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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	29	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	30	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Fourth Sunday of Easter “Good Shepherd - vocations”	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	1	12.30pm	Eng	Saint Joseph	
Tuesday	2	9.30am	Eng	St Athanasius	<i>Gregory RIP</i>
Wednesday	3	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	SS Philip and James Feast	
Thursday	4	7.00pm	Eng	The English Martyrs Feast	
Friday	5	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	
Saturday	6	4.00pm	Eng	Coronation	
Sunday	7	9.30am 12.00 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	Fifth Sunday of Easter	

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour: Monday 4.00pm; Thursday 4.15pm; Friday 4.00pm

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

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.

A message from Bishop Patrick regarding Sudan As the situation worsens, the Church in Sudan asks for our prayers. I invite you to join me in praying for the horrendous situation in Sudan, and especially for all God's children who are affected most deeply by it. Lord, that there might be, in the short term, a ceasefire and in the long term, a complete end to this divisive fighting which is tearing the country and children apart. Bring justice and healing to this divided land, we pray. Our Lady Queen of Peace, pray for us Saint Josephine Bakhita, pray for us Saint Michael the Archangel, pray for us





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.



THIS WEEKEND SECOND COLLECTION: CLERGY FORMATION

Coronation prayer cards are available from the back of Church. Let us remember to pray for King Charles III. Although, the Royal Family no longer have political power as in the past, they are still nevertheless an important part and protector of our constitution. Therefore, as Saint Paul urges us we need to pray both for King Charles III and our political leaders.

Prayers for Bishop Patrick whose birthday is this Sunday.

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: 23 April 2023

Envelope: £143 Loose Plate: £326 Candles: £18 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
- Osinachi who was baptised into the Church this weekend.
- Gavin and Grazyna, who are getting married on Saturday
- Gabriela and Raimundas who are getting on Friday
- Polish 1st Holy Communion children this Saturday.



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

Dear Faithful

God teaches us through images about his nature, about the spiritual life and about the Church. One of the most central images is that of being a shepherd. Indeed one of the earliest images we have in the catacombs is that of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, carrying back the lost sheep on his shoulders. In the ancient world, the king was regarded as a shepherd who had been anointed by God; thus, as Pope Benedict pointed out Christ the Good Shepherd is Christ the King and this tells us about the nature of both his kingship and his kingdom. Two important Old Testament passages set the scene for Christ's use of this title. Firstly, Psalm 23 so well known: "The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want..... he leads me, he guides me, he protects me, and he is always with me no matter how dark the path."

Secondly, in the Prophet Ezekiel (Chp 34-37) God foretells that HE HIMSELF will go in search of his sheep and look after them: "And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land.....I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost and bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over." (Ezekiel 34:13,15-16 – cf Jesus of Nazareth vol I) These Old Testament readings therefore prepare us for the discourse of Jesus in John 10 and also the many, many interrelated connections: Jesus as the Lamb of God etc. But let us ask ourselves are we really understanding what is going on. What is God actually saying?

1) It is so important for us to understand that Jesus comes to heal and bind us up. This is an aspect that needs constantly re-emphasising: WE NEED HEALING. When, we hear the word healing we primarily think of physical healing – after all we see so many instances of this in the gospels. Now this is important but the most important healing is inner healing – the healing of wounds either inflicted on us by ourselves or by others but which in both cases come down to sin. Jesus physically cures always to lead the person into deeper inner healing which then enables a true conversion to Christ. Cf The Blind Man in John 9, Mary Magdalene, John 5:14 "Now you have been made whole, go and sin no more lest a worse thing happen to you."

2) We first need to be healed if we are going to be truly able to follow Christ and experience the true freedom of the children of God. This freedom is an inner freedom. Everyone needs healing because everyone has wounds because everyone is a sinner. We need healing in our emotions, our mind, our soul as well as our bodies. Indeed we could say that many illnesses are a direct result of our inner wounds. (Look at the case of anger for example)

3) If we do not experience this inner healing then we never attain to the true person we are meant to be in the eyes of God – which he had of us before all ages and which we shall, God willing, attain to in heaven.

Let's look at a practical example. A soul is using the sacraments, praying but is constantly bound by the same things; pornography for example or anger. They receive forgiveness for their sins but they never experience true freedom from their sins. Can we imagine that this is truly what Christ envisions? Is this really the good news? What then stops us? Deep within us sin creates wounds because sin is choosing an idol instead of God. At a time of difficulty, hurt etc (I.e the cross) rather than turning towards God to be with us and comfort and heal us, we choose an escape route: it could be drink, food, lust = we choose an idol. We are very good at then burying deep in us this choice and it is this that stops us being free children of the lord.....until.....we address the issue, reject the idol and invite the Holy Spirit to transform us.

The Modern World makes this worse as it preaches that freedom is attained by and through idols – freedom means doing whatever we wish. It also places the cure for the situation solely in the physical and psychological areas (both of which have their role) whilst never addressing the true cause which is spiritual.

WE NEED PRAYER, THE SACRAMENTS.....AND HEALING.

Let us always remember the greatness, the beauty and the wholeness to which we are being called. It requires realising that only in seeking to become that which God envisions for us will lie our true happiness. This requires a discipline, a prayer life, sacrifice etc but it might also require that we work at our own healing. That those wounds of which we are ashamed or wounds that are buried so deep that we are no longer conscious of them come to the surface and are cured. So often God is powerless because we have deep within us idols that first need removing.

But let us always remember God is never ashamed of us, he comes to meet us in our very brokenness, our very sinfulness because he has the power to mould us in his own image and likeness. He is the Good Shepherd who never tires of seeking us and carrying us back on his shoulders. But let us also ask him to make us aware of those idols that we still have within us, so that they can be crushed and our wholeness restored.

Fr. Dominic Fiat!

