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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	26	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	27	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	<b>21<sup>st</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	28	<b>9.30am</b>	Eng	St Augustine	
Tuesday	29	9.30am	Eng	Passion of St John the Baptist	
Wednesday	30	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	Dedication of Cathedral	
Thursday	31	7.00pm		Feria	
Friday	1	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Saturday	2	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	3	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday</b>	<i>Parish</i>

**Adoration: Monday 8.30am Tuesday and Thursday 6.00pm Friday 8.30am**

**Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:**

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 8.50am-9.20pm – available before and after daily mass.



SUNDAY MASS	8.30am and 10.30am	8.00am and 10.00am	9.30am and 6.00pm	Other Suggestions
Please tick				

Weekday masses	7.00am	8.00am	9.00am	9.30pm	12.30pm	6.00pm	7.00pm	Other
Please tick all you would attend.								

### Mass Times

The question of mass times can be one that causes the most upset in a parish. Nevertheless, it looks very much like we are going to need an additional Sunday mass with the increase in numbers. I am reluctant to put a Sunday evening mass on unless there was great demand as there is a Polish Mass available at need on a Sunday evening. One is not justified missing a mass of obligation just because it is in a different language. I think it says a lot about the weakness of faith that people will not (or rarely) attend a mass simply because it is in a different language. The mass is the mass.

**Daily Mass:** I have always tried to provide alternative mass times for people so that those who work or have a school run can also attend occasionally that is why there is not a consistent time throughout the week especially one such as 9.30am or 10.00 which rules out people who will never be able to attend at that time. Daily mass attendance is very low even at 9.30am. Indeed apart from those who attend regularly it is extremely low. However, it would be beneficial to know at what times people would attend. Other duties in the diocese mean that at times I have to travel so at times daily mass times have to change and this is more likely to be the case in the future.

If I thought there would be the demand, I would be prepared to add occasionally an additional weekday mass.



## 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 8*

*Close your eyes and let yourself be carried away on the flowing current of my grace; close your eyes and do not think of the present, turning your thoughts away from the future just as you would from temptation. Repose in me, believing in my goodness, and I promise you by my love that if you say “You take care of it,” I will take care of it all; I will console you, liberate you and guide you.*

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

## Dates for the diary:

*.COAST AND WOLDS OPEN CHURCHES: Our church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs' in Spilsby will participate in this event and will be open on Sat.- Sun., 9th- 10th September, 2.00-4.30pm, with Christian art display, ending with Evening Prayer.*

*MARCH FOR LIFE: 2nd September, 2023. Information at 'pro-life@dioceseof Nottingham.uk'.*

*ALTAR SERVERS' MASS: Cathedral, 23rd September, 11.30 am.*

*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: 20th August 2023

Envelope: £95 Loose Plate: £342 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 latest submission for the March Gift Aid quarter has been submitted to HMRC amounting to £5703.22. 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; Kathleen Bedford
- Ken Bedford RIP



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

Dear Faithful,

Jesus puts THE question :”Who do people say the Son of Man is?  
...But you who do you say I am?”

Recently, there have been surveys especially in America that suggests that very few Catholics believe in the real presence. I personally am never quite sure about this survey.

But one thing is clear, if we believe that Jesus is the Son of the living God that will show in our lives. Likewise, if we believe that he is truly present in our tabernacles that should also have repercussions in our lives and if we believe that his redeeming sacrifice and the mysteries of his life are present at the mass then that should also show in our lives.

We all have faith but we need to increase this faith in the real presence so that it can have a greater impact on our lives and on those around us.

Two ways of increasing faith:

1) Meditation especially praying the Scriptures. The more we ponder the truth of the Eucharist and the real presence and pray into it, the more God will increase our faith. We need to invite God in so that he can transform us.

2) Remove those obstacles and distractions that hinder the presence of God. Ponder these words of Jesus to the Italian mystic, Luisa Piccarreta:

“I am all that is beautiful and that deserves to be loved. See, if you do not remove this little world that surrounds you – that is thoughts of creatures, imagination – I cannot freely enter into your heart. This murmuring in your mind is a hindrance to letting you hear my voice more clearly, to pouring my graces, to truly enamouring you of Me. Promise me that you will be all Mine and I myself will put my hand in the work. You are right that you can do nothing. Do not fear, I will do everything; give Me your will – this is enough for me.”

(Book of Heaven Vol 1)

I am reading a very interesting book at the moment: “Saint Mary Magdalene – Prophetess of Eucharistic Love” by Fr Sean Davidson. He portrays Saint Mary Magdalene as the Apostle to the Apostles who spent her time in sitting quietly at the feet of Christ either listening, or pouring out her tears or anointing his feet or at the tomb. She bears witness that the solution to all our turmoil, all our pestering thoughts, all our anxieties lies the feet of Christ contemplating his Eucharistic face.

This turmoil in the world which is a great danger to our peace of soul is constantly seeking to distract us from our spiritual journey. We worry about our material needs, our health, our future when there is but one necessary thing – the Lord Jesus.

Our whole life in heaven for all eternity is going to be contemplating God. We need to start preparing for this even now whilst still on earth and thereby also tasting this bliss here below.

SILENCE – CONTEMPLATION – REMOVING DISTRACTIONS – TRUST.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

