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If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact Father at the Presbytery (01205 362056) or Deacon Martyn (07753531859) .

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	6	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	7	9.30am Noon 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	Fifth Sunday of Easter	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	8	12.30pm	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Thanksgiving Gracy Saju</i>
Tuesday	9	9.30am	Eng	Easter Feria	
Wednesday	10	TBA 7.30pm	Pol	Easter Feria	
Thursday	11	7.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Friday	12	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	<i>Steven Davis RIP</i>
Saturday	13	4.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Sunday	14	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	Sixth Sunday of Easter	

When a mass time says TBA it means Father is unable to make plans but will post on the website at least my the evening before.

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour: Monday 4.00pm

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



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.



Dates for the diary:

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. 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: 30 April 2023

Envelope: 169 Loose Plate: £337 Candles: £14 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: Clergy Formation £247

Second Collections: 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 . Emillia Whelbourn RIP Joan Prendergast RIP



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

Dear Faithful

Jesus tells us in today's gospel: "I am the way, the truth and the life." Jesus here claims as Son of God that he IS truth, life and the way. We know this gospel passage well but we need to reflect upon this deeply. It means that Christ must be the centre of our life, the centre of everything: not simply our prayers but our thoughts, everything we think do and say. This is the call of the disciple and it is this which gives meaning to life and to everything we do.

The modern world is full of plans, methods etc – how to lose weight more effectively, how to run faster, how to become more productive. We judge our lives by what we have, what job we do etc. Now it is good to have plans, methods but if the object becomes simply building up my self-image or judging my worth or what I have achieved, then Christ is no longer at the centre and the results are that we feel more pressure, more haste and more frustration.

But when whatever we do has Christ at its centre then we begin to experience life in a different way. For example, we can exercise either because we choose it and simply to improve our health and sense of well-being or because a healthy body will serve Christ better and give him more glory.

It would be a very good and holy exercise to go through our lives and ask about what we are doing: Why are we really doing this? Is Christ at the centre?

Another example is school and exams. One approach is that we are motivated simply by wanting a good qualifications so we can get a good job and we can feel secure. Or we can attend to what we are learning through every subject and what we learn about God.

Especially important is replacing haste, drivenness with rest. One of the ten commandments tells us quite clearly to keep holy the sabbath. That the sabbath must be a day of rest so we can listen to and spend time with God. The sabbath has disappeared in society – it is a day of shopping or sport or aimless activities. What is the result? People become less rested and more frustrated. We need to rest. This can be equally of the spiritual life. Even our pursuit of Christ can be driven and our image of God becomes that of a slot-machine God who provided we put in the right amount will give us what we ask for. We need to remember that all progress is down to grace, we need to learn to simply be at peace with God, resting in his company. This is difficult because often our mind is racing and we are burned out. Some learnt this during lock down but the lesson has been quickly forgotten.

I listened to an interesting podcast and one of the pieces of advice was never spend less than twenty minutes eating, sit down and chew everything slowly. This can help restore peace and tranquility.

It is difficult because often our jobs and employment necessitates haste and pressure. But if we try bit by bit to take everything that bit slower it is amazing how that reduces stress.

Why is any of this relevant? If we want to place Christ at the centre of our lives, it requires peace, time to reflect, time to listen. If we are never still, if we are always surrounded by noise, God cannot get a foot inside the door and we shall not be able to hear his voice.

We are living in the seventh millennium which corresponds to the seventh day of creation when God rested. In the era in which we are living, we must learn to rest; it is the great secret of the spiritual life and the journey to holiness. Our Lord himself invites us to put down our burdens, lay aside our work and allow him to refresh us. If we put Jesus at the centre and take up his sweet yoke, he promises that we shall find rest for our souls. After all is that not what we are all preparing for: Eternal Rest.

Fr. Dominic Fiat!

