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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	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>
Monday	3	12.30pm	Eng	St Thomas Feast	<i>Reji's Intn</i>
Tuesday	4	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	5	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	<i>Tony Markham RIP</i>
Thursday	6	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	
Friday	7	7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Saturday	8	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	9	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	14th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour:

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

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Monday	10			Feria	
Tuesday	11			St Benedict	
Wednesday	12	7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Thursday	13			Feria	
Friday	14	7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Saturday	15	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	16	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	15th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

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.

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

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

Day 2

Surrender to me does not mean to fret, to be upset, or to lose hope, nor does it mean offering to me a worried prayer asking me to follow you and change your worry into prayer. It is against this surrender, deeply against it, to worry, to be nervous and to desire to think about the consequences of anything. It is like the confusion that children feel when they ask their mother to see to their needs, and then try to take care of those needs for themselves so that their childlike efforts get in their mother's way. Surrender means to placidly close the eyes of the soul, to turn away from thoughts of tribulation and to put yourself in my care, so that only I act, saying, “You take care of it.”

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

Dates for the diary:

This Weekend second collection – Peter's Pence

Next weekend we welcome Fr Simon Gillespie who will celebrate the masses here.

Monday 10th July Summer Bingo 3.30-4.30pm @ Saint Mary's School. £2 for six games – lots of prizes and refreshments – please support our school.

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: 25 June 2023

Envelope: £151 Loose Plate: £469 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. £1,782.55 Gift Aid repayment for the March quarter has been received
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. 3rd September Day for Life 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
- Paulina who will be baptised into the Church this weekend.



The Spiritual Journey Part 1 - Trust

Last week we introduced two important virtues on our journey to holiness: firstly, to have a great desire to be a great saint; to desire it above all, no matter what the cost; secondly, the importance of attentiveness – we need to be on our guard, watch and pray (see Bulletin 11th Sunday)

This week the key theme because it is key to our spiritual journey is TRUST. With a soul that trusts in the Lord, the Lord can do everything. But with a soul who doubts not much can be accomplished.

One line in the gospel today stands out: “Anyone who lose his life for my sake, will find it.” Jesus calls us to be his disciples and to follow him. He has come so that sharing his life we are taken up into the life of God himself – the most holy Trinity. But there is a price – we have to be prepared to get rid of our independence, our mania for control and our doubt. We have to put out into the deep. Now that is not easy, it requires courage and it requires trust. But the bible promises us that if we trust in him, we shall see wonders.

One episode encapsulates this need for trust – Peter walking on the waves. Peter asks Jesus, if it is you, Lord, bid me come to you across the waters. Peter by grace steps out of the boat and walks towards Jesus. Keeping his eyes fixed on the Lord, he starts his journey. But soon the wind, the waves distract him and he takes his eyes off Jesus and starts to doubt and therefore, starts to sink. This is a constant through the bible: the trust of Abraham, the doubt of Saul; the battle of Elijah to trust; Moses striking the rock because he doubted. The last example shows how important God views trust. Moses because he didn't obey God because he doubted was not able to enter the promised land.

We live in an age which makes trust difficult. We are educated to be self-sufficient (and there is an importance to standing on ones own two feet); we have insurance, pensions schemes (again things that can be good) that lead us to think that in the end life is very much up to us. But this actually leads to great worry, anxiety, despondency because deep down we know that we cannot control life – it is outside our control. We can see this in one simple fact: the colossal prescription of anti-depressants and even more alarmingly the dramatic rise of teenage suicide.

But Jesus promises us that if we seek first the kingdom of God, all the other things that he knows we need will also be given to us.

“I am here—really present—available to you at any hour of the day or night. I wait for you. I want to listen to the cares and preoccupations that you carry like a heavy burden. Give them all to Me. Trust in Me and I will act. I have told you this before: for Me nothing is insignificant. No detail of your life is too small and no sin of yours too shameful to be brought to Me and to be abandoned at My feet. Yes, this is how My saints acted. They were certain that any difficulty entrusted to My Heart would find there the best of all possible solutions. Tell Me that you trust in My merciful love by letting go of the things that burden and oppress you. I am the Lord of all things in heaven and on earth, and to Me nothing is impossible.”

Message given to a Benedictine Monk during Eucharistic Adoration from Sunday, February 1, 2009 From the book In Sinu Jesu

I would really encourage you to ponder the above quotation. We could see it as Our Lord giving his own commentary on the jewel of Saint Matthew's Gospel: “Come to me all you who labour and I shall give you rest.” (cf Matthew 11:28 ff)

Another very important quotation comes from Jesus' address to an Italian nun, Luisa Piccarreta: that once we remove the pebble of our own self-will, Jesus will do the rest a little at a time.

Continue to pray the Surrender Novena because if we pray that regularly Jesus will give us the grace to surrender to him. The proof eventually is simply in trying it. Abandon our worries, sinfulness, our doubts, our confusion etc to Jesus; close our eyes and make a complete, blind and total surrender and begin to see how Jesus acts.

Often we feel so much pain that we have two conflicting forces in us: one, our true self by grace, wants to love Jesus and follow him; the other won't relinquish control and so we are caught in no man's land and it's a very disquietening place to be.

Only grace will be sufficient to move us on – but one simple act of the will that from now on we are going to no longer concentrate on our own will but that of God's is sufficient for Jesus to work the most extraordinary wonders.

Let us ask the intercession of Mary to gain us this grace because she in all things was totally surrendered to God.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

