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Our Lady of the Rosary Catholic Church



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

Liturgical calendar					
Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	29	4.00pm	Eng	Vigil	
Sunday	30	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm	Eng Pol Pol	Fourth Sunday (801,794,772,966)	<i>For the people</i>
Monday	31	No Mass	Eng	St John Bosco	
Tuesday	1	9.30am	Eng	Feria	
Wednesday	2	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	The Presentation Feast	
Thursday	3	7.00pm	Eng	St Blaise with blessing of the throats	<i>Linza</i>
Friday	4	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	St Gilbert/ 1st Fri	
Saturday	5	9.30am 4.00pm	Eng Eng	St Agatha/ 1st Sat	<i>Sheila Curley RIP</i>
Sunday	6	9.30am 11.30am 1.00pm 4.00pm 5.30pm	Eng Pol Pol Latin Lith	Fifth Sunday	<i>For the people</i> <i>Dom Benet RIP</i>
Confessions	Saturday	8.50am – 9.20am.		3.15pm – 3.50pm	
	Sunday	8.50am – 9.20pm			
Other Devotions:					
		Divine Mercy Devotions: Wednesdays 2.00pm			
FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION	5 th February	5.00-7.00pm			



Parish SYNOD Information



Synod 2023 - A worldwide listening process

A Synod is a worldwide gathering of Bishops (with other delegates and experts) to discuss and discern how the Church responds to a certain issue. The meaning of Synod of journeying together and those Bishops representing their country are called to bring the thoughts and hopes of the people they represent. The 2023 will not be responding to a particular issue, rather it will be reflecting how the nature or culture of the Church can be more synodal - a wider listening to the Holy Spirit speaking through all peoples.

We shall use this process to help our parish develop. Please do pray the prayer for the Church in general and our parish in particular. Many thanks for everyone's contributions and they have been noted. We have chosen two actions to focus on:

- 1) To form the parish into an evangelising parish by first catechising ourselves.
- 2) To develop local domestic church groups to help build community

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,
as we gather together in Your name.
With You alone to guide us,
make Yourself at home in our hearts;
Teach us the way we must go
and how we are to pursue it.
We are weak and sinful;
do not let us promote disorder.
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path
nor partiality influence our actions.
Let us find in You our unity
so that we may journey together to eternal life
and not stray from the way of truth
and what is right.
All this we ask of You,
who are at work in every place and time,
in the communion of the Father and the Son,
forever and ever. Amen.



Announcements:

Times for Confession If you would like confession outside of the confessional, please make an appointment with Father.

FLOWER ROTA: Appeal for people to join the Flower Rota. Please contact Eileen Busby eileen.m.busby@icloud.com Tel: 01205 358832

WOMEN'S GUILD

Many years ago our parish had a thriving Women's Guild. About 20 years ago the guild folded.

Our aim now is to start a new women's group.

We intend : to support Father Dominic, our parish and community in spiritual and practical ways

: to communicate with each other

; to learn and flourish together

: to use our talents for the common good

: to fund raise to support appropriate charities and causes

It is hoped that original members will welcome and work alongside new female parishioners and friends.

We are living in new and exciting times where we can all make a difference.

Please look out in forthcoming newsletters for when we will meet up.

Spiritual Thought for the Week...

"I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him; in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him; if I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. My sickness, or perplexity, or sorrow may be necessary causes of some great end, which is quite beyond US. He does nothing in vain."

St John Henry Newman



Dates for Your Diary!

1. **Parish Retreat Day** Saturday 2nd April A day of preparation for Passiontide and Easter 10.00am – 4.00pm
2. **Parish Meeting** 17th February 7.00pm
3. Anyone who would like to represent our parish at the **Pontifical Vespers** at the Cathedral with Bishop Patrick to celebrate the synodal work February 22nd 7.00-8.15pm please see Father or Martyn.
4. **The Presentation**, Feb. 2nd, Candlemass – blessing of candles

Sunday Collection: 23 Jan 2022

Envelope: £ 163 Loose Plate: £261.08 Candles: £26.77 S+R Priests £255.80
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 donations of those through the bank for July – September quarter was £5387.01

It has been brought to my attention that it has been a while since a financial report has been reported to the parish. We shall post an end of year report. Until then I shall try to put together a brief resume. But rest assured our finances are stable thanks to your generous donations.

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- The sick and housebound and for those who need your prayers, Alan Potter, Liam Lane, Valerie Bianco, Graham Parkinson, Barbara Goemans, Margaret Allday, Sadie Wheate, Jenny Hunter and particularly Jack Newell who is in hospital.
- Our First Holy Communion and Confirmation Students
- Peace to prevail in the Ukraine situation.



From the Parish Priest's Desk....

Dear Faithful,

In the gospel today we see such a profound insight into human nature and how changeable we can be. At one moment everyone is profoundly moved by Jesus' words and soon afterwards they seek to kill him. What we might ask changed?

Firstly, they lose sight of his words and actions and see only his apparent ordinariness: surely this is the carpenter's son. This is one of the great mysteries of God's providence that he conceals his very greatness in apparent ordinariness: He is born in a stable, yet is the King of kings; he raises people from the dead but dies on a cross; the sacramental host is the true presence of God, yet looks and tastes like bread; we seem ourselves to be so limited by our body, yet our soul can contain the universe and all within it!

Therefore, we need to be on our guard against this temptation. How? We need to look beyond the superficial reality to what is contained beneath – the true reality of things. This is all that contemplation means: to look within with a deep loving gaze. All that there is can in a certain sense be called a "sacrament" – an outward sign of the truth that is within. This is both more difficult for us nowadays but also easier. More difficult because the world only stresses the superficial reality, easier because science enables us now to see far more clearly the great mysteries.

Secondly, his listeners demand miracles – this will be a constant theme in his ministry and of course was at the centre of the devil's temptation of Jesus in the desert. People want to be excited, they craved novelties. Jesus worked many many miracles clearly witnessed by the people – indeed Lazarus was a living, walking miracle. But Jesus would not allow them to replace faith. Likewise, in our lives if we look clearly we shall see that God works many wonders in our own lives but we still need faith. This is clearest in the Eucharist – the greatest miracle but demanding the greatest faith.

So let us slow down in our lives, read less ponder more. If we want to be contemplatives we shall also have to cut down on those things that hinder this sight. The internet can be a great tool but also a great curse. Why? It gives us so many novelties at the touch of a button that we cease to think deeply and can lose focus.

PARISH PRACTICES TO HELP OUR JOURNEY

1) **DEVOTION TO MARY AND THE FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION** – see opposite. Please note the practice is for the first Saturday of the month. So we need to fulfil it on the first Saturday of five consecutive months.

2) **RETREAT DAY** – quarterly to enable us to have some time aside from our busy schedule we will have a retreat day. There will be a couple of talks, time for meditation, and confession. Simple format. Lunch will be a shared table so just bring something to share. The first topic will address Jesus' Passion and how we are to be involved in it. This will help us to prepare for and understand the events of Holy Week.

3) **FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION**: Making reparation to the Sacred Heart. Drop in just for a few minutes. 5.00-7.00pm Ends with benediction.



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Sister Lúcia, the eldest of the Fatima children, reported that on December 10, 1925, the Virgin Mary appeared to her at the convent in Pontevedra, and by her side on a luminous cloud was the Child Jesus. According to Lúcia, Mary requested the institution of the Devotion of the Five First Saturdays in reparation to her Immaculate Heart:

“Look, my daughter, at my Heart encircled by these thorns with which men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. You, at least, strive to console me, and so I announce: **I promise to assist at the hour of death with the grace necessary for salvation** all those who, with the intention of making reparation to me, will, on **the first Saturday of five consecutive months**, go to confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the beads, and keep me company for fifteen minutes while meditating on the fifteen mysteries of the Rosary.”

Devotees of Fátima believe that the First Saturdays help to console the sorrows of God, Jesus, and the Virgin Mary for the sins against her Immaculate Heart. (See wikipedia article)

As a parish we shall make this journey together starting on the 1st Saturday in February, February 5th. Rosary at 9.00am followed by 15 mins for the meditation with mass following (probably will start 9.35) and confessions available. Please note that one can go to confession up to two weeks before or after to fulfil the condition.

Retreat Day: Saturday 2nd April Church Hall The Heart of Jesus

9.00am	Rosary in church
9.30am	Mass
10.00-10.30	Coffee
10.30am	Talk 1
11.30-12.15pm	Adoration with Benediction Time for meditation/Confession
12.15pm	Lunch – shared table
1.00pm	Talk 2 – followed by meditation
2.45pm	Wrap-up and depart

Bring bible, pen and paper and something for the shared table. If you can only attend one part of the day that is fine.

