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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	28	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Parish</i>
Sunday	29	9.30am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Pol Pol	30th Sunday	<i>Sabin</i>
Monday	30	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	
Tuesday	31	7.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Wednesday	1	7.00am 10.00am 5.30pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	ALL SAINTS	
Thursday	2	8.00am 9.30am Noon 5.30pm 7.00pm	Latin Eng Pol Pol Eng	ALL SOULS	<i>Faithful Dept The Pope</i>
Friday	3	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
Saturday	4	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Nov Dead List</i>
Sunday	5	9.30am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Pol Latin Pol	31st Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Adoration: Tuesday 6.00pm; Friday 5.00pm

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays

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

NOVEMBER DEVOTIONS

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. As a reminder of our duty to pray for the suffering faithful in Purgatory, the Church has dedicated the month of November to the Holy Souls. The Holy Souls are those who have died in the state of grace but who are not yet free from all punishment due to their unforgiven venial sins and all other sins already forgiven for which satisfaction is still to be made. They are certain of entering Heaven, but first they must suffer in Purgatory. The Holy Souls cannot help themselves because for them the night has come, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is our great privilege of brotherhood that we can shorten their time of separation from God by our prayers, good works and especially the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass.

Praying for the dead, especially for those we have known, is a requirement of Christian charity. Our own prayers and sacrifices can be offered up to relieve their suffering. Some or all of the following prayers can be incorporated into our daily prayers during this month.

Some Prayers

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen. - One of the most commonly recited of Catholic prayers in times past, this prayer has fallen into disuse in the last few decades. Prayer for the dead, however, is one of the greatest acts of charity we can perform, to help them during their time in Purgatory, so that they can enter more quickly into the fullness of heaven.

For the souls in Purgatory: My Jesus, by the sorrows Thou didst suffer in Thine agony in the Garden, in Thy scourging and crowning with thorns, in the way to Calvary, in Thy crucifixion and death, have mercy on the souls in purgatory, and especially on those that are most forsaken; do Thou deliver them from the dire torments they endure; call them and admit them to Thy most sweet embrace in paradise. Our Father, Hail Mary, Eternal rest etc. (Taken from Catholic Culture Website)

Indulgences.

Noon 1st Nov to Midnight 2nd Nov Plenary Indulgence for Holy Souls by visiting a Church, reciting the Our Father and Creed and fulfilling the normal conditions. 1st November to 8th November Plenary indulgence for Holy Souls by visiting cemetery and there praying for the dead and fulfilling normal conditions. (Normal Conditions = Holy Communion that day, Prayers for Pope that day and confession ten days before or after.)



Importance of Mass Intentions

Mass intentions increase during November with the tradition of offering masses for the souls of the faithful departed especially of those near and dear to us. But often during the year there are many free slots because masses have not been requested. There is no greater gift that we can give and nothing as powerful as offering mass for a person or an intention.

"A great Doctor of the Church, St. Anselm declares that a single Mass offered for oneself during life may be worth more than a thousand celebrated for the same intention after death," and "Pope Benedict XV tells us, 'The Holy Mass would be of greater profit if people had it offered in their lifetime rather than having it celebrated for the relief of their souls after death. ... The fruits of the Sacrifice of the Mass are in effect much greater efficacy [sic] during one's life than after one's death because the application which is made to those well-disposed among the living is more direct, more certain and more abundant.'"

Spiritual Thought for the Week

"The Solemnity of All Saints is our celebration: not because we are good, but because the sanctity of God has touched our life. The Saints are not perfect models, but people through whom God has passed. We can compare them to the Church windows which allow light to enter in different shades of colour. The saints are our brothers and sisters who have welcomed the light of God in their heart and have passed it on to the world, each according to his or her own "hue". But they were all transparent; they fought to remove the stains and the darkness of sin, so as to enable the gentle light of God to pass through. This is life's purpose: to enable God's light to pass through; it is the purpose of our life too." Pope Francis 1st November 2017

Dates for the diary:

- Harvest Festival Appeal for Centrepoint - 28th/29th October
- Royce will be making his First Holy Communion at the 9.30am Sunday Mass. Let us keep him in our prayers.
- **ALL SAINTS IS A HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION.** Saint Mary's Primary School will be attending the 10.00am Mass.
- **BLESSING OF GRAVES** 2.00pm

November Dead List envelopes

These will be put out middle of October. Please take one and list the names of the deceased that you would like to have remembered. Please enclose a donation but only if possible. The masses during November will be offered for these intentions. Private Intentions that require a specific mass will generally be offered at a later date.

Sunday Collection: 22nd October 2023

Envelope: £110 Loose Plate: £271.16 World Mission Sunday £321.91

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

Dear Faithful,

The gospel today gives us the great commandments from which flows everything else: The love of God and the love of neighbour which is bound up with it. In the light of the feast of All Saints which we celebrate on Wednesday, it is a good time to reflect on these great commandments. After all, a saint is simply a person who during their life has reached the state of living these out with a heroic degree of virtue. I wish to focus primarily on the love of God.

God prepared for Jesus and his fulfilment of the law by bringing it to perfection in the Old Testament. Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is the great Jewish confession of faith – the Shema - and with its parallel texts Deut 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41, form to this day the linchpin of Jewish liturgy. The love of God with all our heart, soul and strength is to be our constant focus. The traditional Jews wore this text as tassels and had it inscribed on their door posts so that it was always before their eyes.

Everything only receives its meaning in the light of who God is. Jesus – God made man – as St John Paul II tells us is the only person who can reveal to us who we are; that is, our identity and mission. The whole of creation, the whole of history, the whole of salvation derives from God and can only be understood in relationship to him. Likewise, the whole of our life can only be understood in this relationship. “We are made to know, love and serve God” – only when we live this out on a daily basis to we become whom God created us to be and also achieve eternal beatitude in the world to come.

This profound truth needs to be constantly meditated upon because this will increase our desire to become saints. After all, not to be a saint means that we are incomplete, we are not totally living in the light. It means we will still to a degree be subject to fear, anxiety, worry, stress etc. But if we live our life in this light and strive on a daily basis to live this out, nothing can harm us and nothing whatsoever can separate us from God. After all, who can be afraid that believes that everything comes from the hand of God who loves us immensely.

This truth of the total supremacy of God needs also to be lived out not just by individuals but by communities, countries and the world. Peace comes for them just as for the individual by a right relationship with God. Our Lady of Medjugorje's messages are emphasising constantly this message. She is warning that “winds of evil, hatred and peacelessness are blowing through the earth to destroy lives.”

Although, the apparitions at Medjugorje awaits official approval by the Church, her messages simply repeat what she has already said at officially approved apparitions: La Salette, Fatima and Aquita in particular.

To remedy this peacelessness, we must become not only men and women of peace but we must become peace. How do we become peace? By allowing God to indwell in us. The tools for this given to us by Our Lady:

- Pray the rosary
- Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays
- Monthly confession
- Receive worthily the Eucharist every Sunday
- Read the bible daily.

This will lead us on the way to peace and unity with God and people and will mitigate the chastisements that God will send upon the earth. We can see in the world great, great unrest and great great evil. If we wish to play our part in restoring peace in the world, it can only come through us firmly desiring to become saints.

What I found so inspiring in Medjugorje was the people's faith and reverence. There was great devotion to Eucharistic Adoration, great lines for confession and the praying of the rosary. People were finding peace and conversion simply by visiting the town. Only the Church can finally decided on the apparitions but she has allowed it to be a pilgrimage site. I would summarise Medjugorje as a place of great conversions through the intercession of Mary.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

