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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!

*DIVINE MERCY NOVENA
GOOD FRIDAY 29TH MARCH
TO EASTER SATURDAY 6TH
APRIL. PICK UP YOUR COPY*

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	23	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Mary Ward RIP</i>
Sunday	24	8.30am 10.00am 12.30pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	<i>Palm Sunday</i>	<i>Remy, Menino, Blasie RIP Parish</i>
Monday	25	12.30pm	Eng	Lenten Feria	<i>Fr A Dolan RIP</i>
Tuesday	26	10.00am	Eng	School attends Holy Week	<i>D. Darling</i>
Wednesday	27	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Holy Week	<i>S. Kula RIP</i>
Thursday	28	7.30pm	Eng	Maundy Thursday	
Friday	29	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Eng	Office of Readings Walk of Witness Good Friday	
Saturday	30	9.00am 8.30pm	Eng	Office of Readings VIGIL Holy Saturday	
Sunday	31	6.45am 8.00am 10.00am Noon 5.30pm	Latin Lith Eng Pol Syro	<i>Easter Sunday</i>	

**CONFESSIONS: Maundy Thursday 4.00pm Good Friday 2.00pm and after Liturgy
Holy Saturday 10.00am and 5.00pm**

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 7.55am-8.20am and 9.20am – 9.50am
available before daily mass. After daily mass upon request.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY 7.30 PM (WITH WATCHING UNTIL 11.30PM)

GOOD FRIDAY **OFFICE OF READINGS 9.00AM**
WALK OF WITNESS 11.00AM
SOLEMN SERVICE 3.00PM

HOLY SATURDAY **OFFICE OF READINGS 9.00AM**
EASTER VIGIL 8.30PM

EASTER SUNDAY **10.00AM (NO 8.30AM)**

GIFT AID GIVING 2024/5

For those of you who continue to support the Parish Gift Aid giving, we would like to thank for your continued generous support. PLEASE ENSURE THAT IF YOUR ADDRESS HAS CHANGED TO CONTACT US. For those who have continued to use envelopes the new box of envelopes will be available for collection from within the church entrance from Saturday 23 rd March to use from Saturday 6 th April. ALL PREVIOUSLY ISSUED ENVELOPES SHOULD BE RECYCLED.

For parishioners who pay income tax on their earnings and are not Gift Aid giving, could I ask you to consider doing so? There is a brochure in the entrance to the church together with the relevant declaration should you wish to start giving. Each £1 you give will generate a further 25p for the parish at no extra cost to you. If you have a question or query, please do not hesitate to contact me either via email chaz.mayhew@btinternet.com or 07778840886 and I will get back to you. Many thanks. Chaz Mayhew on behalf of Fr. Dominic and the finance committee.



Retreat Day
Saturday 6th April
SAINT MARY'S Hall, Boston

Theme: Divine Mercy and the New and Divine Holiness

Schedule

- 10.00 Arrival Tea and Coffee
- 10.15 Talk followed by Meditation
(Confession Available)
- 12.00 Adoration
- 12.45 Shared Lunch (bring Lunch)
- 1.30 Talk followed by Meditation
- 3.30 Depart. Vigil Mass of Divine Mercy



Bring lunch for shared table and a bible. Tea and coffee provided

"I will sing of the mercies of the LORD for ever: With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations." Ps 89:1

"All grace flows from mercy, and the last hour abounds with mercy for us. Let no one doubt concerning the goodness of God; even if a person's sins were as dark as night, God's mercy is stronger than our misery. One thing alone is necessary; that the sinner set ajar the door of his heart, be it ever so little, to let in a ray of God's merciful grace, and then God will do the rest." (St Faustina No. 1507)

Dates for the diary:

Gavin Eatock will be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Both he and Rob Pafomow will be confirmed and receive the Eucharist.

READERS PLEASE SIGN UP FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES - THANKS. VOLUNTEERS TO HELP CARRY THE CROSS AND FOR A READER AT THE WALK OF WITNESS ON GOOD FRIDAY 11.00AM

VOLUNTEERS FOR ARRANGING EASTER FLOWERS. PLEASE COME TO THE CHURCH 10.00AM HOLY SATURDAY

PLEASE SUPPORT THE WALK OF WITNESS 11.00AM GOOD FRIDAY

March 23/24th Flower Collection

Women's Guild - There will be no meeting until after Easter. Wishing everyone a blessed and peaceful paschaltide.

Sunday Collection: 17 March 2024

Envelope: £123 Loose Plate: £336

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 Collection: Missionary Sisters £354

Second Collections:

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 Lockingl. Michael Campbell; Kathleen Bedford Tony Bass. Teresa Turpin
- Dennis Dent old parishioner – end of life.
- First Holy Communion and Confirmation candidates.
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DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE GREATEST DAY OF GRACE IN THE YEAR

SERVICE SUNDAY 7th APRIL AT 3.00PM

CONFESSIONS HEARD BEFORE.....START PREPARING!!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA INDULGENCE

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).

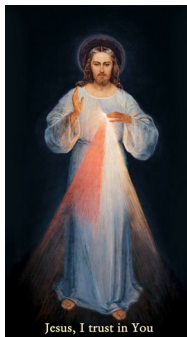
2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulgenced work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulgenced work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.

3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

- 1) Be to the best of one's knowledge in a state of grace
- 2) Make a confession within two weeks either side. Our Lord did ask that we also go to confession on the day itself.
- 3) Receive Holy Communion worthily on the day.
- 4) Make some devotional act to Divine Mercy.



THEME FOR LENT

TURN TO FACE CHRIST – LET US REORIENTATE OURSELVES TO CHRIST AS THE CENTRE OF OUR LIVES

What can we do for Christ this Lent?

This Lent we want what Jesus wants

- Christ wants to live his life in us and to share the whole mystery of his life with us – joys and sorrows.
- He is looking for souls to take a little sip of the bitter chalice that he had to drink.
- See everything that happens in our lives (apart from sin) as Jesus living in us, sharing with us.
- He is looking for souls this Lent to keep him company when he was deserted by his closest friends.
- Meditate on the Passion. Jesus revealed to Saint Faustina that an hour meditating on his passion was more than a year of rosaries. Meditate particularly on the Garden of Gethsemane
- Keep Silence – Listen – Remove the little world that surrounds us – thoughts of creatures, imagination, the voices that inundate us (worry, anxiety, control, fear) so that we can hear the voice of Jesus and so that he can enter freely into our hearts.
- Make good and regular confessions. Confession is saying I chose this creature, this pleasure etc rather than choosing Christ.

Pray for courage and put into the deep. We can truly come to the Paschal mysteries having undergone a profound conversion if we allow the Holy Spirit to purify us.