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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 |
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| Saturday | 6 | 4.00pm | Eng | Vigil | <i>Tony Markham</i> |
| Sunday | 7 | 8.30am 10.00am Noon 4.00pm 7.30pm | Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol | 14th Sunday | <i>Varghese K.RIP Parish Thanksgiving</i> |
| Monday | 8 | 10.00am | Eng | Requiem Mass | <i>Barbara Knight RIP</i> |
| Tuesday | 9 | 9.30am | Eng | Feria | |
| Wednesday | 10 | 7.00am 7.30pm | Eng Pol | Feria | |
| Thursday | 11 | 10.00am | Eng | St Benedict School Mass | |
| Friday | 12 | 9.30am 7.30pm | Eng Pol | Feria | |
| Saturday | 13 | 4.00pm | Eng | Vigil | |
| Sunday | 14 | 8.30am 10.00am 12.00 7.30pm | Eng Eng Pol Pol | 15th Sunday | <i>Remy, Menino, Blasia RIP Parish</i> |

Divine Mercy: 2.00pm

Adoration/Holy Hour: Tuesday 8.15am 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 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.

Could you help couples prepare for marriage? Marriage Care in partnership with the Diocese of Nottingham are looking for volunteers who would like to train to help local couples prepare for the Sacrament of Marriage. If you would like to know more about what is involved in helping couples build their marriage on a firm foundation come to our webinar (with no commitment to train as a facilitator) on **Wednesday 24th July** at 7pm. Visit dioceseofnottingham.uk/events or email formation@dioceseofnottingham.uk to book your place.



Some Needs of the Parish

- 1) Counters
- 2) Committee for 200th Anniversary
- 3) Extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist
- 4) Facebook – someone to monitor etc
- 5) Funeral book – to help make a funeral book so that we can remember each month the deceased of the parish.

ATTENTIVENESS

Attentiveness is that virtue where we are always concentrating on our spiritual journey. We must never switch off and just allow our life to drift because if we are not going forward, we are going backwards. Jesus especially towards the end of his life in parable after parable warned us to be on our guard, to keep watch and to pray always. So often we fall into difficulties because we have let our guard down. The great example is Saint Peter. Why did he deny Our Lord? The Gospels tell us quite clearly that he followed Jesus at a distance. Temptation often catches us off our guard and seems overwhelming because we have already left the side of Jesus. We have ceased to think about him and therefore, we have laid ourselves in the path of danger. Jesus tells us if we first seek the Kingdom of God everything else will be given to us.

The six foolish bridesmaids could not enter the heavenly wedding banquet because they were not prepared. Those invited to the wedding banquet refused because the cares of the world had swallowed them up.

Two Tips:

1. One very simple but crucial way to avoid becoming inattentive is to invite Jesus into every situation. If whatever we are doing (providing it is not sinful), we intend to do with Jesus we shall always be attentive. Bishop Patrick gave the example of two newly confirmed Catholics who at the start of the day would say to Jesus: this is your day, let's live it together.

2. Another is that it also helps whilst we are living our life with Jesus to surrender all things into his care – let him take care of everything. Jesus wants us to trust our life to him; to surrender to him, our cares, worries, anxieties, smallness, weakness, sinfulness etc because he can take care of everything if we let him.

Dates for the diary:

Monday 10.00am is a requiem mass for Barbara Knight RIP

It is time to bring in your red boxes for emptying – please leave them in the sacristy. They will be left in the porch for collection

Saint Mary's RC Primary Academy's Faith in Action team invite you to their Celebration of the Word on Tuesday 9th July at 9am in the school hall. We will be talking to the whole school and any visitors about the disadvantaged community in Bangalore, India and inviting everyone to make their own kindness card which we hope to send to people living in Bangalore to show them that they are not alone and that we care about them. We hope to see you there so that we can tell you more!

TRIP TO WALSINGHAM 25th July: Departs prompt at 9.30am so please arrive by 9.15am Estimated time of return 7pm Fare £12 per person (Special rate for families). Please pay Carolyn after masses on 6/7th or 13/14th July Thanks!

Sunday Collection: 30 June Envelopes £128 Loose £369
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 collection Peter's Pence £210

Second Collections: 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,

We see in the gospel today a perpetual challenge on our spiritual journey; what has been called the “scandal of the incarnation.” On the one hand we have Jesus’ evident power and wisdom – he works marvels, cures a man born blind, raises Lazarus from the dead; on the other hand he appears totally ordinary, just like us. This paradox which we see highlighted in today’s gospel led many to reject him – he was despised because he came from Nazareth. Origen wrote:

“Among all the miracles and marvels that concern Jesus, one especially exceeds the capacity of the human mind, filling it with wonderment: the fragility of our intelligence cannot succeed in understanding or even intuiting what faith knows, namely how the unsurpassable power of the divine majesty, the very Word of the Father, the very Wisdom of God through all things, visible and invisible were created, should have come to be contained in that man who appeared in Judea, how the Wisdom of God should have entered the womb of a virgin, to be born a small creature that screams and cries like any other baby.” (On first principles II 6 2)

One of the difficulties that we encounter in the modern world is that our technology makes immediately available so many amazing things that we begin to think that all our life must be extraordinary, always being filled with things ever more awesome and the result of which is people feel in reality ever more bored; for example, the super hero films meet a desire that we want a hero who dazzles and is all conquering and fulfils all our human desires. The strange thing is that Jesus is just this but that he chooses to work wonders that are so far above the superheroes as to make them almost laughable yet he does this in a hidden veiled way amongst the ordinariness of life.

We could come up with a new definition of a saint: one who sees and appreciates the supernatural in the very “ordinariness” of life and who then begins to see nothing as ordinary but truly extraordinary. As we have said before this means that we must work at penetrating behind the veil in order for these mysteries to be revealed to us.

Let me give a concrete example: Consider the sun. We can do the following:

- 1) First stop to consider how extraordinary a phenomenon is the physical sun - How it provides light, life, colour, heat and benefits all things as if created for them alone. All benefit yet the sun is one. Without the sun, there would be darkness and eventually death.

2) Secondly, then ponder the mystery that God created the sun out of love for us and for me in particular. This tells us how amazing God’s love is that he should create the sun just for me. That I benefit from its heat and light.

3) Thirdly, the properties of the sun give us an insight into God’s love: that his love is for all but is also total for each individual person. That his love provides supernatural life for us and enlightens our minds and our hearts without which we would be spiritually dead and walk in darkness.

4) Lastly, to consciously receive this love - to adjust our lives so that we feel in the very warmth of the sun God’s infinite love and this should then lead to praise, adoration, wonder and a return of that love to God so that God then looks down upon the earth and sees a return for his love in creating the sun.

This example can apply to absolutely everything – the signs of God’s love firstly in nature and creation: the wind, the sea, the stars, the heaven. Secondly, his love shown in all that Jesus did and said from his incarnation to his ascension. Thirdly, his love shown in our sanctification – in our prayers, the sacraments etc.

When we start to mystically look at life it suddenly becomes one of immense wonder and beauty and when we concentrate on being conscious of God’s love in all things and we begin to receive it, He begins to sanctify us and begins to mould our life and take care of all our problems. If we concentrate on this, God will take care of everything else - after all He told us that if we sought first the Kingdom of Heaven everything else would be given to us.

So in summary concentrate on the above and we find life takes care of itself. But it requires an effort because it means that there is no unimportant moment, in other words no moment when God is not pouring his love out over us and there is no moment when we should not be receiving this.

Let us pray that we do not fall into the trap of the blindness of the pharisees and those that could not see that in the very “Ordinariness” of the Incarnation lies a great mystery.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

