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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	5	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Parish</i>
Sunday	6	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	Transfiguration (18th Sunday)	<i>Nov</i> <i>Gerard's Intn</i>
Monday	7	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Nov</i>
Tuesday	8	9.30am		St Dominic	<i>Nov</i>
Wednesday	9	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	St Teresa Benedicta	<i>Dominic Geoghan RIP</i>
Thursday	10	7.00pm		St Lawrence	<i>Brian</i>
Friday	11	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Clare	
Saturday	12	4.00pm	Eng	Feria Vigil	<i>Elvyra RIP</i>
Sunday	13	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	19th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

Adoration/Holy Hour:

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 5

And when I must lead you on a path different from the one you see, I will prepare you; I will carry you in my arms; I will let you find yourself, like children who have fallen asleep in their mother's arms, on the other bank of the river. What troubles you and hurts you immensely are your reason, your thoughts and worry, and your desire at all costs to deal with what afflicts 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: 30th 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: 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
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From the Parish Priest's Desk...Our Lenten Journey.

Dear Faithful,

“And God said, ‘Let there be light’” From the beginning of the bible to the book of revelation: “And the city has no need of sun or moon, for the glory of God illuminates the city, and the Lamb is its light”(Rev 21:23), we see the constant theme of light. This light that the bible is proclaiming is not the physical light coming from the sun but the invisible light that is God: God from God, light from light as we affirm each Sunday. Jesus we can say is the Sun of God: “in Him was life and his life was the light of man.” Jn 1:4.

Adam and Eve were before the fall clothed with this invisible light; why? Because they always allowed the Will of God to operate in them, to penetrate them, to inform every one of their actions.

Natural light and the Sun was created by God to remind us of this supernatural light.

“Natural Light: Penetrates and brightens physical bodies giving them a beauty beyond the surface

Supernatural Light: Grace is a divine light that penetrates all aspects of the soul.

Natural Light: brings forth life and preserves it in all of nature so that during the night life rests.

Supernatural Light: The Light of grace brings life to the soul and it enlivens the soul.

Natural Light: Enables us to see things.

Supernatural light: Enables us to see things in a new light, a new reality becomes present. “ (paraphrases taken from Fr. Ianuzzi Thesis)

Therefore, when Adam and Eve sinned they lost not only their supernatural life but the ability to continuously live in the Divine Will of God. Hence, they lost their supernatural clothing and to make clothes as they now saw that they were naked.

The Transfiguration shows Jesus' supernatural light shining forth from within him as he was united to the divinity. The Apostles saw this by a special grace. It holds out to us the promise that we too are called to shine forth like the sun with the Divine Life of God within us.

These teachings tell us two most important things:

Firstly, the great evil of sin. There is no greater evil than sin even a venial sin. Sin is an offence against the infinite goodness, majesty and love that God has for us. Sin must be avoided with all our strength. One venial sin is worse than all the natural disasters of the world. St Teresa of Avila in her book the Interior Castle vividly portrays the ugliness, horror and evil of sin. But:

Secondly, the beauty of a souls in a state of grace is so incredible that were we to see it , as C.S. Lewis says we would be tempted to bow down and worship the person. It is by constantly meditating upon these truths that we develop in a profound love of God and a great fear of offending God.

The feast of the Transfiguration is a most beautiful feast because it opens up for us the greatness of Jesus whose human will was always one with his heavenly father's and our destiny. How to achieve this? The gospel message is clear: Listen to Jesus, see only Jesus and by so doing always not only to do the will of the Father but allow him to operate freely in us.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

