

PARISH .

- THURSDAY 16th April Adoration 7.00pm – Opening of mission in our deanery.
- **Final decision on Building Project from the diocese early May.**
- **NEW WEBSITE** stmarys-boston.rcdon.uk We have a new website now for the parish which is much improved.

Gift Aid Boxes - New Tax Year 2026/2027 Are available to collect from the Narthex . **The new Tax Year starts Saturday / Sunday 11th / 12th April 2026**- Those registered for gift aid and use the boxes please pick up from the back of the church. **Please do not use the new BLUE envelopes before 11th / 12th April and do not use the old YELLOW envelopes after 4th / 5th April.** Your donation must be in the correct envelope for each weekend of the donation. If you do not attend Mass on a particular weekend, please place your next donation in the following weeks envelope. If you want to change to a standing order, please set this up with your personal bank and inform myself (you do not need a gift aid box for standing order). If your circumstances have changed and you are no longer paying tax, or have changed address please let Fr. Dominic and myself know so we can amend our records. Thank you for your co-operation. If you have any queries my contact details are: 07778840886.

Chaz Mayhew

CHILDREN'S CLOTHING BANK: The Women's Guild is operating a clothing bank, initially for clothes to fit under 11 year olds. If you don't have any children you may purchase new underwear and socks. Thanks for the kind donations of excellent quality already received. **If donations need collecting text: C.C.B to 07827274251**

If you would like to be on the parish email circular, please send an email to: info@saintmarysboston.org.uk **New Website: stmarys-boston.rcdon.uk**

FACE BOOK



DONATIONS: Just scan the QR code with your phone to donate to our parish. Don't forget to gift aid if you can.



In the Parish of Saint Mary's Our Lady of the Rosary



The Lord is risen, Alleluia!

He has risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

St Mary's Presbytery 24 Horncastle Road Boston PE21 9BU
Tel: 01205 362056
Email: saintmarysboston@gmail.com
Hall Booking: hallbookingsaintmarys@gmail.com
Website: www.stmaryschurchboston.org.uk
NRCDT – Registered Charity - 1134449

Parish Priest: Fr Dominic O'Connor
Deacon Martyn Chambers, Deacon David Witherick (Ret.)
Priest to the Polish Community: Fr Stanisław Kowalski SChR,
School: St Mary's Catholic Primary Academy, Ashlawn Drive,
PE21 9PX TEL: 01205 362092
Hospital: Pilgrim Hospital, Sibsey Road, Boston PE21 9QS
Prison: HMP North Sea Camp

If you know of a parishioner who is an in-patient at the Pilgrim hospital, please contact Father at the Presbytery 01205 362056 or Deacon Martyn.

Liturgical calendar

Day	Date	Time		Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	11	8.30pm	Eng	Vigil	<i>Nelly Green RIP</i>
Sunday	12	8.30am 10.00am 3.00pm 4.00pm	Eng Eng Eng Latin	Divine Mercy Sunday Service	<i>C+K Fox Parish</i>
Monday	13	Prison	Eng	Easter Feria	
Tuesday	14	9.30am	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Jacob Matthew RIP</i>
Wed.	15	7.00am	Eng	Easter Feria	
Thurs.	16	12.30pm 7.00pm	Eng Eng	Easter Feria Adoration	<i>Suffering Christians</i>
Friday	17	7.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Elsy Ouseph RIP</i>
Saturday	18	4.00pm	Eng	Easter Feria	<i>Molly Malin RIP</i>
Sunday	19	8.30am 10.00am	Eng Eng	Third Sunday of Easter	

Adoration/Holy Hour: Tuesday 8.00am Friday 6.00pm THURSDAY 7.00pm Deanery Adoration for opening of Mission Initiative in our deanery.

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY CONFESSIONS FROM 2.15pm

Divine Mercy: Wednesday 2.00pm

Polish Masses Sunday 12.30pm and 7.30pm



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Anna Luisa will be baptised into the Church at the 10.00am Mass

16th April Thursday: 7.00pm Opening of Deanery Mission Initiative here Adoration followed by tea and coffee in the hall.

25th April Saturday: Pro-Life Chain Tritton Road Lincoln Road 11am - 1pm

9th May: Retreat Day for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist @ SS Peter and Paul

9/10th May Parish Visitation by V.G. Canon Eddy Jarosz

SPECIAL JUBILEE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS 10 JAN '26 – 10 JAN '27 Marking 800 years since his death. Normal conditions plus a visit to a Franciscan place of worship

Catechesis Available/ Courses running: 1) 1st Holy Communion-restarts Sept.
2) Young Teens ages 13-15 group Sat pm 3) Confirmation combined with older teens Sat pm
4) Rosary Group ages 9-12 Sat am 5) Adult catechesis Friday am
(See Father if interested)

Financials:

- Offertory Loose £ Envelopes (GA) £ Dona £
- Standing Orders £ Votive Candles £ TOTAL: £

FINANCE

FINANCE "GIFT AID: The December 2025 quarterly return amounting to £7,286.00 has been submitted to HMRC slightly later than planned due to a technical problem. Thank you for all your gift aid donations to our parish via envelope, standing order or the card machine at the entrance to the church. If you have recently joined our parish or started to pay income tax on personal income, please consider completing a Gift Aid declaration. For further information and help, please contact me on 07778840886 or email giftaid.bt@dioceseofnottingham.uk. Many thanks, Chaz Mayhew 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. "

PLEASE SEE BACK PAGE FOR IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT REGARDING ENVELOPES

SECOND COLLECTIONS: 26th April Clergy Form. 17th May Catholic Communications

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; Sally Wallington; ; Elizabeth Hunter; Sharon Peates, Margaret Fretwell.
- Margaret Lilley RIP Nicholas Cornell RIP David Murphy RIP

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

THE GREATEST DAY OF GRACE IN THE YEAR

SERVICE SUNDAY 12th APRIL AT 3.00PM

CONFESSIONS HEARD BEFORE from 2.15pm.....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.



*Many thanks to all who helped
With the Easter Services: florists, singers,
servers, cleaners etc.*

Fr 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.



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!*

