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If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact Father at the Presbytery (01205 362056) or Deacon Martyn (07753531859) .

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	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>
Monday	18	7.00am	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	19	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	20	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	Korean Martyrs	
Thursday	21	7.00pm	Eng	St Matthew	
Friday	22	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Saturday	23	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	24	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	25th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Adoration: Tuesday 8.30am 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.

Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) - Abortion and Coercion Campaign Meeting.

Ideas about "choice" and "autonomy" are central to the abortion industry. In reality, however, many abortions take place because a woman feels she has no choice - either because of her circumstances, or because she has been forced by her partner, family, or even medical professionals.

Come to find out more about SPUC's new campaign for greater protections for vulnerable women and their unborn children, and how we can best challenge the ongoing tragedy of abortion in our country

7.30-9.30pm, Wednesday 4th October 2023 at Saint Peter & Saint Paul's Church Hall, Lincoln
For further information contact Julie Rogers, Chair of SPUC Lincoln Branch, on 07465 440171 or email julierogers.uk@gmail.com

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.

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.

Dates for the diary:

- This Weekend: 16/17th September: *SECOND COLLECTION*
Evangelii Gaudium Sunday. "Spread of the Gospel"
- Tuesday 19th September Women's Guild meets 1.30pm Church Hall. All welcome.
- *ALTAR SERVERS' MASS: Cathedral, Saturday 23rd September, 11.30am*
- *Care Home India Appeal - 7th/8th October*
- *Harvest Festival Appeal for Centrepoint - 28th/29th October*

Sunday Collection: 10th September 2023

Envelope: £74 Loose Plate: £421 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 Parish has received £1,425.82 refund for the June quarter.

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

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
- Dr Eseroghene Ikhenya RIP. Our Condolences go to Dr Sunday Ikhenya and family.



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

Dear Faithful,

In a world where so many people have lost heart and lost their trust in God, Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina so that his merciful love which is throughout the scriptures be better known – it hurts Jesus deeply when he is distrusted.

1) Jesus is merciful love in the flesh – he came to show us the love that the Father has for us and that he desires to wash away all our guilt and shame. Not only that but he will bear our burdens with us, walk alongside of us.

2) Jesus' merciful love is a beacon of hope particularly for when we have difficult trials and life is not easy. He wants us to abandon ourselves to him and let him take care of everything.

3) The very price that this merciful love cost him should in itself reassure us. If we meditate carefully on the passion we begin to contemplate how much he suffered for us and he infuses in us a grace so that that we appreciate his love and in return love Jesus for his own sake.

4) Once we have been pardoned for our sins, we must help Jesus in showing merciful love to those around us and help Him to save souls. The glory of God and the salvation of souls are two columns that we should have in our lives. We call this reparations. This is primarily achieved by simply accepting the crosses that Jesus sends us, uniting our suffering with his and offering up for the glory of the Father and the salvation of souls.

5) However, it is important that we do not take God's mercy for granted, this would be the sin of presumption. We can totally depend on God's forgiveness, but we should make use of it to repent.

6) Jesus seeks souls to console him in the midst of his suffering – this is a great mystery. Because God is outside of time, we can console Jesus at the very time he was suffering his passion and when he looked for those who would console him.

Divine Mercy reaches human beings through the heart of Christ crucified: 'My daughter, say that I am love and mercy personified,' Jesus will ask Sister Faustina (*Diary*, 1074). Christ pours out this mercy on humanity through the sending of the Spirit who ... is Love. And is not mercy love's 'second name' (Dives in Misericordia, 7), understood in its deepest and most tender aspect, in its ability to take upon itself the burden of any need and, especially, in its immense capacity for forgiveness?

This consoling message is addressed above all to those who, afflicted by a particularly harsh trial or crushed by the weight of the sins they committed, have lost all confidence in life and are tempted to give in to despair. To them the gentle face of Christ is offered; those rays from his heart touch them and shine upon them, warm them, show them the way and fill them with hope. How many souls have been consoled by the prayer *Jesus, I trust in you*, which Providence intimated through Sister Faustina! This simple act of abandonment to Jesus dispels the thickest clouds and lets a ray of light penetrate every life.

Mary, then, is the one who has the deepest knowledge of the mystery of God's mercy. She knows its price. She knows how great it is. In this sense, we call her the Mother of Mercy: Our Lady of Mercy or Mother of Divine Mercy. In each one of these titles there is a deep theological meaning, for they express the special preparation of her soul, of her whole personality, so that she was able to perceive, through the complex events, first of Israel, then of every individual and of the whole of humanity, that mercy of which 'from generation to generation' people become sharers according to the eternal design of the Most Holy Trinity.

Quotes from Pope Saint John Paul II

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

