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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	9	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	10	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	23rd Sunday	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	11	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Patricia RIP</i>
Tuesday	12	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Deceased of the Parish</i>
Wednesday	13	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	St John Chrysostom	<i>Gerard's Intns</i>
Thursday	14	7.00pm	Eng	Exaltation of the Cross	
Friday	15	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Our Lady of Sorrows	
Saturday	16	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Lucy Bown</i>
Sunday	17	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	24th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Adoration:

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.								

In our pastoral letter today, Bishop Patrick is seeking to appoint new foundation directors and governors for our Catholic Multi-Academy Trusts and schools. If you would like to know more about these rewarding voluntary roles, please contact Peter Giorgio (Director of Education) by emailing the Director's PA, Julie Sweeney (julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk) or by telephoning 01332 293833.

Ahead of Education Sunday the Catholic Union is encouraging people to sign an open letter to the Education Secretary calling for the 50 percent cap on faith-based admissions to new free schools to be lifted. The cap is preventing the Catholic Church in England from taking part in the free schools programme. The letter is available to sign at www.catholicunion.org.uk



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

TUESDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER 6.00PM PARISH HALL - MEETING FOR ALL THOSE WISHING TO BE ENROLLED IN THE FIRST COMMUNION PROGRAM. MINIMUM AGE OF CHILD: 9

CONFIRMATION/YOUTH CATECHESIS

SATURDAYS 5.00PM AFTER EVENING MASS STARTS 16th September
This will be both for confirmation candidates and those teenagers who would like further catechesis.

Dates for the diary:

- Next Weekend: 16/17th September: *SECOND COLLECTION* *Evangelii Gaudium* Sunday. "Spread of the Gospel"
- *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

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

"...though I wouldn't have admitted it, even to myself, I didn't want God aboard. He was too heavy. I wanted Him approving from a considerable distance. I didn't want to be thinking of Him. I wanted to be free—like Gypsy."

"I wanted life itself, the colour and fire and loveliness of life. And Christ now and then, like a loved poem I could read when I wanted to. I didn't want us to be swallowed up in God. I wanted holidays from the school of Christ."

Sheldon Vanaucken.

Sunday Collection: September 2023

Envelope: £ Loose Plate: £ 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 Colleection: £248

Second Collections: 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)

