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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	24	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	25	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	12th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	26	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	27	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Tony Markham</i>
Wednesday	28	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Irenaeus	
Thursday	29	10.00am 7.00pm	Eng Eng	SS Peter and Paul Holyday of Obligation.	<i>P.D.John RIP</i>
Friday	30	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Saturday	1	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Debbie Hayter GHO</i>
Sunday	2	9.30am 12.00 2.30pm 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Lith Latin Pol	13th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

The School will be attending the 10.00am mass on Thursday, SS PETER and PAUL which is a holyday of obligation.

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 4.00pm

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

TRIP TO WALSINGHAM THURSDAY 27th JULY. PLEASE SIGN UP SHEET AT BACK OF CHURCH IF INTERESTED. COST £10 A PERSON AND £25 FOR A FAMILY.



“The Narrow and Wide Gates”

“Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.” (Mt 7:13-14)

Share your opinions with us! In preparation for our 175th anniversary in 2025, we are developing a strategy to enable our parishes, schools, and chaplaincies to be better supported in their mission. As announced a few months ago, as a first step, we are conducting a consultative phase to develop the most effective plan. Gathering a cross representation of opinions, via an e-survey, this process is designed to gauge reaction to our spiritual themes, funding priorities, assess our ability to raise additional funds and consider key fundraising aspects. We value your feedback as we carry out this important piece of work, and ask that you please take a moment to read an overview of our plans before responding to this short survey.

Visit www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/news/survey to view the overview and complete the survey.



Surrender Novena.

Don Dolindo Ruotolo received this novena from Jesus himself. It is very powerful. Fr Dolindo at one time was the Spiritual Director of Padre Pio. This novena is very important especially for the time in which we live when everything can seem out of control both in the world and in our souls. It bears close relationship to the Little Way of St Therese of Lisieux – which was a way of trust.

At the heart of the novena is the message that we need to let go – we need to surrender control of our lives to the Lord and depend upon him. It needs to be a blind, total and continuous surrender. When we do this the Lord Jesus takes care of everything.

But what surrender is not – is simply asking Jesus to make things work out the way we want them. We can at times look at God as a “slot machine” God if we do what we think is acceptable then he must deliver. If we are honest, this is often (although in a hidden way) how we treat God.

If we leave it however, totally up to Jesus he will take care of everything in the best possible way and we shall experience peace. “You see evil growing instead of weakening?” Jesus says in this prayer. “Do not worry. Close your eyes and say to me with faith: ‘Thy will be done, You take care of it.’ I say to you that I will take care of it, and that I will intervene as does a doctor and I will accomplish miracles when they are needed.”

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

The Surrender Novena – We shall cover one day each week.

Day 1

Why do you confuse yourselves by worrying? Leave the care of your affairs to me and everything will be peaceful. I say to you in truth that every act of true, blind, complete surrender to me produces the effect that you desire and resolves all difficult situations.

O Jesus, I surrender myself to you, take care of everything! (10 times)

Dates for the diary:

This Weekend second collection – Day for Life. I realise there have been a lot of second collections in a short space of time with our annual missionary appeal being last weekend. Many thanks for your generosity. Give as you are able.

THURSDAY IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION

Friday 14th July 12.30pm at the Mill, Spilsby Road, Women’s Guild Summer Lunch. All welcome. No August meeting, wishing everyone a happy Summer break.

Thursday July 27th Annual Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. Please sign up sheet at back of Church so we can gauge interest. Price will depend a little on numbers but probably £10 a person and £25 for a family.

Sunday Collection: June 2023

Envelope: £ Loose Plate: £ 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: World Communications £169

Second Collections: 2nd July Peter’s Pence; 16th July Sea Sun. 17 Sept Ev.Gaudium.; 22 Oct World Mission Sunday; 10th Dec Poor/Needy Parishes

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
- Dinara who will be baptised into the Church this weekend.



The Spiritual Journey – Prologue

Over the next few months, I should like to write about our spiritual journey. Giving some of the most important principles.

But this weekend is a prologue.

1. Quite simply that we are on a spiritual journey. Everyone born into this world is on the same journey however different their circumstances or the route which God takes them on. There is ultimately only two destinations: Heaven or Hell. (Purgatory being a final purification but all there will eventually be in heaven.)
 1. These are both real and people go to both.
 2. Hell is real and there are people in it.
 3. Jesus in the Gospel this Sunday (and throughout the scriptures) makes this fact of life quite clear.
2. This journey, therefore, is a real battle: Are we going to follow Jesus or are we going to follow Satan? St Paul tells us that we are fighting against evil powers and principalities. It is therefore at its heart a spiritual battle.
3. Therefore, it should not surprise us that life is difficult; it has many difficult and challenging circumstances that will try our resolution and patience.
4. But we start this journey through baptism already as members of God's family with all the possible graces so that we are called to be saints and this is everyone's vocation and everyone can achieve this.
5. Everything that happens to us is part of God's providence/plan so that we might accomplish this. That plan is our sanctification but to achieve this we must first be purified of everything that stops us from entering heaven – at heart this is a purification of our will so that we always and in all circumstance obey the Will of God.
6. Therefore, we must bend all our effort to put first the Kingdom of God and its righteousness – nothing, nothing whatsoever can be allowed to hinder us on this journey because the final price is where we shall spend the whole of eternity.

So for this week two very important dispositions or attitudes WE MUST HAVE:

A GREAT DESIRE FOR HOLINESS.

St Teresa of Avila said this was the most crucial starting point that we ask God to set us on fire for heaven and for spiritual things. If we don't now have a great desire, we can ask God to give it to us. Here the great enemy is lukewarmness, which is a terrible danger on our journey because it starts so silently and hidden. So many souls are lost because they become lukewarm. They have simply lost any desire for Jesus and the things of the Spirit.

ATTENTIVENESS

Attentiveness is that virtue where we are always concentrating on our spiritual journey. We must never switch off and just allow our life to drift because if we are not going forward, we are going backwards. Jesus especially towards the end of his life in parable after parable warned us to be on our guard, to keep watch and to pray always. So often we fall into difficulties because we have let our guard down. The great example is Saint Peter. Why did he deny Our Lord? The Gospels tell us quite clearly that he followed Jesus at a distance. Temptation often catches us off our guard and seems overwhelming because we have already left the side of Jesus. We have ceased to think about him and therefore, we have laid ourselves in the path of danger. Jesus tells us if we first seek the Kingdom of God everything else will be given to us.

The six foolish bridesmaids could not enter the heavenly wedding banquet because they were not prepared. Those invited to the wedding banquet refused because the cares of the world had swallowed them up.

Two Tips:

1. One very simple but crucial way to avoid becoming inattentive is to invite Jesus into every situation. If whatever we are doing (providing it is not sinful), we intend to do with Jesus we shall always be attentive. Bishop Patrick gave the example of two newly confirmed Catholics who at the start of the day would say to Jesus: this is your day, let's live it together.

2. Another is that it also helps whilst we are living our life with Jesus to surrender all things into his care – let him take care of everything. See the Surrender novena on a next page. Jesus wants us to trust our life to him; to surrender to him, our cares, worries, anxieties, smallness, weakness, sinfulness etc because he can take care of everything if we let him.

So this week what should our prayer intentions be:

- I. To pray for a great desire to be great saints. Desire is the starting point.
- II. To pray that we are always attentive, always watchful.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

