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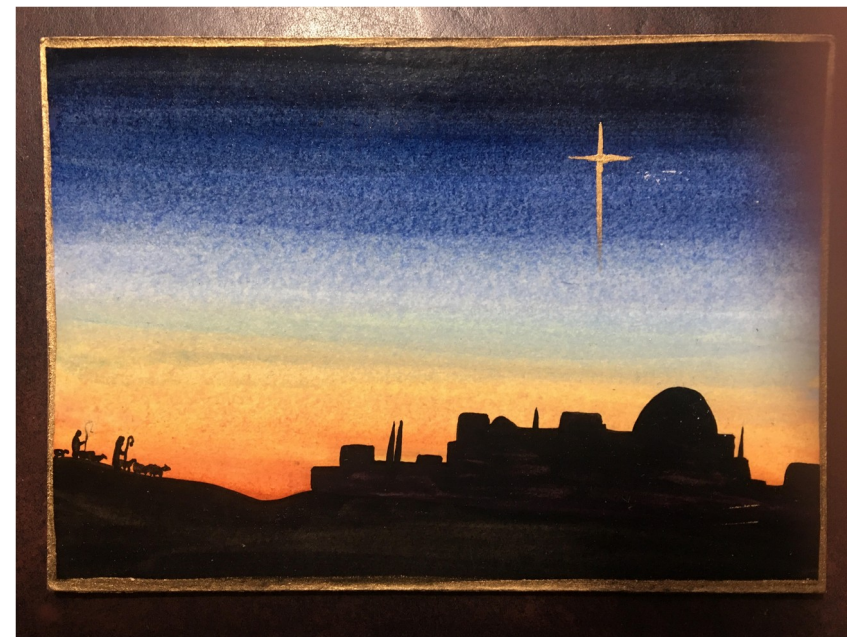
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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



Pia Gillick 2022

*Our Lady of the Rosary
In the end my Immaculate Heart will
triumph! Fiat!*

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	30	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Advent Angels</i>
Sunday	31	8.30am 10.00am Noon 7.30pm 10.30pm 11.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol Adorn Eng	<i>The Holy Family</i> ***** <i>Mary Mother of God</i>	<i>Colin Peates RIP Parish</i>
Monday	1	10.00am 12.00	Eng Pol	Mary Mother of God	
Tuesday	2	9.30am	Eng	SS Basil and Gregory	<i>Psnl Intn</i>
Wednesday	3	7.00am 7.30pm	Pol	Holy Name of Jesus	<i>NDI</i>
Thursday	4	7.00pm	Eng	Christmas Feria	<i>NDL</i>
Friday	5	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Christmas Feria	<i>NDL</i>
Saturday	6	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>NDL</i>
Sunday	7	8.30am 10.00am Noon 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	<i>The Epiphany</i>	<i>Parish Alison</i>

NOTE MASS TIME CHANGES THIS WEEK.

Adoration: Sunday 10.30pm Thursday 6.00pm Tuesday and Friday 8.0am

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

Many thanks to all who helped during the Christmas Liturgy – our florists, sacristans, altar servers, choir, organist, Church cleaners/polishers and anyone whom I have missed inadvertently.

Also, to all those during the past year who work tirelessly behind the scenes for the parish but without whose help, the parish would not be able to be maintained; as well as the above, the counters, extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, prison and hospital visitors, members of the financial committee and many others.

A special thanks to Deacon Martyn whose help makes such a difference in and around the parish.

God bless all, Fr. Dominic.



Dear Faithful

Wishing you every blessing for the New Year, may it be one of spiritual growth and holiness in the Lord. Many thanks for your cards and presents – you have been most thoughtful. I am including below a beautiful prayer for the New Year which I find very inspirational. God bless, Fr. Dominic.

O Lord, my God, we rejoice in you without your help we could not face the year ahead of us unafraid. And God replies I stand between the years; the light of my presence is already spread over the year to come, the radiance of the sun of righteousness. My shadow is cast over the year that lies behind, hiding trouble, and sorrow and disappointment. Do not dwell on the past; concentrate only on the present. Only use the past in the same way that trees use my sunlight. They absorb it so that when they are put into the fire in the days ahead others are warmed by my light which is then released. That is how you must store the blessings from me, the light of the world. Be encouraged by the knowledge that the blessings of the past will be released in the days ahead to warm others. Bury every fear; fear of the future, fear of poverty for yourself or those dear to you, of suffering, of loss. Bury every thought of unkindness and bitterness, all of your dislikes, all or your resentments, your sense of failure, your disappointment in others and yourselves, your sadness, your hopelessness. Let us leave them all buried and go forward to a new and risen life. Remember that you must not see things as unbelievers see them. I hold the year in my hands and I hold it in safekeeping for you. But I shall only guide you and reveal it to you one day at a time. Receive this year as you live each day and leave the rest of it with me. You must not anticipate the gift of this year with fears or questions about what may lie ahead. I will supply the wisdom and the strength for each day.

Dates for the diary:

Mass spanning the old and new years: 11.30pm Sunday 31st Dec. Adoration 10.30pm

St Mary's Women's Guild - The ladies wish the whole community a blessed and peaceful Christmas. May 2024 be full of happiness, joy, hope and health. The next meeting is lunch at The Mill Spilsby Road on Thursday January 11th at 12:30pm. All are welcome. Perhaps joining the Guild could be your New Year's Resolution!

The diocese is producing a monthly podcast for the Year of Prayer called Encounter Prayer. Each month a different type of prayer will be showcased; this first episode is given by Bishop Patrick who introduces the Year of Prayer, his hopes for it, and shares insights from his own prayer life. The Podcasts can be found on Apple Podcasts, Spotify, Google Podcasts, Amazon Music and Audible by searching Diocese of Nottingham; they are also on the diocesan website: www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/yearofprayer.

Sunday Collection: December 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)

Flower Collection: 185

Second Collections:

14th Jan Sick/Retired Priests 29th March Holy Places 21st April Clergy Formation

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
- Trevor Vandervord RIP
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates.



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

At Nazareth Our very first thoughts must be turned toward Mary Most Holy, to offer her the tribute of Our devotion and to nourish that devotion with reflections that will make it genuine, profound and unique, in conformity with the plan of God. It is Mary who is full of grace, who is the Immaculate, the ever-virgin, the Mother of Christ and hence God's Mother and ours, she who was assumed into heaven, our most blessed Queen, the model for the Church and our hope.

Before all else We offer Our humble filial promise to venerate her with that special devotion which recognizes the wonders God has accomplished in her; with singular homage manifesting the most holy, pure affectionate, personal and confident movements of Our Heart; with such devotion as causes her encouraging example of human perfection to shine upon the world from on high.

Then We present to her Our requests for what is closest to Our heart, because We wish to honor both her goodness and the power of her love and intercession. We pray that she may preserve in our hearts a sincere devotion to her. We beg her to give us understanding, desire, and then the peace of possessing purity of body and soul, purity in thought and word, art and love; the purity that the world of today attempts to shock and violate; the purity to which Christ has linked one of His promises, one of His beatitudes, that of penetrating into the vision of God Himself.

We ask therefore the favor of joining Our Lady, mother of the home at Nazareth, and her humble but courageous husband St. Joseph, in their intimacy with Jesus Christ, her human and divine Son.

Nazareth – school of the Gospel

Nazareth is the school in which we begin to understand the life of Jesus. It is the school of the Gospel. Here we learn to observe, to listen, to meditate, and to penetrate the profound and mysterious meaning of that simple, humble, and lovely manifestation of the Son of God. And perhaps we learn almost imperceptibly to imitate Him. Here we learn the method by which we can come to understand Christ. Here we discover the need to observe the milieu of His sojourn among us – places, period of time, customs, language, religious practices, all of which Jesus used to reveal Himself to the world. Here everything speaks to us; everything has meaning. Everything possesses twofold significance.

The lesson of silence...

The lesson of silence: may there return to us an appreciation of this stupendous and indispensable spiritual condition, deafened as we are by so much tumult, so much noise, so many voices of our chaotic and frenzied modern life. O silence of Nazareth, teach us recollection, reflection, and eagerness to heed the good inspirations and words of true teachers; teach us the need and value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of interior life, of secret prayer seen by God alone.

... of domestic life

The lesson of domestic life: may Nazareth teach us the meaning of family life, its harmony of love, its simplicity and austere beauty, its sacred and inviolable character; may it teach us how sweet and irreplaceable is its training, how fundamental and incomparable its role on the social plane.

... of work

The lesson of work: O Nazareth, home of "the carpenter's son," We want here to understand and to praise the austere and redeeming law of human labor, here to restore the consciousness of the dignity of labor, here to recall that work cannot be an end in itself, and that it is free and ennobling in proportion to the values – beyond the economic ones – which motivate it. We would like here to salute all the workers of the world, and to point out to them their great Model, their Divine Brother, the Champion of all their rights, Christ the Lord!

And so Our thoughts leave Nazareth and range those mountains of Galilee which once provided the natural backdrop for the words of the Divine Teacher. We lack time and sufficient strength to proclaim at this moment the divine message intended for the entire universe. But We cannot neglect to glance at the nearby mount of the beatitudes, which are the synthesis and summit of evangelical preaching, and to listen to the echoes of that discourse which, in this mysterious atmosphere, now seem audible to Us.

Pope Saint Paul VI Talk at Nazareth

