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In the Parish of Saint Mary's



*The Lord is risen, Alleluia!
He has risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	26	9.00pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Sadie Wheate</i>
Sunday	27	8.30am 10.00am Noon 3.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Service Pol	Divine Mercy Sunday (not a mass)	<i>Parish</i>
Monday	28	No Mass		St George Solemnity	
Tuesday	29	No Mass		St Catherine of Siena	
Wed.	30	Noon	Eng	Nuptial Mass	
Thurs	1	7.00pm	Eng	St Joseph	<i>Elsy Ouseph RIP</i>
Friday	2	9.30am 7.30pm	Eng Pol	1 st Fri/St Athanasius	
Saturday	3	4.00pm	Eng	SS Philip/James Vigil	<i>Lena Chapman RIP</i>
Sunday	4	8.30am 10.00am 12.00 4.00pm 7.30pm	Eng Eng Pol Latin Pol	3rd Sunday after Easter	<i>Perp F Parish</i>

Divine Mercy Sunday Liturgy 3.00pm confessions beforehand from 2.00pm.

Divine Mercy:

Adoration/Holy Hour:

Confessions: Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 8.50am-9.20pm



*Wishing you and your families
all the joys of Easter and the Risen Lord.*

*May god bless you
during this sacred time,
Father Dominic.*

The Regina Coeli Lyrics in Latin

V. Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia.
R. Quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia.
V. Resurrexit, sicut dixit, alleluia.
R. Ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

V. Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia.
R. For He whom you did merit to bear, alleluia.
V. Has risen, as he said, alleluia.
R. Pray for us to God, alleluia.

Enabling Our Mission Campaign

Our parish is currently undertaking the Enabling Our Mission Campaign which aims to help us become more outward looking and missionary, while also striving to ensure that the fewer priests now available for active ministry across the diocese are best able to serve our communities.. We will be hosting a number of small gatherings to explain this initiative and I hope you are able to make one of the following dates:

Thursday, 1st May after Mass @ 7.30pm

Tuesday, 6th May after Mass @ 10.15am

To rsvp, please email saintmarysboston@gmail.com or call the parish office on 01205 362056 by 27th April.

I appreciate you considering my invitation and I look forward to speaking with you soon. Yours in Christ, Fr. Dominic



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE GREATEST DAY OF GRACE IN THE YEAR

SERVICE SUNDAY 27th APRIL AT 3.00PM (not a mass)

CONFESSIONS HEARD BEFORE from 2pm.....START PREPARING!!

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA INDULGENCE

Briefly, here are the other main differences between the "special graces" promised by Jesus for Divine Mercy Sunday, and the plenary indulgence offered by the Church for special devotions to the Divine Mercy on Mercy Sunday:

1) To receive special graces that our Lord promised for Divine Mercy Sunday, the only condition is to receive Holy Communion worthily on Divine Mercy Sunday (or the Vigil celebration) by making a good Confession beforehand and staying in the state of grace and trusting in His Divine Mercy. Any plenary indulgence granted by the Church, on the other hand, involves the fulfilment of a number of conditions, including prayer for the Holy Father's intentions, Confession and Holy Eucharist, and the carrying out of the special indulgenced work (in this case: participating in public devotions to the Divine Mercy on Divine Mercy Sunday itself).

2) The special graces promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday can be received by a soul in a state of grace, but with imperfect love for God, and imperfect contrition for sin-as long as the soul merely trusts in the mercy of God, and clings to Him because of His promised benefits. A plenary indulgence, however, can only be obtained through the performance of an indulgenced work as an expression of pure love for God. If the intentions of one's indulgenced work are not pure (say, the work is done in part out of fear of hell or purgatory, and loathing for oneself - or the desire to impress one's friends and relatives! - rather than purely out of love for God) then the indulgence obtained will be only partial, not plenary.

3) The special graces that our Lord promised for Mercy Sunday can only be received for oneself, through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday (as stated in #1 above). A plenary indulgence, however, can be offered for oneself, or for souls suffering in purgatory.

4) The most special grace promised by our Lord for Mercy Sunday is nothing less than the equivalent of a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul: "complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment." Such a measure of grace can only be received otherwise through baptism itself, or through making a sacramental confession as an act of perfect contrition for sin, out of pure love for God.

SUMMARY OF CONDITIONS

- 1) Be to the best of one's knowledge in a state of grace
- 2) Make a confession within two weeks either side. Our Lord did ask that we also go to confession on the day itself.
- 3) Receive Holy Communion worthily on the day.
- 4) Make some devotional act to Divine Mercy.



Dates for the diary:

Women's Guild: 6th May at 1.30pm in the Old School Room

24th May Ecumenical May Pilgrimage on Saturday 24th May starting from our church of Our Lady of Lincoln and processing to the shrine of Our Lady at Lincoln Cathedral. The event will begin at 2pm. Both Bishop Patrick and also the Bishop of Lincoln have agreed to take part.

Easter Eggs of Hope: On Sale £1 each. Dedicate them to a loved one and place them on the tree in the narthex or take them home. Proceeds to Care Home India. Thanks Maureen.

Sunday Collection: 20.4.25 Envelopes £60 Loose £717

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Many thanks. Chaz Mayhew"

Holy Places: £ 253 Earthquake victims £283

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 Wallington; Coco. Sylvia Mannion RIP
- Linda O'Neill



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

Dear Faithful

How to briefly summarise Divine Mercy? And how it is connected to what St John Paul II called a New and Divine Holiness for our times.

Jesus has willed a time of mercy for souls living in the most difficult times (when the world is undergoing a purification and the Church is living through Christ's passion) so that through their weakness, he can bring about the glory of the Father in a new and greater way by giving them what St John Paul II called a new and divine holiness. This will bring about a purification of their souls and lead the way to the ushering of the Kingdom as prayed for in the Our Father and an era of peace (different names: New Pentecost; Triumph of the Immaculate Heart; Era of Peace). This time is short and needs to be taken advantage of. Jesus revealed to St Faustina that the present times are a time of mercy and that souls must enter in before the door is closed and a door of justice opens.

The Church has been bringing constantly to the attention of the faithful, the universal call to holiness and that Jesus wants all to share in his mysteries and in his life. The Catechism puts it beautifully:

(521) Christ enables us to live in him all that he himself lived, and he lives it in us. "By his Incarnation, he, the Son of God, has in a certain way united himself with each man." We are called only to become one with him, for he enables us as the members of his Body to share in what he lived for us in his flesh as our model:

We must continue to accomplish in ourselves the stages of Jesus' life and his mysteries and often to beg him to perfect and realize them in us and in his whole Church. . . For it is the plan of the Son of God to make us and the whole Church partake in his mysteries and to extend them to and continue them in us and in his whole Church. This is his plan for fulfilling his mysteries in us.

The great time of mercy means that God is reserving for the faithful a superabundant means of grace. Why has God reserved this for our times? Romans 5:20-22 – Here Saint Paul is telling us that in great times of difficulty when evil abounds, grace abounds more. At no time in the past can this be said to be more applicable than today. Pope St Pius X in his time said that the state of mankind was worse than at the time of the flood. We witness persecution of the Church on the outside and a world which wishes to do away with God and on the inside a mass apostasy especially in the West with Christians on a wide scale ceasing to practice the faith.

So God is reserving his greatest work since the resurrection to bring about a return to Him and a return of peace to the world and IT HAS STARTED. Many of the popes but especially John Paul II have prayed for and prophesied a New Pentecost which will bring about a huge outpouring of grace in the world both within the Church and without. Pope Benedict wrote: "“Let us never forget this, because the Spirit of the Lord always remembers every individual, and wishes, particularly through you young people, to stir up the wind and fire of a new Pentecost in the world,"



What are the most important features of this holiness?

- Rest – we maintain peace of soul and allow God to work within us. This work of holiness will be God's and therefore, our role is to open ourselves up to his grace by a total, free and definitive surrender to Jesus Christ.
- To carry out the Father's will perfectly by our will being identified with Christ's: "You will cancel out your will during this retreat and instead my complete will shall be accomplished in you. Know that it will cost you so much so write these words on a clean sheet of paper. From today my own will does not exist and then cross out the page and on the other side write From today on I do the Will of God everywhere, always and in everything." 372-4 This revelation to Saint Faustina is nothing other than the gospel itself which Jesus taught constantly. In Jesus his human will was totally identified with the Divine Will of the Trinity. In John's gospel he tells his apostles that his food was to do the will of the Father; in the Our Father we pray as Jesus did in the garden of Gethsemane "thy will be done."
 - Note: this will cost us because it means a total and unconditional surrender but we must not think this impossible because it is not going to be our work.
- This will be the work of the Holy Spirit received from the hands of Mary. So we need a great devotion to Mary. Jesus revealed to Blessed Conchita "Every movement of My soul has been inspired and carried out under the movement of the Holy Spirit. He it is who animates My faculties, My senses, My will holding them in his possession for the glory of the Father to whom I return everything." Jesus in both in his divine and human nature owed the Father everything. In his divinity because he proceeds from the Father and is humanity because the Father willed this nature for His Son.
- Lastly, we might ask: What does this look like in practice? Quite simply everything we do at every level even our physiological actions like breathing we ask – in the words of Fr de Causade to be animated by God's spirit and that they be done for his glory. The only exception of course is sin. The two great themes of our times must be:

Firstly and of the utmost importance is to give to God the Father, the glory that is owed to him

Secondly, to work for the salvation of souls.

Let us thank today God for his infinite and gracious mercies that he has reserved for us, poor sinners, living in the most difficult of times these great graces.

God bless, Fr. Dominic *Fiat!*

