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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!*

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	15	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Holy Spirit</i>
Sunday	16	8.30am 10.00am Noon 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	11th Sunday	<i>Holy Souls Parish</i>
Monday	17	12.30pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Tuesday	18	9.30am	Eng	Feria	<i>Mary's Intn</i>
Wednesday	19	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	<i>SMM</i>
Thursday	20	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	
Friday	21	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Aloysius	
Saturday	22	4.00pm	Eng Eng	SS John Fisher/Thomas More Vigil	
Sunday	23	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	12th Sunday	

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: Tuesday 8.15am Thursday 6.00pm Friday 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.



NEW LECTINARY

Dear All

A new lectionary will be in use from Advent 2024 using the English Standard Version – Catholic edition and for the psalms the Abbey Psalter. We shall have to purchase a new set (4 volume set) as well as a book of the gospels and a traveling set for use in schools etc. If anyone would like to donate a set or part for the Church and be commemorated within the books please let me know. I shall be talking more about the translation soon.

For the faithful available in October is the CTS Sunday Missal £9.95 and the CTS Sunday Missal (contains more prayers etc) £19.95. The CTS daily mass edition is not available yet even for pre-order. If we place an order before 30th June there will be a 10% Discount. Please see Father if you are interested.

Fr D.

Consider how to vote at the General Election (4th July): some thoughts from the Bishops of England and Wales about Life Issues. Despite advances in healthcare over the last few decades, increasing threats have developed to the life of the unborn and those who are suffering or close to the end of life. Each year there are over 200,000 abortions in the UK; it remains the case that both disability and sex are deemed as legitimate reasons for abortion. Some disabled children can be aborted up to birth. It is possible that, in the next parliament, there will be further moves to liberalise abortion up to birth for all babies. Debates are also ongoing regarding the legalisation of assisted suicide (often called assisted dying), which, in practice, could put the sick and vulnerable at risk. Our faith offers us a more hopeful and positive view of human life – that everyone has an intrinsic value from conception to natural death and beyond to eternal life. We are called to love, care for and cherish all life as a gift from God, especially the lives of the most vulnerable. It is important that we work together to promote a society where everyone can flourish. Jesus came that we may have life and have it abundantly (see John 10:10b) and this applies to every member of society. For more information visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/criminal-justice-election24/

COMMENTS ON THE CONSERVATIVE CANDIDATE

Matt Warman has consistently voted against pro-life legislation; e.g. he supports abortion up to birth for children with Down's syndrome and for abortion up to birth on demand.;

I have yet to ascertain the other candidate's positions.



SPIRITUAL THOUGHT FROM FR DOLINDO RUOTOLO

Peace!...

What's all this agitation? Peace, my child, peace, because Jesus is only peace!

Peace, peace, peace: this is what He wants to give you, this must be the environment of your life.

Shortly after the Resurrection, Jesus gave His Apostles peace: Pax vobis. They had been too agitated before...

Goodness is peace.

Goodness makes you live in God, in whom everything is mystical peace, all is tranquil rest, all is pure action, without worry about past and future...God...peace!

Evil is agitation: impurity is the agitation of the senses; pride is the agitation of the mind and heart; anger is the agitation of the nerves; envy is the agitation of desire;

avarice is agitation of greed; even sloth is agitation...it's activity without subject, without order; gluttony is the agitation of the stomach...

everything is the agitation of the soul, which wants, fears, reacts, fights!

Goodness is mysterious peace; supernatural elevation is divine peace...

Peace, my child, peace!

Peace to your eyes that have shed so many tears...

Peace to your ears that have heard so many harsh words...

Peace to your mouth that has spoken with so much agitation...

Peace to your heart, to your nerves...

Peace to your thoughts that in agitation have led you to despair...

Peace to your soul so it may have Faith and rest.

Peace is like the sun rising and clearing the fog...

Only in peace will you operate strongly, effectively, and with security.

Peace!...

Jesus is your peace, Jesus is your security.

Dates for the diary:

Dawid will be baptised into the Church this Saturday evening.

15th/16th Weekend – Second Collection – Day for Life

21st June Afternoon Tea in Hall - to support Centrepoin 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

WOMEN'S GUILD MEETING 18TH JUNE

AT 1.30PM CHURCH HALL - TO PREPARE FOR AFTERNOON TEA

ALL HELP WELCOME

Sunday Collection: 9th June Envelopes £109 Loose £480

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



From the Parish Priest's Desk.....

Dear Parishioners,

Ordinary time which started after the great feast of Pentecost, puts before us the teaching of Jesus. After living through the mysteries of his life, we now focus his teaching.

This weekend's gospel places before us Jesus' teaching on the Kingdom of God. We must imagine the joy in Jesus' heart as he teaches the people the truths and the beauty that he has come to establish on earth. Earlier in Mark (chp 1), Jesus tells us that the time is at hand, everything is ready and the kingdom of God is at hand. So we must change, repent and believe. The Catechism (541) tells us that Jesus that it was to fulfil the will of the Father that he inaugurated the kingdom

What is the purpose of the Kingdom? Again the Catechism tells us in the same section so that we be raised up to share his divine life. This is our vocation and the end to which everything leads to share the inner life of the trinity. All are called to enter.

A few points: (taken mainly from CCC sections 541 ff)

- To enter the kingdom we must accept the word of Jesus revealed in the gospels. This word has the power to transform us like the mustard seed but his word contains in itself, the very power to transform us.
- The call is addressed to the poor in spirit. In the sermon on the mount, Jesus tells us that blessed are the poor in spirit for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. (Mt 5) This means we must become humble and like little children if we hope to enter the kingdom – unless you be converted and become like little children, you cannot enter the kingdom of heaven. So many refused to enter because they were full of pride and would not accept Jesus' teaching. Others refuse the invitation because they have other priorities.
- This means (CCC 546) we must make a radical choice – to gain the kingdom we must give up everything and prefer nothing or nobody to Jesus. There is a paradox here that only after we make this radical choice will be fully initiated into the secrets of the kingdom.

What is a good, quick and simple way to become another Christ and so be able to enter the kingdom on earth and upon our death its fullness in heaven? What it means is that we have to become an icon of Christ, another Christ so that Christ's life is lived fully in all its mysteries once again in and through us.

A simply prayer: We unite our minds and hearts to Jesus'; we unite our eyes with his eyes, our mouth with his mouth, our heartbeat with his heartbeat etc. We do this with a simply act of our will: "Jesus may we only think what you wish to think in us; Jesus may we see with your eyes so that we see people and things as you see them; Jesus may you direct our steps so that we are always walking only to follow you. "

When we continue to pray this constantly Jesus is able to form us into tabernacles in which he can dwell. Then when we speak we are once again giving life to the words and thoughts of Jesus. He is able to use us to establish the kingdom firstly in us and then through us in the world. In the Our Father we are constantly praying that his kingdom come which implies it has yet to reach its fulness. Ezekiel in the first reading prophesies the fulness that the Kingdom will reach when every kind of bird will dwell there.

This spiritual journey to be completely identified with Christ, then produces in us as it did in St Paul (2nd reading) the burning desire to be with Christ and to allow nothing in our lives to hinder this.

The other beautiful result of this radical choice to follow Christ, is that he makes it his concern to take care of everything – there is nothing too small, too unimportant that we cannot bring to him. Since we have given ourselves to him and his kingdom, he wishes to perfect us and let us experience the freedom and joy that he experienced in his life on earth.

Let us ask Mary to grant us this gift: never, ever again to allow anything or any moment in our lives to be separate from Christ; never to give life again to our own will in opposition to the will of the Father.

God bless, Fr. Dominic

