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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



Jesus I trust in you.

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	15	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Jacob Matthew RIP</i>
Sunday	16	9.30am Noon 3.00pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Service Latin Pol	Divine Mercy Sunday Divine Mercy Service	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	17	No Mass		Easter Feria	
Tuesday	18	9.30am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Deceased of the Parish</i>
Wednesday	19	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	<i>Friends and Benefactors</i>
Thursday	20	10.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	
Friday	21	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	
Saturday	22	4.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Sunday	23	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Third Sunday of Easter	<i>Parish</i>

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY SERVICE 3.00PM CONFESSIONS FROM 2.15PM

Thursday Mass 10.00am St Mary's Primary School will attend.

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.

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.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE GREATEST DAY OF GRACE IN THE YEAR
SERVICE SUNDAY 16TH APRIL AT 3.00PM
CONFESSIONS HEARD BEFORE.....START PREPARING!!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA INDULGENCE

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

- 1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).
- 2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulgenced work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulgenced work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.
- 3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.
- 4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

- 1) Be to the best of one's knowledge in a state of grace
- 2) Make a confession within two weeks either side. Our Lord did ask that we also go to confession on the day itself.
- 3) Receive Holy Communion worthily on the day.
- 4) Make some devotional act to Divine Mercy.



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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 ENVELOPES

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.'

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

Sunday Collection: 9 April 2023

Envelope: £95 Loose Plate: £240 Candles: £25 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

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
- Caterina Cimino RIP . Emeilian Whelbourn RIP

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.





ZOOM CATECHESIS SUNDAYS 8.00PM – 9.00pm

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.



Does Easter have particular practices for us as Lent did? One of the mistakes that we can make if we are not careful is to assume that in Lent we did all the hard work, now we can relax, “kick back” and enjoy the festivity. We have “done” Lent and we can wait a while before it comes around again. Big mistake. Indeed the Church gives us a careful warning on Easter Sunday itself: we are to purge out the old leaven (sin, old way of life) since we can hardly participate in this festival with it (1 Cor 5:7) Thus, our endeavours to lead a spiritual life are now redoubled because we have been redeemed. Lent was a time of preparation for our redemption and new life, Eastertide is living that life. However, I would add something very important: namely, the mode in which we live our lives is different. Lent was a time for penance due to our sins and fallen nature – hence we fasted and did penance; Easter is a time for festivity and joy since the mission has been accomplished. We really must feast for the fifty days. Therefore, our motivation to continue to improve our lives is now one of joy and gratitude. Not to feast or to appreciate the season is just as bad as not making any effort in Lent. After being given such a gift and one which cost such a price – as we saw during the Triduum – who would not feel uplifted in trying to live up to it. Lastly, we must remember that there are special graces to help us during this period – namely the grace of contact with the risen Christ.

What is the relationship between the passion and Easter Sunday? Often, we can make the mistake of separating these two. The best way to look at them is to see the Triduum and Easter Sunday as one event – they cannot really be separated. The passion without the resurrection would make not sense since it is the goal which Christ kept in mind during his suffering. The Paschal Mystery – and we use this term as much for Easter as for Lent – is the passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Our Lord.

Why don't I feel joyful during Easter – life still seems to have its difficulties and suffering? We need to distinguish two things here: firstly, regardless of the Easter season life's trials and difficulties continue since our life is still in the journey to the Father – we have yet to complete our Passover although it has definitively been accomplished; hence, there is bereavement, sorrow etc and thus Eastertide can be a time of sadness. However, the spiritual joy regardless of this should be there. Why? Because if we enter into the mystery of the Easter season, regardless of our life's particular difficulties, Christ has indeed risen. He has conquered and in him, we too have risen and we too have conquered. Therefore, as St. Augustine says even the sorrow that comes our way during this season should not have an effect on this tremendous joy that is ours. This may seem strange but nevertheless it is profoundly true that our human sorrow physical, emotional or spiritual is tempered and difficult as it sounds must not distract us totally from the season. This is why the Church in her funeral rites during this season changes the readings.

This period of forty days to his Ascension, Christ taught the apostles. Let us likewise be open to his teaching, preparing for his Ascension and the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. **God bless, Fr. Dominic Fiat!**

