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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	10	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Fr W Newton RIP</i>
Sunday	11	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>Corpus Christi</b> <i>(10<sup>th</sup> Week)</i>	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	12	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	13	9.30am	Eng	St Anthony Padua	<i>Intrn for Exam candidates</i>
Wednesday	14	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	15	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	
Friday	16	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	
Saturday	17	4.00pm	Eng	Immac Heart Vigil	
Sunday	18	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>Eleventh Sunday of the Year</b>	<i>Parish</i>

### Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Corpus Christi Procession 1.00pm.

**Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:**

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

### Corpus Christi Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July Processions starts approx 1.00pm.



**This is our annual opportunity to give public witness to the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It also brings much grace to the town and ensures protection for it.**

*Margaret Fretwell: Our thanks go to Margaret for her years of playing the organ and co-ordinating the choir. It takes a lot of effort and dedication to prepare the Liturgy and is often taken for granted but without which our liturgy would be very much the poorer. Let us remember to sing is to pray twice. Margaret will continue to help and sit with the choir.*



**TRIP TO WALSINGHAM THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY. PLEASE SIGN UP SHEET AT BACK OF CHURCH IF INTERESTED. COST £10 A PERSON AND £25 FOR A FAMILY.**



Seventeen of our children made their First Holy Communion this Saturday . Please continue to keep them in your prayers . Your prayers are a great help to them and their families. Let us pray that receiving their First Holy Communion brings about a great change in their lives and their families. Let us pray too that they are faithful to the Lord.



## Spiritual Thought for the Week...

The practice which is most holy and necessary in the spiritual life is the practice of the presence of God. It consists of taking pleasure in and becoming accustomed to his divine company, speaking humbly with him and conversing lovingly with him at all times, at every moment, without any rules, but without measure; especially in times of temptations, sufferings, aridities, revulsion and even infidelities and sins.

We should continually strive to ensure that all our actions are like little conversations with God, quite unstudied, just using the words that come from the purity and simplicity of the heart.

(Brother Lawrence The Practice of the Presence of God)

### Dates for the diary:

Sat 17<sup>th</sup> June 7pm Middlecott Academy, Kirton Pe20 1JS Kirton Brass Band £10 proceeds to Centrepoint. Bring your own nibbles (Tea/Coffee Provided)  
Repository Shop: A range of cards, gifts, rosaries, Crucifixes etc. Also, handmade cards for Care Home India. This also supports our Church.

Weekend of 17th/18th June will be the visit of the annual missionary appeal so the Day for Life will be delayed a week. The missionary appeal is organised by the diocese. This year it is the Comboni Mission and the priest will be Fr. Melaku

Thursday July 27<sup>th</sup> 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: 4 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:** 25<sup>th</sup> June Day for Life; 2<sup>nd</sup> July Peter's Pence; 16<sup>th</sup> July Sea Sun. 17 Sept Ev.Gaudium.; 22 Oct World Mission Sunday; 10<sup>th</sup> 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
- First Holy Communion Candidates who make their First Holy Communion next week.



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

Dear Faithful,

We celebrate this weekend the beautiful feast of Corpus Christi which puts before us this great mystery of the faith – the Most Holy Eucharist and the mass. The Catechism tells us that the Sacraments are God's masterpieces and that the Eucharist is the sacrament of sacraments. All other sacraments flow from this. It contains within it the mystery of Christ's passion, death, resurrection and ascension into heaven. It also contains within it all the mysteries of Christ's life.

What is its purpose? CCC1091 tells us that the Holy Spirit desires and wants to transform us so that both us and the Church lives from the life of the risen Christ. In the earthly liturgy which we attend we already share and have a taste of the heavenly liturgy which is constantly being celebrated. The power of the Eucharist is such that it can transform the most sinful man into a great saint because it is the power of Christ working within us.

But as Fr Mike Schmitz points out in his podcast the sacraments are not magic – they always work but their effect depends upon our reception and co-operation with grace. We need to prepare ourselves for this encounter with the Lord. How do we prepare? Firstly, we prepare our hearts and ask the Holy Spirit to awaken faith within us. Secondly, we need to prepare by the conversion of our hearts and thirdly, we need to decide henceforth to always conform to the will of the Father. (see ccc1098)

### **Dispositions to receive Holy Communion**

1. We must be in a state of grace; that is not aware that we have committed any serious sin. (e.g. Have we missed mass for no good reason?) If we have, we should go to Confession first.
2. We must be thoughtful and prayerful about what is happening. If we have been misbehaving or purposefully not concentrating, it would be better not to receive Jesus.
3. We must not have eaten or drunk anything within the hour before communion. The exceptions are water and medicine. Coffee, tea, juice are not allowed.
4. We must have appropriate bodily gestures and dress in respect for Christ. This means we are dignified in how we act and how we dress.

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO ATTEND MASS WITHOUT A SERIOUS REASON IS GRAVE SIN AND REQUIRES CONFESSION BEFORE RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION. This is not being over-critical it is the law of the church so as to protect us because to receive communion unworthily brings death to the soul (St Paul)

“Our culture has filled our heads but emptied our hearts, stuffed our wallets but starved our wonder. It has fed our thirst for facts, but not for meaning or mystery. It produces 'nice' people, not heroes.” --Peter Kreeft

Fr John Hardon S.J. taught that the greatest need in the Church today was to understand the Eucharist and that the great crisis of our time has as its root belief in the real presence. There can be no doubt about this when one simply reflects on the decline in mass attendance and the decline in attendance at Adoration. As Richard Weaver wrote, “Ideas have consequences.” As human beings what we think should govern our actions. If something is true, then we must act upon it; it must govern our lives. If we don't, eventually how we act will change the way we think.

We should all examine ourselves on this. What priority does mass have in our lives? Do we make any preparation or thanksgiving? Do we respect the real presence in Church by refraining from unnecessary talk? Do we receive Holy Communion with reverence and awareness?

The Blessed Sacrament requires thought and meditation; we have to reflect upon this mystery if it is going to play a role in our lives. Moreover, we should only receive Holy Communion if we are in a state of grace and are committed to living a full catholic life. We need also to be able to pass this on to others— what a gift we have to offer to others that God is truly present amongst us and we can be in his presence. This requires courage, the sort of courage of a Margaret Clitherow who sacrificed everything for the sake of the mass and the priests who celebrated it; we need heroes.

This is clear when we consider belief in the Eucharist: either it is what the Church teaches—the most profound sacrifice, grace, act of love, the real presence of God amongst us, the greatest gift we have, OR it is not. Yet so often we do not put this clearly at the front of our minds and think about what consequence this should have in our lives. I firmly believe that the crisis in today's society is not about disbelief in God or materialism but a philosophy called relativism that seeks to deny an absolute truth and that this absolute truth must govern our lives. It is not that people don't believe in God but that people don't want to ask themselves the important questions because of where this might lead them in their lives—the necessity to repent and to deny the self.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

