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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	2	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Thanksgiving</i>
Sunday	3	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	22nd Sunday	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	4	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	5	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	6	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Thursday	7	10.00am	Eng	Feria	
Friday	8	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Saturday	9	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	10	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	23rd Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Adoration: Monday Tuesday Thursday Friday all @ 8.30am

Saint Mary's school will attend the 10.00am mass on Thursday.

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 9

Pray always in readiness to surrender, and you will receive from it great peace and great rewards, even when I confer on you the grace of immolation, of repentance and of love. Then what does suffering matter? It seems impossible to you? Close your eyes and say with all your soul, “Jesus, you take care of it.” Do not be afraid, I will take care of things and you will bless my name by humbling yourself. A thousand prayers cannot equal one single act of surrender, remember this well. There is no novena more effective than this:

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

Dates for the diary:

- Tuesday 5th Sept. Fundraiser: Boxes of Hope for Ukraine £5 a person, refreshments, Raffle etc 1pm at 100 Pilley's Lane, Boston. All Welcome
- 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.
- Tuesday 19th September Women's Guild meets 1.30pm Church Hall. All welcome.
- ALTAR SERVERS' MASS: Cathedral, Saturday 23rd September, 11.30am

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH CATECHESIS

SATURDAYS 5.00PM AFTER EVENING MASS STARTS 9TH SEPT. This will be both for confirmation candidates and those teenagers who would like further catechesis.

Sunday Collection: 27th August 2023

Envelope: £82 Loose Plate: £233 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: 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; Kathleen Bedford
- Ken Bedford RIP



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

Dear Faithful,

This weekend I would simply like to detail the theme of the sermon from last week and fill in a little more detail.

We are a very diverse community which brings with it many blessings and the opportunity to appreciate what other cultures bring to the faith. It also brings about challenges of integration and unity. Our numbers, blessed be God, are increasing weekly. At the same time, the burden of the parish is falling on fewer and fewer shoulders which is becoming unsustainable.

My first theme was that Saint Mary's has to become one parish not a church used by different communities (whilst respecting that the Keralan community are of a different rite.) Flowing from this is the need for all to be involved and feel involved in the parish. At the same time for all to contribute to the running and upkeep of the parish.

The path to unity can be difficult since everyone can have their own priorities, wishes, desires and this can interfere with the "Common Good."

What is the common good? The good of the parish as a whole. Working towards unity will also have necessarily effects in Liturgy, catechesis, community (social) and governance.

The burden on Deacon Martyn and myself has to be lifted and shared amongst the faithful or we shall have to employ people to fulfil the tasks. In particular a parish administrator is going to be needed.

The second theme was that the path to unity is eased and people become enthusiastic when there is a goal to be aimed for – a goal that unites people.

In my opinion, a common goal for our parish could be to become focused on Eucharistic Adoration, Divine Mercy, of course Mary and being a parish of reparation. These are the common themes of recent popes and saints and apparitions of Our Lady and Our Lord. So they seem to me to be a fairly straight forward choice. Also, they are held in common by all Catholics whichever rite or language. This itself will also need greater explanation and of discussion with the parish.

The areas where catechesis is most needed is the role of the mass (from which adoration flows) and prayer together with the spiritual journey. We need to develop a heightened sense of the sacred and an awe of God – which is properly called Fear of the Lord.

It is quite clear that as a whole this has declined and we are in danger of losing the sense of the supernatural and what it means to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, with all our mind and with all our soul. Liturgy can if we are not careful become too orientated towards man and giving glory to God which is the first purpose of Liturgy forgotten.

The third theme is that this can be greatly aided (whilst at the same time helping the practical problem of our increase in numbers) by an extension of our Church together with a redecoration which will have as its focus an emphasis on the transcendent and along the themes given opposite. (There is of course another possibility which is to build a new Church all together.)

What is meant by the transcendent? In simple terms it is that reality that goes beyond what our senses can perceive, beyond the physical reality around us. It points us towards our final end and good: God. Man was created to know, to love and to serve God. That is our first end and must be the end of all our actions: To the greater glory of God. Our well being and the salvation of souls comes next.

The journey takes time, docility, putting the common good first. Our two hundredth in 2027 provides a focus and more importantly we are approaching the two thousandth anniversary of Our Lord Jesus' death and resurrection – presumed to be 2033 as Jesus was thirty-three when he died; but given the possible earlier dating of his birth, even earlier. What a great time to be a live in – no matter what the difficulties.

Let us pray for our parish at this time and its journey. I would ask everyone to pray three heartfelt "Hail Marys" each day for the parish.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*



“ The Cross stands rooted whilst the world turns.”
(Motto of the Carthusian Order)

