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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	23	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Lucy Bown</i>
Sunday	24	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	25th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	25	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	26	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	27	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	St Vincent de Paul	
Thursday	28			Feria	
Friday	29	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	SS Michael, Gabriel, Raphael	<i>Sabu Jacob RIP</i>
Saturday	30	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	1	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	26th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Adoration: 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



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:

- Care Home India Appeal - 7th/8th October
- Harvest Festival Appeal for Centrepont - 28th/29th October

Spiritual Thought for the Week

Life holds only one tragedy, ultimately: not to have been a saint.

The sinner is at the heart of Christianity. No one is as competent as the sinner in matters of Christianity. No one except a saint. (Charles Peguy)

“Our dilemma came from our frustration at not being able to do what we thought the will of God ought to be in this situation, at our inability to work as we thought God would surely want us to work, instead of accepting the situation itself as his will. It is a mistake easily made by every man, saint or scholar, church leader or day labourer. Ultimately we come to expect God to accept our understanding of what his will ought to be and to help fulfil that, instead of learning to see and accept his will in the real situations in which he places us daily.”

Fr Walter Cisek: He Leadeth me.

Sunday Collection: 10th September 2023

Envelope: £113 Loose Plate: £340 Spread the Gospel: £111

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,

The parable of the workers in the vineyard is one of those passages which force us to ask of ourselves: how well do we understand God. The owner of the vineyard who represents God seems to be more concerned with teaching his employees about understanding the nature of God than about the welfare of the vineyard. He wishes to change and transform the way the workers look at things. He wants them to see the gratuitous goodness and overflowing generosity of God that sees all men as equal, who rejoices more of the sinner's conversion than the just.

Jesus representing the Father turns the whole world's way of looking at things upside down: we have to lose our life in order to save it; the last will be first; the blessings of God will be reserved for the poor, the mourners, the peacemakers etc.

One of the great dangers that the workers who were hired first fell into is to end up being angry with God because he doesn't think the way we think; because his ways are not our ways. There is a tendency in us all not to allow ourselves to be transformed into God's image but to transform God into what we think he should be. Hence, the scribes and pharisees would rather hate God than admit that they needed to be transformed.

I would suggest that the Liturgy this weekend is a good chance for us to take stock of how we see God?

How do we perceive God?

How do we think God looks at us?

Do we think of God as a hard task master?

Do we think of him as a loving Father who is desperate to give to us all that he has and is?

Do we think of God as kind and gentle?

What image we have of God is going to be important in our spiritual development; especially important is whether or not we see him as a loving Father and therefore, whether we trust him or not. Trust is at the centre here and is so important. We must be so enamoured with God that we become completely confident in entrusting everything to him.

Some popular misconceptions of God that can be found everywhere: "The Slot Machine God." Here we believe that if we put our money into the machine it is up to the machine to deliver the prize. Thus, if we say our prayers, keep the commandments then God owes us our reward. What this leads to is an impersonal relationship with God – it is purely one of transaction. This completely undermines relationship and the very nature of God. It also means that we shall become like the pharisees – simply intent on keeping the law.

Another but more tragic view of God is that he is not a loving Father and cannot be trusted. This often arises when people have suffered injuries in life, or have experienced a human father that badly let them down and thus, this has been transformed onto God the Father. I think most of us at some level experience a distrust of God and so keep him at a distance. This needs working at or rather healing because it will mean that we never grow up to be mature Christians confident in our identity as sons and daughters of God, heirs to his kingdom.

St Therese of Lisieux was interesting in that she placed all her eggs in one basket. She was going to totally trust God come what may, regardless of how she might act. She wouldn't allow anything to undermine this trust to such an extent that she said that even if she was the greatest sinner, she would have no fear because she would still trust God to save her.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

