and beyond their comprehension: a risen and glorified body, a body which had entered into history at the Annunciation and nativity and which as St. John says in his first letter they had touched and handled – but now somehow was glorified and transcended time and space – no wonder it took them time, no wonder that we should be in awe. It cannot be overemphasised that Christ's resurrection was not simply his body coming back to life as it had been, as for example Lazarus, if this had been the case the disciples may have been surprised but they would not have been dumfounded, after all they had seen Lazarus; No! It was a new mode of existence, beyond their comprehension and beyond their wildest imaginings.

What is the Liturgical aspect?

This is very important and if we grasp this, our spiritual lives will become much more meaningful. At the last supper, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist and commanded us to continue to celebrate it. Why? Because it makes present to us the paschal mystery. The mystery of his passion, death, resurrection and ascension are "re-presented" on our altars. Thus, the role of Liturgy is to make present to us the unique and unrepeatable mystery of Christ. St. Ambrose writes talking about Christ "I find you in your mysteries."

Fr. Aidan Nicholls writes that Christ's saving deeds are not simply to give us moral values or to inspire us to virtuous living, but they "have actually changed the terms on which the gift of human life is received from God" and have also reordered our origin, our goal and the support that we shall receive in life. What this means is that Christ's deeds in our very being affect our lives and therefore, they must be made continuously present to us – they are made present to us through the Liturgy. (Liturgy we may consider for the moment to be the Mass, the Sacraments and the Divine Office or Breviary that the clergy recite.)

For us in Eastertide, therefore, when we attend mass we are not only participating in the paschal mystery which we do whenever we attend mass, but also participating during this season in the particular mystery of Christ's Resurrection and the forty days that he spend with his disciples. It is as if we are there experiencing the same mystery that the disciples did. Now it may be objected that we do not see Christ as they saw him; that we do not talk with Christ as they talked with him; that we are not in the upper room when he appeared to them on Easter Sunday evening. True but what is important is not the historical happenings but the mystery beneath them – those are really and truly present to us, just as they were to the disciples. Indeed the Fathers teach that it is to our advantage since we can fully participate in them without the disadvantages of having to live with the experience at the time. Even for the disciples for the rest of their lives they would continue to live out these experiences through the Liturgy.

Psalm 94 says O that today you would listen to his voice, that today is continually present to us. It is a beautiful thought that in death we are going into the eternal day of Christ.

What is the personal aspect? Christ has ordained that he wishes to continue to live his life and his mysteries through us. We are called upon to live his life again, to bring him to the world. For example, when Christ was tired and thirsty by Jacob's well, he lived our tiredness and thirst, and so likewise when we bear tiredness, we are bearing Christ's tiredness in us. Even more profoundly, Christ asks that for the sake of his mystical body, the Church, we make up what is lacking in his sufferings. So our lives are truly redemptive because Christ is using us to bring salvation to people. So we must enter into the mysteries, ponder them, continually chew on their meaning so that they become part of us and inform us.

An example of the episode of the disciples on the road to Emmaus (luke 24:13-35) If we try and give a concrete example it might help. The episode of the two disciples walking to Emmaus and Jesus falling in with them on the journey happened historically, it was an event just like any other event such as the royal wedding. Now through its presentation in scripture in the Liturgy, we are drawn into the journey, we are there and Christ is walking by our side. We ponder how our eyes are held, how when we suffer we at times forget that this must be on the road to the resurrection; also, how we too meet Christ in scripture and the mass. Lastly, we then absorb that into our present lives, we live like the disciples reinvigorated and bring the good news of Christ's appearance to others. God bless, **Fr. Dominic Fiat!**

