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## *In the Parish of Saint Mary's*



**1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT  
SUNDAY MASS TIMES  
8.30AM AND 10.00AM  
(VIGIL STILL 4.00PM)**

*Our Lady of the Rosary*

*In the end my Immaculate Heart will  
triumph! Fiat!*

## Liturgical calendar

| Day              | Date | Time                                          |                                   | Liturgical Calendar                    | Mass Intention         |
|------------------|------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 25   | 4.00pm                                        | Eng                               | Vigil                                  | <i>Alvarez Thanks.</i> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 26   | 9.30am<br>Noon<br>4.00pm<br>7.30pm            | Eng<br>Pol<br>Latin<br>Pol        | <b>Christ the King</b>                 | <i>Parish</i>          |
| <b>Monday</b>    | 27   | <b>7.00am</b>                                 | Eng                               | Feria                                  | <i>NDL</i>             |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | 28   | 9.30am                                        | Eng                               | Feria                                  | <i>K.Sebastian RIP</i> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | 29   | 7.00am<br>7.30pm                              | Eng<br>Pol                        | Feria                                  | <i>NDL</i>             |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | 30   | 7.00pm                                        | Eng                               | St Andrew                              | <i>NDL</i>             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | 1    | 9.30am<br>7.30pm                              | Pol                               | Requiem Mass                           | <i>G+E Lynch RIP</i>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | 2    | 4.00pm                                        | Eng                               | Vigil                                  | <i>Jim Poulter RIP</i> |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | 3    | 8.30am<br>10.00am<br>Noon<br>4.00pm<br>7.30pm | Eng<br>Eng<br>Pol<br>Latin<br>Pol | <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent</b> | <i>Parish</i>          |

**Blessing of Graves Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> @ 2.00pm meet at the Cemetery.**

**Adoration: Thursday 6.00pm – special emphasis on prayer for vocations.  
Friday see separate page PLEASE SUPPORT FRIDAYS ADORATION  
IN ADVENT**

**Divine Mercy: 2.00pm Wednesdays**

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

Various

First Sunday of Advent will start a Year of Prayer to prepare us for the universal Jubilee Year 2025. Bishop Patrick wishes us to particularly focus on prayer as encounter with Jesus.

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> December – I will be running a retreat for those I guide in Living in the Divine Will – people will be attending from various parishes. If you might like to attend, please see Father.

- We shall shortly be publishing a job description for a parish administrator. This will relieve Father of many onerous tasks that distract him from essential priestly duties. It will mean of course an increase in expenditure but it is now essential.
- Some things people might want to get involved with:
  - It would be nice to have a book of the dead on display so each month we can see the deceased of the parish.
  - When the hall is complete we should finally restart tea and coffee. I have still the name of those who volunteered originally but would be good to have a couple more.

Gift Aid Note:

If you are a Gift Aid Declaration Holder please advise your parish office, or the Diocesan Gift Aid Department (parish.giftaid@dioceseofnottingham.uk) of any change in your circumstances, such as name change / address change / no longer a taxpayer. If your spouse has died and the GA Declaration was in his / her name, and you wish to continue to contribute because you are a taxpayer, then a new GA Declaration Form will need to be completed. Please also advise of the date of your spouse's death. Your continued support of both parish and Diocese is always very much appreciated – thank you! If you do not gift aid your contributions, and you are a taxpayer, and wish to do so, please speak with your parish priest, or contact the parish office for a Gift Aid Declaration Form.



**Friday Devotions in Advent December: 1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 1) Adoration and Confession 8.00-9.20am Fr Dominic
- 2) English Mass 9.30am
- 3) 10.15-12.00 Adoration and Confession Fr Stan
- 4) 5.00-6.30pm Adoration and Confession Fr Dominic
- 5) 6.30-7.25pm Adoration and Confession Fr Stan
- 6) 7.30pm Polish mass
- 7) 8.15-9.30pm Adoration and Confession Fr. Stan

**Spiritual Prayer:**

*“I am poor and empty, to the point that I do not any longer feel Your absence. Fill me, without my even asking You for it. Bring it about that I will at least not place any obstacle to Your coming and that now and then I may have the agreeable surprise of finding You sitting by my hearth, like a friend with enough familiar affection to take the place of the host, almost like a servant who tends the fire and rekindles it, awaiting the return of the master who is journeying far from his home. You came to serve, to enkindle, to consume souls. It has been so long since I have spoken to You without effort, with the natural flow of a conversation that is never interrupted.” (Maurice Blondel Carnets Intimes)*



**Dates for the diary:**

- *BLESSING OF GRAVES 2.00pm 26<sup>th</sup> November*
- *Gwenneth and Eamon Lynch RIP - Mass will be said for them on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 9.30am followed by the interment of Gwynneth's ashes at the plot. Mike Lynch invites you to attend both events and if there is someone who might like to come too please to let them know.*
- *English Christmas Masses: (NOTE due to number of mass no 8.30am on 24<sup>th</sup> + 25<sup>th</sup>)  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10.00am (NO 8.30am) 5.00pm Vigil Mass 11.30pm Midnight Christmas Day 6.45am Latin 10.00am (Afternoon mass in Prison)*

**ADVENT ANGELS**

Angels will be on sale on December 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th, 16th and 17th. The angels have been handmade by members of the Women's Guild. Please dedicate your angel to loved ones, living or deceased. You may hang them on the tree or send them as a gift. Angels are £1 each. All the money will be given to Care Home India.

Thank you for your ongoing generosity.

Sunday Collection: November 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 Parish has received £1,425.82 refund for the June quarter. Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

CARE HOME INDIA raised £958.90 Blessings for your generosity.

**Second Collections:** 10<sup>th</sup> Dec Poor/Needy Parishes  
17<sup>th</sup> Collection for Christmas Flowers.

**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
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates.



Dear Faithful,

We celebrate this weekend the feast of Christ the King. This feast was first instituted by Pius XI in 1925 to combat the problems facing the world. What are the most important things we can learn from this feast?

- All problems in the world come from a rejection of Christ as King; that he has a divine right to rule over all. Peace in the world will not be restored until this right is recognised. (*by offering himself on the altar of the cross as a spotless sacrifice to bring us peace.*)
- Jesus Christ has this right not only by his divine nature but also as man. He is a true king, descendant of David in the flesh.
- His kingship by uniting all things in creation, will present to the heavenly Father and eternal and universal kingdom. (*and making all created things subject to his rule he might present to the immensity of your majesty and eternal and universal kingdom*)
- This kingdom will bring about *truth and life, holiness and grace, justice, love and peace.*
- We pray for the coming of his kingdom on earth every time we pray the Our Father but this kingdom will only come when his will is finally done on earth as it is in heaven.
- We must obey Christ and his Church in all things; not only the ten commandments, the beatitudes, the new commandment of love but the commands too of the Church are his express wishes.
- Therefore, to reject Church teaching is to reject Christ and contrary to what one might think, it can never bring peace and joy.

How does this apply to us as individuals?

If we wish not only to be saints but also have a life that is peaceful, full of love and grace, full of beauty and truth, we must subject our wills to Jesus. This can be seen in three simple ways:

- Accepting as his loving will all that befalls us and accept as coming from his loving hands. Even evil done to us is permitted by him to accomplish our sanctification.
- Accept our duties of state as his will; that is, the particular things we have to do because of our position in life.
- In other areas to discern what Jesus wants of us.

One of the simplest but most effective ways of accomplishing this is to change our ways of looking at things. We no longer want to do actions, think thoughts etc because we choose them but because Jesus wants to do them in us. For example, if we wish to pray – we say Jesus wants to pray, let us pray with Jesus. This can apply to any action not only the difficult ones but also the ones that bring us pleasure. We forget Jesus also want us to enjoy life.

The simplest and best proof of this is to simply try it. Little by little, we find our lives changing profoundly.

Come Lord Jesus, Come to reign in our hearts and our minds. Establish your kingdom on earth. Make our wills subject to yours and thereby offering the Heavenly Father the glory that is his due.

God bless, Fr. Dominic