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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	29	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	30	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>17<sup>th</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	31	<b>9.30am</b>	Eng	St Ignatius	
Tuesday	1	No Mass		St Alphonsus	
Wednesday	2	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Thursday	3	7.00pm		Feria	
Friday	4	<b>8.30am</b> 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St John Vianney Cure d' Ars	
Saturday	5	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	6	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	<b><i>The Transfiguration</i></b>	<i>Parish</i>  <i>Gerard's intrn</i>

**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

THE FIRST PRINCIPLE AND FOUNDATION of Ignatius of Loyola's exercises

God created human beings to praise, reverence, and serve God, and by doing this, to save their souls.

God created all other things on the face of the earth to help fulfill this purpose. From this it follows that we are to use the things of this world only to the extent that they help us to this end, and we ought to rid ourselves of the things of this world to the extent that they get in the way of this end.

For this it is necessary to make ourselves indifferent to all created things as much as we are able, so that we do not necessarily want health rather than sickness, riches rather than poverty, honor rather than dishonor, a long rather than a short life, and so in all the rest, so that we ultimately desire and choose only what is most conducive for us to the end for which God created us. (Literal Translation by Elder Mullan SJ)



Saint Ignatius of Loyola: Portrait and Motto



## 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 4*

*You see evil growing instead of weakening? 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. Do you see that the sick person is getting worse? Do not be upset, but close your eyes and say, “You take care of it.” I say to you that I will take care of it, and that there is no medicine more powerful than my loving intervention. By my love, I promise this to you.*

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

Dates for the diary:

Could those using Gift Aid envelopes 6 and 41 please give Chaz Mayhew a call. Could a D.Parkinson please contact Father or Deacon Martyn. Thanks.

MISSIO Red Box Collection: It's time for the red boxes to be emptied! Please bring your red box and leave it in the sacristy, to be collected and counted. Thank you!  
Teresa.

Sunday Collection: 30<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Envelope: £100 Loose Plate: £322 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.

Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

Stella Maris Collection: £248

**Second Collections:** 3<sup>rd</sup> September Day for Life. 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
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## *From the Parish Priest's Desk...Our Lenten Journey.*

Dear Faithful,

On Monday is the feast of Saint Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. His gift to the Church was his Spiritual Exercises which he received in their fundamentals during a spiritual retreat. The Spiritual Exercises have been responsible for untold numbers of conversions and are a course for achieving holiness and a complete conversion of life. The traditional exercises last for 30 days but there are many versions and even ones which can be followed in everyday life. I have managed to do week long versions a number of times and I attribute my decision to pursue my vocation to a five day Ignatian Retreat.

There is such wisdom in Saint Ignatius. Saint Ignatius' great love of God meant that he wanted always to do the will of God to the best of his ability and with the purest of motives. His motto (inside back page) was : To the greater glory of God.

But Saint Ignatius was also a very practical man and his exercises develop what is laid down in what is known as the Principle and Foundation.(inside back page) This contains the essence of the spiritual life. We must meditate on this often. We are made to know, love and serve God – this was the first answer in the old penny catechism and it is well worth learning off by heart. In it is contained the very simple fact that this is what man was created for and therefore in it and it alone lies not only our eternal salvation but our joy, peace and fulfilment. We could truly say that all our unhappiness, anxiety, worries, sins etc occur when we act in a way opposed to this principle.

At its root is a battle that Saint Paul describes in Romans 7:15 – the human will that seeks to do what it wants is in battle with the desire of the spirit to do God's will. This is THE BATTLE. St Ignatius who himself was an unbelievably obstinate, vain, worldly man before his conversion puts this at the very heart of his exercises. Through meditating on this principle and then on sin and the life of Christ, grace brings about a conversion such that the retreatant pledges to do God's will.

This principle also means that we are chosen by God with a particular mission and that God loves us each, individually with a special love – no less than the love with which he loved his only begotten Son. Quite a thought!

But Saint Ignatius goes on to draw an important conclusion from this.

Firstly, that everything on this earth was given to us by God to help us achieve this task and to get to heaven. Notice how St Ignatius stresses our need to save our souls.

Secondly, we must therefore carefully ponder the difference between those things that will help us get to heaven and those things that will stop us getting to heaven. They may be different for different people. We must use the things that help us but get rid of those things that stop us saving our souls. This is a golden rule but so often we don't really pay attention to it. It also means that there may be things in this world that are good but nevertheless are stopping us as individuals getting to heaven.

Thirdly, Saint Ignatius says that what follow from this is that we shouldn't prefer one thing over another; for example, health over illness; riches over poverty but rather only desire those things that God sends us for the salvation of our souls.

The Liturgy to day really underlines these points:

The opening prayer tell us that nothing is holy or good apart from God and that we use the good things to help us keep a firm grip on the those that endure.

The first reading tells us of the need for Wisdom which means to see things from God's perspective.

The second reading tells us that if we love God and follow these principles, all things will work for our God.

Lastly, the gospel tells us that the treasure – union with God – is so incredible that once we realise this, we will do everything to attain it. Therefore, we must constantly meditate on the necessity to save our souls and to live our lives so that we are always seeking to do God's will and using the things of this world wisely.

If we do everything for the greater glory of God and with great love, as St Augustine says we can actually do what we want!

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

