

Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	1	4.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Boston Horncastle Skegness	Vigil	
Sunday	2	8.30am 9.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00am 4.00pm	Boston Spilsby Boston Wood'I Spa Skegness Boston	18 th Sunday (Latin)	
Monday	3	12.30pm	Boston	Feria	Jenny Jose's Intn
Tuesday	4	9.30am 12.00pm	Boston Spilsby	Cure d'Ars	
Wednesday	5	7.00am 9.30am	Boston Boston	Feria	
Thursday	6	9.00am 10.00am	Boston Wood'I Spa	The Transfiguration	
Friday	7	10.00am 6.00pm 7.00pm	Wood'I Spa Skegness Boston	Feria	
Saturday	8	9.00am 10.00am 4.00pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	Boston Wood'I Spa Boston Horncastle Skegness	St Dominic Vigil Vigil Vigil	
Sunday	9	8.30am 9.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.00am	Boston Spilsby Wood'I Spa Boston Skegness	19 th Sunday	Polish Mass: Sunday 12.30pm+7.30pm

Confessions: Boston Saturday 3.20pm-3.50pm Sunday 7.50am-8.20pm and 9.30am-5.00am
Before weekday masses and on request.

Woodhall Sat.10.30am. H/castle Sat. 5.30pm

Skegness

Adoration:Boston Tues 8.15; Fri 6.00pm

Skegness

Horncastle

Divine Mercy: Boston Wednesday 2.00pm



Catholic Community of the South Wolds and Coast

Our Lady and St Peter, Woodhall Spa (Vigil mass Horncastle)

St Mary's, Boston

From September:

Sacred Heart, Skegness and Our Lady and English Martyrs, Spilsby

CLERGY Parish Priest Fr Dominic O'Connor

Assistant Priests: Fr Julius Kukuru Fr John O'Donnell (Retired)

Deacons: Martyn Chambers and James Hunter. D.Witherick (Ret)

Polish Mission: Fr Stanislaw Kowalski Schr

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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 .

Dear All,

Summer is upon us and many – though not all – take holidays. It is an important fallow time. We see rest throughout nature – there is an ebbing and flowing which is natural to all creation. The night sky breathes rest and the gentle stars contrast with the heat of the day. If rest is necessary for the body, how much more for the soul. It is important in prayer to take time simply to rest in God. To put aside our needs, worries and concerns for he knows them all and to be silent in his presence, quietly adoring and thanking Him for just being God. The Summer is also a time for reflection: Where am I at spiritually? How is my relationship with the Lord Jesus? What do I need to work on? Has Acedia (Lukewarmness) got a grip on me? Am I lacking spiritual zeal? Do I get joy from the things of God?

There is a very good book **“The Noonday Devil” by Jean-Charles Nault**. He points out how almost unnoticeably we can begin to drift from God and a lukewarmness sets in. The signs are we begin to be unfaithful to our prayer and our duties. We drift away from God and the concerns of the world take over. We forget that we have an enemy and that we are in a spiritual battle. It is dangerous because we don't notice it as we do other sins. What is the solution?

- **Be faithful to your duties of state.** Avoid unnecessary distractions.
- **Be recollected** – avoid restlessness; always rushing about and endless distractions that we indulge ourselves with.
- **Be faithful to prayer** – regularity is the key.
- **Have hope** – Jesus permits this trial so we may move higher.
- **Above all trust God and his mercy.** So often the root of our problems is a distrust in God and therefore, we build up a false picture of both God and ourselves.
- **Invoke Mary's help;** pray the rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.
- **Ponder scripture and have a good spiritual book.**

Let us also remember those who have to keep working, often long hours with little rest. Let us pray for a good harvest – physically and spiritually.

May Our Lady keep us under her mantle and protect us!

MOVING FORWARD – a brief summary, more to come!

From September, the parishes of Boston, Woodhall Spa and Skegness with Spilsby, will form a Catholic community. There are no immediate plans to amalgamate the parishes, but they do need to work as a community and there will need to be some joint meetings.

Fr. Julius Kukuru from the Cameroons is now in residence as an assistant priest to Fr Dominic, and Fr Woodall retires at the beginning of September. Fr John O'Donnell remains a great help in residence at Woodhall Spa. We have our two active deacons, James and Martyn.

This will naturally require some adjustment and there will be a time of change and development. There will need to be changes in mass times so the priests can cover the various liturgies. I ask you to be patient but also, feel free to make your needs and thoughts known. There is a general email and phone number on the front page of the bulletin which people should start to use.

The community will have as its foundation two key things:

- A) The idea of small Catholic communities – much as we see in the Acts of the Apostles Chapter 2. or as is sometimes called the domestic church.
- B) There will be a common program of spiritual formation across the area. We can't run the parishes as three separate entities. Of course each parish, has its own particular charism, events, outreach etc. But in spiritual formation and catechesis, there needs to be a degree of unity.

But we do need a number of things.

- 1) There is a general need now for **volunteers** across all three parishes. Without this, it will be very difficult maintain the spiritual and physical structure of the parishes. But also, lay people willing to govern and lead.
- 2) **Patience** – there are bound to be teething problems. Some things we can put in place, but some have to organically grow.
- 3) **Hope** – we have to trust and have faith that God does have a plan in all this.
- 4) **Prayer** – this is the necessary bedrock for our Catholic Community.

Thanking you for your prayer, support, Fr Dominic, Parish Priest.

St Marys Boston

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**

Come and see our wonderful school! **St Mary's Primary School Boston**
We currently have places available in Key Stage 1 (EYFS, Year 1 and Year 2) and would love to welcome you into our school family.
If you're looking for a school with a warm, family atmosphere where every child is valued, cared for, and encouraged to thrive, we'd love to meet you. We are proud to provide an excellent education while nurturing confidence, resilience, kindness, and a lifelong love of learning. Come and visit us to see what makes our school so special. We can't wait to welcome you!
Contact us today to arrange a visit and discover if we're the perfect fit for your family. Call us on 01205 362 092, we look forward to hearing from you.

Fundraising for Building Project (in addition to pledges for extra building work)
Money Raised so far £1040
Cash donations may be made via the collection box in the church and card donations may be made via the Dona Machine or the website. Thanks for all your help.

FINANCE

FINANCE: Following the Gift Aid submission for the fourth quarter to the end of HMRC tax year (1st January 2026 to the 6th April 2026) for a total of £8,416:00. Our parish has now received repayment from HMRC as follows; Contactless donations £533.50, and Bank and Envelope donations £1,570.50. 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 donating by cheque, please make this payable to Boston Roman Catholic Parish
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. "

SECOND COLLECTIONS: 20th Sept. Home Mission Sunday; 18th October World Mission Sunday; 25th October Care Home India; 6th December Poor and Needy Parishes.

OF YOUR CHARITY PLEASE PRAY FOR

- 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.
- Special prayers for Sally Wallington.
- Chinju Thomas (RIP) and please remember her family in your prayers. There is an appeal to help her husband and family: <https://gofund.me/6aad153f>

Sacred Heart Skegness and Spilsby

Sacred Heart, 22 Grosvenor Road, Skegness, PE25 2DB
Our Lady & English Martyrs Spilsby PE23 5EF skegnessrcparish.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR

THE SICK: - Teresa Proom, Angela & Jim Davis, Coral Collins, and for Monica Blythe's sister, Pat. Rosemary Whittle, Sandy Davidson and Tracy.

COAST AND WOLDS OPEN CHURCHES' FESTIVAL: This year this annual event will take place on Saturday, 5th and on Sunday, 6th September, between 2.00 and 4.30p.m. on each day at our church in Spilsby. Later on, there will be forms to ask for people to act as stewards, to welcome and to assist visitors.

GIFT AID: This is a major source of income to us, without which we would struggle to run both churches. It is free money; we get 25p from the government for every £1 that you give your offerings. This is essential to us, so, if you pay income tax through your work or through a pension, then please sign up for Gift Aid today; do not hesitate, we need this free money. Talk to Jacinta or e-mail her on 'jacintalewis21@aol.com' or talk to me.
FOOD BANKS: in Spilsby and in Sacred Heart (via The Storehouse, Skegness), for those in need (tinned and other NON-PERISHABLE foods). Thank you for your help.

Our Lady and St. Peter, Woodall Spa

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To contact

Fr Dominic 01205 362056

Fr John: Tel. 01526 352245

Anniversaries: Joseph Ball, Antoinette Allen and Luigi Sirio

Please pray for the sick of the parish: *Betty Cahill, Janet Cashman, David Waller, Sylvia Berry, Richard Downer, Georgina Hegarty, Tonia Oldham, Natasha Reynolds and Caronne Daft.*

Cake Sunday this weekend – come and enjoy Summer cake with your coffee.

FOOD BANK

The Food Bank has put out a list of items they are short of such as tuna, sardines, tinned meat, rice pudding, tinned fruits, jam, peanut butter, soap, toothpaste and brushes, washing up liquid.

OR, if you would like to help by making a donation to buy fresh food, the Food Bank details are: a/c number 29087560 sort code: 30-95-96 or via St. Mary's church, Horncastle.

PLEASE NOTE: In recent years, the Food Bank has provided meals for children during the Summer school holidays. However, a question mark hangs over such a service this year because provisions and finances are in short supply; are you able to help?.

Churches Without Walls - CWW

Centering Prayer & Contemplative Meditation: Open to All

CWW meets from 2.30pm till 4.30pm, on 20th August, 3rd & 17th September, then normally every 1st & 3rd Thursday of each month, thereafter, at St Lawrence's C of E, 4-5 Church Lane, Bardney LN3 5TZ "Come and see!" (Jn 1:39,46;4:29)

For more details, and any questions or enquiries, etc, please contact Rev Sue Evans (email: broadbentevans@btinternet.com) and/or Rev Deacon James Hunter (email: james.hunter200@btinternet.com)

Talking Philosophy and Theology: a Carmelite Perspective

Zoom Meetings - link contact below

1st & 3rd Wednesday evenings at 7.45 pm for 8.00 – 10.00 pm.

2nd & 4th (not 5th) Thursday afternoons at 12.45 pm for 1.00 -3.00 pm.

Zoom link contact: james.hunter200@btinternet.com

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Mass intentions, anniversaries etc from Fr John

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 Prison: HMP North Sea Camp

PARISH ..

THE BALCONY: Please note that access to the balcony will now be restricted. It is not a place for young children both due to safety reasons and noise. Apologies for this.
The Narthex – this is for parents with children who need some space – it should only be used by others if there is no longer any room in the Church.

BUILDING PROJECT:

Good news! We aim to start the work in September and we are busy applying for grants to aid the work.

The approval of the diocese for our building project covers part 1: Renovation of the Church and basic work on the Old School House. The new confessionals and baptistery will be in part 2. We wish, however, to start fundraising for particular parts of the project: in particular the Icon of Our Lady £25,000

- **NEW WEBSITE** stmarys-boston.rcdon.uk We have a new website now for the parish which is much improved.

Phase one of the Parish Bi-Centenary Project will begin soon. We are aware that in the past, some items which had been gifted by parishioners, had been unceremoniously removed and we would like to reassure parishioners there is no intention to dispose of any items currently in church, the vestry, the Narthex or the sacristy, though it may be necessary to move items to new locations. Deacon Martyn would like to hear from any parishioner who has knowledge of specific items which were kindly gifted to/donated to/ purchased for our church, as we do not have a record.

If you would like to be on the parish email circular, please send an email to: info@saintmarysbt@gmail.com **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.

