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



*The Holy Trinity by Rublev*

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

## Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	25	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Tadeusz Heller RIP</i>
Sunday	26	8.30am 10.00am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	<b>Trinity Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> Sunday)</b>	<i>Parish Keith Edwards RIP</i>
Monday	27	12.30pm	Eng	St Augustine of Canterbury	<i>H da Silva</i>
Tuesday	28	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>A Chacko RIP</i>
Wednesday	29	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	<i>Lindia</i>
Thursday	30	<b>9.30am</b>	Eng	Feria	<i>D.Anjon RIP</i>
Friday	31	No Mass 7.30pm	Pol	The Visitation	
Saturday	1	4.00pm	Eng	<b>Vigil</b>	<i>Coco</i>
Sunday	2	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 <b>2.30pm</b> 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	<b>Corpus Christi (9<sup>th</sup> Sunday)</b>	<i>Parish  G Fox Intn</i>

**Divine Mercy: 2.00pm**

**Adoration/Holy Hour:** Tuesday and Thursday 8.15am

**Confessions:** Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 7.50am-8.20pm and 9.30am-9.50am and before weekday masses and on request.



**This is our annual opportunity to give public witness to the real presence of Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. It also brings much grace to the town and ensures protection for it.**

### CORPUS CHRISTI

**PROCESSION** DEPARTS ABOUT 1.15PM FINISHES ABOUT 2.30PM  
After which there will be a **free B-B-Q** in the grounds of the Polish Mission. Please bring food to supplement: coleslaw, potato salad etc. If you are vegan or vegetarian please bring your own burgers as we have been donated meat but not vegetarian.  
The car park will be closed at 11.00am I strongly encourage you to support the procession and b-b-q to celebrate this great mystery.

### Project Development Lead, Project St. Thomas (Spalding)

This vacancy is an exciting pastoral initiative led by the Catholic community in South Holland, supported by the Catholic Diocese of Nottingham, for the people of South Holland.

To work collaboratively with the Executive Committee to provide new community facilities to benefit the wider community of South Holland: The job holder will be responsible for the effective development and successful delivery of this new pastoral initiative. Whilst there is no requirement for the job holder to be a person of any religious affiliation, the delivery and management of the project must be underpinned by respecting the teachings of the Catholic Church, particularly within the area of its Christian ethos and moral and social teaching.

The successful applicant will need to have access to a vehicle as there will be some travel involved in this position.

**Hours:** Full time position 37.5hrs with part-time/flexible working considered

**Salary:** £28 to £32k p.a

For more information and for application form send your current CV to Mrs. Debbie Higgs, Parish Administrator: Email: admin.snht@dioceseofnottingham.uk

Closing date for applications: Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024 at 12.00 noon.



Twenty-one of our children make their First Holy Communion this Saturday coming (1st June). Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this great day when they will receive the Lord for the first time. Your prayers are a great help to them and their families. Let us pray that receiving their First Holy Communion brings about a great change in their lives and their families. Let us pray too that they are faithful to the Lord.



## Spiritual Thought for the Week...

The practice which is most holy and necessary in the spiritual life is the practice of the presence of God. It consists of taking pleasure in and becoming accustomed to his divine company, speaking humbly with him and conversing lovingly with him at all times, at every moment, without any rules, but without measure; especially in times of temptations, sufferings, aridities, revulsion and even infidelities and sins.

We should continually strive to ensure that all our actions are like little conversations with God, quite unstudied, just using the words that come from the purity and simplicity of the heart.

(Brother Lawrence The Practice of the Presence of God)

### Dates for the diary:

26<sup>th</sup> May SUNDAY - MAY CROWNING AFTER 10.00am MASS

2<sup>nd</sup> June Corpus Christi BBQ - 2.30pm (after procession) to bring all our various communities together to celebrate this great feast. See back page for details.

15<sup>th</sup> June Ems Renewal Day - Here at Saint Mary's 15<sup>th</sup> June

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

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

Sunday Collection: 19 May Envelopes £111 Loose £313

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:** 16<sup>th</sup> June Day for Life; 30<sup>th</sup> June Peter's Pence; 14<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> June .



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

Dear Faithful,

There are two ways in which we can know things: one by study and therefore, growing in knowledge; the other by contemplation. We need to use both when it comes to the greatest mystery of our faith: The Most Holy Trinity. All mysteries, indeed everything that has been created stems from the nature of God himself. We would not know anything about the Trinity unless God himself had revealed that He is three persons – all equal – all sharing the Divine Nature yet but One God.

By prayerfully reading the bible especially the account of the Last Supper by Saint John we can gain powerful insights into the Trinity; indeed these chapters provide the bulk of what we know about the Trinity. Theologians also have gone deeper and deeper into the mystery and their insights can help.

However, we also have to simply contemplate the mystery. What does this mean? We have to give a long profound loving gaze at God and open our hearts to receive what he wishes to infuse into our soul. This knowledge is far greater than that which we can learn – important as that is – and which forms the basis for contemplation. This takes time and an effort. Above all it requires that we free our minds from distractions and be still in silence. The icon on the front page – probably the greatest and most famous “The Trinity” by Andrei Rublev – may help.

“An icon is not a painting in the sense we normally regard pieces of art, although it is an image that is painted. An icon is a window out of the obvious realities of everyday life into the realm of God. Every paint-stroke has a meaning hallowed by centuries of prayer. Icons are religious images that hover between two worlds, putting into colors and shapes what cannot be grasped by the intellect. Rendering the invisible visible. Icons are the visual equivalents of the Divine Scriptures. Not every religious painting can be considered an icon. Icons are religious pictures that convey inner spiritual meaning of their subject matter. The Son of God came to restore the divine image in human form. Iconography is the graphic witness to this restoration.” <https://sacredheartpullman.org/documents/2017/8/Trinityicon.pdf>

Whatever helps us, let us use but let us never forget to meditate and contemplate upon the Trinity

God bless, Fr. Dominic. Fiat!

After the Easter Season which culminated in the Feast of Pentecost, the liturgy provides for these three Solemnities of the Lord: today, Trinity Sunday; next Thursday, Corpus Christi which in many countries, including Italy, will be celebrated next Sunday; and finally, on the following Friday, the Feast of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Each one of these liturgical events highlights a perspective by which the whole mystery of the Christian faith is embraced: and that is, respectively the reality of the Triune God, the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the divine and human centre of the Person of Christ. These are truly aspects of the one mystery of salvation which, in a certain sense, sum up the whole itinerary of the revelation of Jesus, from his Incarnation to his death and Resurrection and, finally, to his Ascension and the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Today we contemplate the Most Holy Trinity as Jesus introduced us to it. He revealed to us that God is love “not in the oneness of a single Person, but in the Trinity of one substance” (Preface). He is the Creator and merciful Father; he is the Only-Begotten Son, eternal Wisdom incarnate, who died and rose for us; he is the Holy Spirit who moves all things, cosmos and history, toward their final, full recapitulation. Three Persons who are one God because the Father is love, the Son is love, the Spirit is love. God is wholly and only love, the purest, infinite and eternal love. He does not live in splendid solitude but rather is an inexhaustible source of life that is ceaselessly given and communicated.

To a certain extent we can perceive this by observing both the macro-universe: our earth, the planets, the stars, the galaxies; and the micro-universe: cells, atoms, elementary particles. The “name” of the Blessed Trinity is, in a certain sense, imprinted upon all things because all that exists, down to the last particle, is in relation; in this way we catch a glimpse of God as relationship and ultimately, Creator Love. All things derive from love, aspire to love and move impelled by love, though naturally with varying degrees of awareness and freedom. “O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!” (Ps 8: 1) the Psalmist exclaims. In speaking of the “name”, the Bible refers to God himself, his truest identity. It is an identity that shines upon the whole of Creation, in which all beings for the very fact that they exist and because of the “fabric” of which they are made point to a transcendent Principle, to eternal and infinite Life which is given, in a word, to Love. “In him we live and move and have our being”, St Paul said at the Areopagus of Athens (Acts 17: 28).

The strongest proof that we are made in the image of the Trinity is this: love alone makes us happy because we live in a relationship, and we live to love and to be loved. Borrowing an analogy from biology, we could say that imprinted upon his “genome”, the human being bears a profound mark of the Trinity, of God as Love.

The Virgin Mary, in her docile humility, became the handmaid of divine Love: she accepted the Father's will and conceived the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit. In her the Almighty built a temple worthy of him and made her the model and image of the Church, mystery and house of communion for all human beings. May Mary, mirror of the Blessed Trinity, help us to grow in faith in the Trinitarian mystery. (7 June 2009 Angelus address Pope Benedict XVI)

