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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	13	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	14	9.30am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	15	No Mass		Easter Feria	<i>Mrs Chinnamma Paul RIP</i>
Tuesday	16	No mass		Easter Feria	
Wednesday	17	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	Easter Feria	
Thursday	18	10.00am 12.00 7.00pm	Eng Pol Eng	The Ascension of Our Lord.	
Friday	19	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Easter Feria	
Saturday	20	4.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	
Sunday	21	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol latin Pol	<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b>	

**Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:**

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](http://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





*Our Lady and the Holy Spirit*

“My dear child, my only desire is to keep my child close to me. Without you I feel lonely and have no one in whom to confide my secrets. It is my maternal caring that yearns for my child to be close to me – a child who is in my Heart – so that I may impart to you my lessons and make you understand how to live in the Kingdom of the Divine Will. In this kingdom the human will cannot enter, as the light, the sanctity and the power of the Divine Will besiege the human will and make it undergo continual deaths. But do you think that the human will is afflicted because the Divine Will keeps it in the act of continually dying? Oh no, not at all. Rather, it feels joyous, for when the human will dies to itself, the Divine Will is reborn and arises victorious and triumphant in the soul, bringing it endless joy and happiness. Dear child, it is enough for the soul to understand what it means to allow oneself to be dominated by the Divine Will and to experience it, for it to abhor its own will and prefer to be martyred thousands of times than to leave the Divine Will!”

(from Our Lady in the Kingdom of the Divine Will day 12. Imprimatur given.)



Dates for the diary:

May 28<sup>th</sup> Pentecost Sunday Healing Service and Benediction. 4.00pm

I should like to see if there would be support to have all night adoration on the vigil of Pentecost. It would need two people for each hour. See sign up sheet

There will not be zoom catechesis this Sunday.

Next Sunday second collection for world communication.

Sunday Collection: 7 May 2023

Envelope: £135 Loose Plate: £326 Candles: £16 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 Gift Aid March 23 quarter has been submitted to HMRC totalling £7130.18  
Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

Second Collection: Clergy Formation £247

**Second Collections:** 21<sup>st</sup> May World Communications; 18<sup>th</sup> June Day for Life; 2<sup>nd</sup> July Peter's Pence; 16<sup>th</sup> 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
- Confirmation candidates.



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

Dear Faithful

We continue reading the great chapters of Saint John which narrate the discourse at the last supper. In this passage Jesus is telling us that love and obedience are two sides of the same coin. Indeed to love God means to keep his commandments. Likewise if we don't keep his commandments, we cannot love God. Sin is therefore an act in which love is denied and set aside: love of our Creator is replaced by love of self which is exactly the sin of Adam and Eve. In order to keep Jesus' commandments we shall need the power of the Holy Spirit within us so that transforming us into the likeness of Jesus who then lives within us and through his power operating in us, we shall be able not only to keep the commandments but embrace them in love so that far from limiting us they shall actually set us free.

We often think that commandments only refer to the ten commandments; but they refer to all that Jesus commanded us to do and all that the Church commands us to do, since the commands of the Church are the commandments of Jesus. In the original language the word commandment derives from the word for end or goal. Hence a commandment is something which enable us to attain our end – heaven. We should ponder this because often people think of commandments as something restrictive. Non-Christians often see Catholics as people that have to keep a whole series of rules. Whilst there is a truth to this, it leaves out the whole beauty – we could say as Catholics we are enwrapped by the love of God which manifests itself in Him guiding us to heaven. Likewise, not to keep the commandments of God is to give oneself over to darkness, and all manner of evils. Hence when today people are breaking even the natural law which is enshrined in everyone, there is great darkness over the whole world.

The word commandment goes even further since it includes also everything that is God's will for us – not just the great things but also the menial. Jesus constantly tells us that he came to do the will of the Father. This means through out his whole life he constantly carried out what his heavenly father wished him to do, to say, to think. Every action of Jesus including his very breathing was animated by his father's will. So when we live in union with Jesus the same thing applies to us – all our acts are taken up into the heavenly Father and we then attain the union that Jesus constantly prayed for – especially at the last supper – that we be one just as the Father and Jesus are one: *"I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me."* (John 17:21)

This is the goal that we are living through right now. The coming of the Kingdom in glory when this unity will be achieved. To bring this era about, God needs souls that are prepared to surrender their lives to him.

Now this may appear to be an outrageous statement that appears to be totally unachievable. But if we surrender to the Holy Spirit and trust in the power of God to transform us, not only can this be achieved but it must be achieved (either in this world or in purgatory).

Such is the case when we look at this with purely human eyes. But this is where the example of Mary is so important. She shows us that by believing in the power of God's promises and living in constant union with her spouse, the Holy Spirit, she always not only carried out the will of God but lived in its kingdom.

Mary teaches us the way to live out fully our obedience to God. It is worth pondering her response to the angel. She didn't start questioning what it would look like, how she would manage, how she would cope or what help she would get – she simply said "Fiat – Let it be." In other words she said yes to God and left everything up to him.

So often in life we feel tension and troubles because we are simply not surrendering totally to God. The Surrender Novena by Fr. Ruotolo is a great help:

*"I perform miracles in proportion to your full surrender to me and to your not thinking of yourselves. I sow treasure troves of graces when you are in the deepest poverty. No person of reason, no thinker, has ever performed miracles, not even among the saints. He does divine works whosoever surrenders to God. So don't think about it any more, because your mind is acute and for you it is very hard to see evil and to trust in me and to not think of yourself. Do this for all your needs, do this all of you and you will see great continual silent miracles. I will take care of things, I promise this to you." (Day 7)*

Let us follow Mary's example and surrender everything to God – let us just say to him, I give everything to you and you will take care of everything.

Fr. Dominic Fiat!

