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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	22	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	23	8.30am 10.00am Noon 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	12th Sunday	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	24	9.30am	Eng	Nativity of St John the Baptist	
Tuesday	25	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	26	7.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	Feria	
Thursday	27	7.00pm	Eng	Feria	<i>Tony Markham</i>
Friday	28	9.00am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Irenaeus	<i>John Devasia RIP</i>
Saturday	29	4.00pm	Eng Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	30	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Pol	SS Peter and Paul	

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: Monday, Tuesday 8.15am Thursday 6.00pm Friday 8.00am

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

NEW LECTIIONARY

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 Education. Catholic schools support parents as the primary educators of their children and welcome anyone who seeks a Catholic education for their child. The 2,100 Catholic schools make up 9% of the state-funded sector and are considerably more ethnically diverse than the national average, taking in more pupils from the poorest households, and outperforming state schools at GCSE. The Catholic community provides the government with rent-free land and buildings for schools, and by contributing to capital costs saves taxpayers hundreds of millions of pounds. This partnership with the State has resulted in protection of the core principles of Catholic education, such as the ability to give priority in admissions to Catholic children, and to teach a Catholic curriculum for Religious Education. Catholic education is popular with parents and successful in preparing pupils for life in modern Britain. However, there are campaigns to get rid of schools with a religious character, and to change the curriculum so that our schools would no longer be Catholic. Consider whether election candidates support the creation of new Catholic schools through the removal of the cap on faith-based admissions? Whether they recognise the importance of Catholic leaders, teachers and governors in maintaining the Catholic school ethos? How will they safeguard parents' rights as the primary educators including their right to withdraw their child from Relationships and Sex education and Religious Education? For more information visit: www.cbcew.org.uk/education-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.



SOME CLEAR SIGNS THAT NEED ADDRESSING:

- 1) Is it "God or nothing" in our lives? Does the central focus of Christ lie at the heart of everything we do, think and decide?
- 2) Are we obedient to the commands of the Catholic Church in their entirety; e.g. birth control vs natural family planning?
- 3) Are we prepared to limit or do away with those things that are hindering us from holiness? Do we fast from the internet?
- 4) Are mass and confession priorities as we plan our week?
- 5) Are we actively supporting our church and community?
- 6) Is each day an ongoing moment of conversion, repentance and reparation?
- 7) In making decisions in our life do we actively try to discern the will of God?

SOME PRACTICAL POINTS

- 1) Don't hedge your bets otherwise we will not live by the Spirit and we will end up serving two masters
- 2) We can't entrust ourselves to God if we are always seeking to control. Abandonment must be total.
- 3) Keep our eyes on what really matters:
 - * The Mass
 - * Regular Confession
 - * Consecration to BVM and the rosary.
 - * Reading the bible
 - * Some element of personal self-discipline: fasting, penance etc

MAKE ME YOUR ATMOSPHERE

"Have trust; I am like an atmosphere that is only lacking to those who isolate themselves voluntarily and asphyxiate. You have only to make a slight movement in order to move into me: just take a breath and I will be yours. You are incessantly in need of my strength and my life; but by my Passion I have poured myself out for you: my blood is in the earth that nourishes you; my breath is in the air you breathe! If only you had faith and love....."

All your efforts should go to applying to yourselves the truths of my Passion, for that is the only way of truly knowing them." (Maurice Blondel translated in E.Leiva-Merikakis Vol 4 Fire of the Word)

Dates for the diary:

28th June 10.30am Funeral service for Anthony McDermott RIP

29th/30th June Saint Peter and Paul: A visiting priest from Missio will be celebrating the mass and there is a second collection for Peter's Pence

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: 16 June Envelopes £119 Loose £312
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.

Life Second Collection £210

Second Collections: 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,

Today's gospel is a powerful narrative which calls our attention on many different levels. Some reflections:

- 1) Nature's violence and upset is a result of Adam and Eve's sin. Before the fall, nature like man was in balance and all was peace and order. There was no death. Nature awaits too its own freedom. That is why whatever problems are in nature they will only be solved by man's returning to holiness and union with God.
- 2) When God seeks to renew and rebuild, he first has to tear down and upset the present in order to prepare the ground for rebirth. As in nature, so much more in our souls. If we wish to be saints, God is going to first tear down our false idols and false preconceptions, this is why purification is difficult because we feel that everything is chaos and suffering.
- 3) God is also preparing a new era and a new Pentecost hence the whole earth is in travail at the moment: wars, persecution, famine, evil, disorder, things work less and less etc. These as scripture says are the birth pangs. The old era is coming to an end.
- 4) The storm in ourselves is in essence the battle between our own human wills and choices and the will of God. This is what the storm on the sea of Galilee is pointing too. If we are going to cross over to the other side - holiness - it is going to require a storm.
- 5) Trust - Jesus is in the boat with us. This requires faith because we can't sense Jesus' presence we must believe he is there and that therefore, there is nothing whatsoever to be afraid of.

6) So within our hearts are going to be two complementary emotions: one of sorrow that there is so much evil and so much good seems to be passing away and one of joy so great that it can barely be comprehended that God is going to bring about a new work.

God bless, Fr. Dominic

A reflection concerning nature

How many people when looking at creation are aware of God's outpouring of love in it? Do we stop to think when looking at the sky, or a tree or the sun - these are outpourings of God's love for me; for me he created the heavens and the earth. Everything is pouring out God's "I love you." So when we don't receive them God is left as it were unfulfilled - he thirsts for us to receive his love. So a good way is to stop become aware of God's love for us in creation - to open our hearts and simply drink in this love. But then because others are not doing it to ask that we receive not only the love God is outpouring for us but also to receive the love that he wishes to pour out upon others yet they are not accepting it.

Once we have become used to receiving this love, we can then return it to God. Placing my "I love you" to God in the trees, the wind, the stars, the sea etc.

This is very simply but very beautiful and profound and it also helps to bring about the redemption of creation.

