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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



*Between the Ascension and Pentecost -
praying for the coming of the Holy Spirit*

Our Lady of the Rosary

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

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	11	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	12	8.30am 10.00am Noon 2.30pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Lith Pol	7th Sunday of Easter	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	13			Our Lady of Fatima	
Tuesday	14			St Matthias	
Wednesday	15	7.30pm	Pol	Easter Feria	
Thursday	16			Easter Feria	
Friday	17	7.30pm	Pol	Easter Feria	
Saturday	18	4.00pm 8.00- 11.00pm	Eng	Vigil Adoration	
Sunday	19	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	Pentecost	<i>Parish</i>

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour:

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 23 rd 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.



Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	18	4.00pm 8.00- 11.00pm	Eng	Solemn Vigil Adoration	
Sunday	19	8.30am 10.00am Noon 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	PENTECOST	<i>D.Darling Parish</i>
Monday	20	12.30pm	Eng	BVM Mother of the Church	<i>D.Darling</i>
Tuesday	21	TBA	Eng	Feria	<i>D.Darling</i>
Wednesday	22	TBA 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Votive St Joseph	<i>D.Darling</i>
Thursday	23	7.00pm	Eng	OLJC Eternal High Priest	<i>Vocations</i>
Friday	24	9.30am 7.30pm	Pol	Feria	
Saturday	25	4.00pm	- Eng	St Bede Vigil	
Sunday	26	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	Trinity Sunday	<i>Parish</i>

Dates for the diary:

Second Collection this weekend – World Communication Sunday.

11/12th May – We welcome Fr. Alex back this weekend. My thanks to him.

18th May: VIGIL OF PENTECOST HAS A PROPER MASS WITH IT'S OWN READINGS SO WILL BE LONGER DURATION. THERE WILL BE ADORATION TO PREPARE FOR PENTECOST: 8.00-11.00PM

24th May Confirmations Friday 24th together with the Polish Mission Nicole and Justin

26th May SUNDAY - MAY CROWNING AFTER 10.00am MASS

2nd June Corpus Christi BBQ- 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.

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

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

25th July = Walsingham Trip - Sign up sheet back of Church - times tbc but probably leave about 9.00am and back by 7.00pm

Sunday Collection: Envelopes £ Loose £
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 March quarter Gift Aid return has been submitted to HMRC. Total 6229:00. Thanks to all those who gift aid their donations.

Second Collections: 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.



Dear Faithful

We are now living through this blessed time between the Ascension of Our Lord and Pentecost. The apostles were told by Jesus not to depart from Jerusalem until they were clothed with power from on high. We must remember that they did not know how long the wait would be. But together with Mary in the upper room - where the last supper was celebrated – they awaited power from on high. They were full of joy and were continually in the temple praising God. (See Luke 24:36-53) They awaited the completion of all that Jesus had begun and the master, their teacher and their friend.

We likewise live through mystically the same period. We know that only the Holy Spirit can teach us about Jesus and his teachings. We can do nothing without the power of the Holy Spirit – so we need to thirst for this fire from above which can transform us into living images of Christ and enable us to spread the gospel message.

This staying and waiting for power from on high is important:

Firstly, it implies our weakness and impotence – “without me you can do nothing.”

Secondly, it shows us that we have to be receptive – God gives and we receive; it is that simple.

Thirdly, it implies patience – we must wait upon God.

Fourthly, we shall receive POWER which will enable us to be transformed and then to act. But Transformation comes first.

We must meditate on each of these and what they imply.

However, in a special way as Pope Saint John Paul II constantly taught in line with previous popes we are now as a Church living out this period because we await a New Pentecost. The world is in the depths of evil and the devil's power is at its height but at the same time he knows his time is limited which is why he is roaring. The solution is beyond human power; we require a divine intervention to bring mankind back to God.

This New Pentecost will be greater in power than the first; indeed it will be the greatest outpouring of God's power after the incarnation and resurrection.

St. Pope John XXIII prayed in 1962 for “a new Pentecost”. In preparation for the Second Vatican Council, he prayed for God to, “Renew Your wonders in this our day, as by a new Pentecost. Grant to Your Church that, being of one mind and steadfast in prayer with Mary, the Mother of Jesus, and following the lead of blessed Peter, it may advance the reign of our Divine Savior, the reign of truth and justice, the reign of love and peace. Amen.”

LET US THEN MAKE USE OF THIS SACRED TIME. BEG GOD FOR ALL THAT WE NEED – BOTH AS A CHURCH AND INDIVIDUALLY TO BRING ABOUT HIS KINGDOM. [Fr. Dominic Fiat!](#)

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! (from Pope John Paul II 28.5.1998)

The magnificent sequence, which contains a rich theology of the Holy Spirit, would also be worthy of meditation, stanza by stanza. Here we will reflect only on the first word: *Veni*, come! It recalls the *waiting* of the Apostles after Christ's Ascension into heaven.

In the Acts of the Apostles, Luke presents them to us gathered in the Upper Room in prayer with the Mother of Jesus (cf. *Acts* 1:14). What better words than these could express their prayer: “*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*” — the invocation, that is, of the one who moved over the face of the waters at the beginning of the world (cf. *Gn* 1:2), whom Jesus had promised them as the Paraclete?

The hearts of Mary and the Apostles at those moments were longing for his coming, alternating between ardent faith and the confession of human inadequacy. The Church's piety has interpreted and passed on this sentiment in the hymn “*Veni, Sancte Spiritus*”. The Apostles know that the work Christ has entrusted to them is arduous, but decisive for the history of humanity's salvation. Will they be able to complete it? The Lord reassures their hearts. At every step of the mission that will lead them to proclaim and witness to the Gospel to the furthest corners of the globe, *they will be able to count on the Spirit promised by Christ*. The Apostles, recalling Christ's promise on the days between the Ascension and Pentecost, will focus their every thought and sentiment on that *veni* — come!

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Thus beginning her invocation to the Holy Spirit, the Church makes her own the substance of the Apostles' prayer as they gathered with Mary in the Upper Room; indeed, she extends it in history and makes it ever timely.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Thus she says over and over in every corner of the earth, her fervour unchanged, firmly aware that she must remain in the Upper Room, always awaiting the Spirit. At the same time, she knows that she must leave the Upper Room and travel the world's roads, with the ever new task of bearing witness to the mystery of the Spirit.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! So we pray with Mary, sanctuary of the Holy Spirit, a most precious dwelling-place of Christ among us, so that she may help us to be living temples of the Spirit and tireless witnesses of the Gospel.

Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Veni, Sancte Spiritus! Amen!

