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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



*The Lord is risen, Alleluia!
He has risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	27	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Liam Ward RIP</i>
Sunday	28	8.30am 10.00am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	4th Sunday of Easter	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	29	12.30pm	Eng	St Catherine of Sienna	<i>Alwin</i>
Tuesday	30	7.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>S.Kula RIP</i>
Wednesday	1	No Mass 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Joseph	
Thursday	2	7.00pm	Eng	St Athanasius	<i>S.Kula RIP</i>
Friday	3	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	SS Philip and James	<i>S.Kula RIP</i>
Saturday	4	4.00pm	- Eng	English Martyrs Vigil	<i>Sig + Cath Gawlowski</i>
Sunday	5	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 2.30pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Lith Pol	6th Sunday of Easter	<i>S.Kula RIP Parish</i>

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: Friday 8.15am Thursday 6.00pm

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 8.50am-9.20pm and before weekday masses and on request.



With a UK general election due sometime this year, politicians will be looking for our votes. We have a responsibility as Catholics to make sure that parties commit to tackling issues such as poverty and injustice. Raising our voices and contacting parliamentary candidates as a parish community will send a strong signal to those standing for election in our local constituencies. *A Year of Encounter* is a joint initiative between CAFOD and St Vincent de Paul Society (SVP), equipping Catholics to ask key questions of local candidates at the key moments. Please see cafod.org.uk/encounter for more information, including online sessions on Thursday 25th April and Saturday 4th May to learn more

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 23rd March to use from Saturday 6th 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.

Bishop Patrick invites you to a free online webinar, on Tuesday 21st May, 6.00 – 8.00pm, led by best-selling author and eminent speaker Sherry Weddell. Sherry has developed numerous unique formation resources that are used around the world, and she will share her inspirational ideas on how Catholics can explore their Mission to bring all people closer to Christ. The seminar will be particularly relevant to parish catechists, teachers, pastoral ministers, religious, priest and deacons, and parishioners who wish to know more about evangelisation. This seminar will help re-energise Catholics to be strong Missionary Disciples. Don't miss this opportunity to attend this free event: register at www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events/sw

Sherry Weddell is co-founder and co-Director of the Catherine of Siena Institute. Sherry is the author of 'Forming Intentional Disciples'; 'Becoming a Parish of Intentional Disciples'; and 'Fruitful Discipleship: Living the Mission of Jesus in the Church and in the World'.

The Regina Coeli Lyrics in Latin

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.

R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.

V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia. R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.



SOME WISE WORDS ON CONFIDENCE BY FR JOHN HARDON SJ

Why confidence in God: because this God loves us. We now ask ourselves, in the light of what we have seen what should be our attitude? It should be one of complete disarming, childlike confidence in God. What is by now we so well know, confidence must be worked at. It is a virtue. The graces are there; the opportunities are there. We must cultivate confidence; we are to grow in it. Let me suggest some down to earth recommendations. First, avoid worry at all costs. Be sure that worry is displeasing to God. Christ could not have been plainer in telling His first followers and telling us, "Do not be afraid. Do not let your hearts be troubled." In a word, do not worry. Nothing in my estimation is so bad as not trusting God. In fact, in its ultimate this is the one unforgivable sin. And worry is a form of distrust.

Second, watch your thoughts. What we think determines what we are. We become what are minds make us. Therefore, think thoughts of confidence. Favour thoughts of trust. Encourage only thoughts that give you courage. And we are masters and mistresses of our own minds. In fact, I cannot think of a more important use that we are to make of our freedom than to freely watch our thoughts. Is it any wonder we are, or can be in such trouble? We can not allow all kinds of negativisms, all kinds of fears and phobias to find haven in our minds and expect to have confidence in God. We will become victims of the spectres of our own mind. God, we are to tell ourselves, loves us. And if there is one kind of thought that we should favour on our minds as often as possible it is the thought of God's love. How can anyone distrust God when he looks at the crucifix, and sees how much God loves us? Or when he looks at the tabernacle and sees to what length God's love has made Him one of us, and then devised a means of remaining in our midsts, and when we receive Him to become literally part of us. Favour every kind of thought that gives your courage. Discard every kind of thought that discourages.

Thirdly, Keep telling yourself that there is no such thing as chance in the world. God, we must keep reminding ourselves, is behind everything. He is within everything; He is beneath everything as we casually say, "happens" in our lives. That is not true. Nothing happens in our lives. NOTHING! Be sure that all things work together unto good, as St. Paul tells us, provided we love God and have the wisdom to see no matter what befalls us it is somehow planned by the all loving providence of God. We make a lot of mistakes. Others make mistakes, but God never does. Yet, and this perhaps is the acid test of confidence in God, to believe in Him so totally that we are sure, don't waver be sure, that He uses our mistakes and those of others somehow not only for our good, but mysteriously for our greater good. He uses even our sins and the sins of others to work out the designs of His providence. If we have any doubt about that and we should not, all we have to do is remind ourselves of what happened, unquotes "on Calvary". The cluster of crimes that finally brought Jesus to His death yet God planned from all eternity to use men's sins: treachery, cowardliness, betrayal, envy, pride, ambition. He used human crime to bring about the redemption of the world. Keep telling yourself, God is behind everything. The latest pain you have experienced, the most recent injustice, God is behind everything.

One final thought: my fourth recommendation. Tell God often, just tell Him, you trust Him. I have found it useful to have on my desk this little card: "Sacred Heart of Jesus I trust in You." Tell God, which for us that means the God Man that we trust in Him, and then trust Him to do the rest. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. (Inter Mirifica 1998)



Dates for the diary:

This Sunday - Retiring collection for the Sudan - This has been requested especially by Bishop Patrick in light of the terrible situation in that country - huge displacement of peoples and great famine.

Women's Guild - 14th May 1.30pm meet at the hall. All Welcome

Corpus Christi BBQ - 2nd June 3.00pm (after procession) to bring all our various communities together to celebrate this great feast. The large car park won't be available on this Sunday.

Ems Renewal Day - 15th June Here at Saint Mary's 15th June

Afternoon Tea in Hall - 21st June to support Centrepoint organised by St Mary's Women's guild and the Rotary Club. Tickets £10. Raffle etc.

Walsingham Trip - Thursday 25th July

Sunday Collection: April 2024 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 £1,764.89 refund for the December quarter. Thank you all for gift aiding your donations. Chaz Mayhew. (07778840886)

CORRECTION: 2nd Collection for the Sisters raised £860-75 (not £354) – very generous amount. Thanks.

Second Collections: 12th May World Communications; 16th June Day for Life; 30th June Peter's Pence; 14th July Sea Sunday

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. Michael Campbell; Kathleen Bedford Sally Walington; Teresa Turpin
- Dennis Dent old parishioner – end of life.
- First Holy Communion 5th May and 1st June and Confirmation candidates 24th May.



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

Dear Parishioners,

The gospel today, the Vine and the Branches, contains some of Jesus' most important teaching.

- 1) The parable shows us the intimacy that Jesus wishes to have with us. He desires with such great love that we become one with him. After all when one looks at a vineyard one sees one plant. This was the desire that animated Jesus in his passion. The intimacy of marriage is simply pointing towards this. In John 17 Jesus prays that "they may be one with Me, as I, Father, and you are one." There is no greater intimacy that can be given.
- 2) We receive life from Jesus. The branches can only live and produce fruit because the vine gives them its vital humour; its sap feeds the branches with life. Without Jesus, there is no life; not merely spiritual but also physical. Hence people who have distanced themselves from Jesus still draw their physical life from him, but they will spiritually be dead – a terrible position to be in. But when a soul is united with the Lord there is such a bond, such unity that they form the same life, they are inseparable.
- 3) Jesus desires to share his whole life with us. All his mysteries, all the events of his life, all that he did and said and especially the mysteries of his passion, death, resurrection and ascension. There is no aspect of his life that he does not wish to give to us but most importantly to draw us up into his relationship with his heavenly father. This means that we can allow his virtues, his gifts, his joys and sorrows to live within us.
- 4) Thus, the power and ability to produce fruit cannot come from ourselves but only from Him. He has stored up for us all that we are to accomplish in life – everything the heavenly father has willed for us to do during our life on earth has been prepared for us by Jesus.
- 5) "Without me you can do nothing." We need to ponder this law – it is a greater and more absolute law than the law of gravity or the necessity of breathing to maintain life. Without Jesus, it is not that we can accomplish something or do a little – no! Absolutely, nothing. That means that acts which can seem of the greatest significance have no value if done apart from him.

This requires on our part therefore a great trust and confidence in Jesus. We need to work at this constantly because without it, we are not likely to surrender our lives to him or seek in all our actions to draw their very existence from him.

First, we need to trust because without trust we will always struggle in a firm hope in God's promises. But if we trust, there will grow in us great hope, so much so that it is as if we already hold in hands that promises that God has made to us. From trust, grows hope and from both of these confidence. I have attached some wise advice from Fr John Hardon who was a very holy and wise man.

Let us seek to surrender our lives to Christ, our thoughts and words and actions. In everything we do – provided it is not sinful – let us allow Christ's grace to flow and animate – give life to – the action, just as the priest allows Christ to animate his actions at the consecration during mass.

This is not only a sure way to sanctity since we shall then not only be doing what Jesus wishes of us but also allowing him to act within us. This means that our simplest actions achieve great holiness. This is why Therese of Lisieux said that simply picking a pin of the floor with great love is of great sanctity. Let us ask the intercession of Mary for during her whole life there was not the simplest action that she did not allow to be infused with the divine grace. God bless, Fr. Dominic [Fiat!](#)

