

HOMILY BY POPE PAUL VI GIVEN AT NAZARETH

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus – the school of the Gospel. The first lesson we learn here is to look, to listen, to meditate and penetrate the meaning – at once so deep and so mysterious – of this very simple, very humble and very beautiful manifestation of the Son of God. Perhaps we learn, even imperceptibly, the lesson of imitation.

Here we learn the method which will permit us to understand who Christ is. Here above all is made clear the importance of taking into account the general picture of his life among us, with its varied background of place, of time, of customs, of language, of religious practices – in fact, everything Jesus made use of to reveal himself to the world. Here everything is eloquent, all has a meaning.

Here, in this school, one learns why it is necessary to have a spiritual rule of life, if one wishes to follow the teaching of the Gospel and become a disciple of Christ. How gladly would I become a child again, and go to school once more in this humble and sublime school of Nazareth: close to Mary, I wish I could make a fresh start at learning the true science of life and the higher wisdom of divine truths.

But I am only a passing pilgrim. I must renounce this desire to pursue in this home my still incomplete education in the understanding of the Gospel. I will not go on my way however without having gathered – hurriedly, it is true, and as if wanting to escape notice – some brief lessons from Nazareth.

First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us, besieged as we are by so many uplifted voices, the general noise and uproar, in our seething and over-sensitized modern life. May the silence of Nazareth teach us recollection, inwardness, the disposition to listen to good inspirations and the teachings of true masters. May it teach us the need for and the value of preparation, of study, of meditation, of personal inner life, of the prayer which God alone sees in secret.

Next, there is a lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character. Let us learn from Nazareth that the formation received at home is gentle and irreplaceable. Let us learn the prime importance of the role of the family in the social order.

Finally, there is a lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the ‘Carpenter’s Son’, in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work; here I would restore the awareness of the nobility of work; and reaffirm that work cannot be an end in itself, but that its freedom and its excellence derive, over and above its economic worth, from the value of those for whose sake it is undertaken. And here at Nazareth, to conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. He is the prophet of all their just causes, Christ our Lord.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	29	6.30pm	SK	Vigil	W.Rees-Mogg RIP
Sunday	30	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Spil SK Pol.	The Holy Family Year C P.75	Pro Populo Fr.’s Intn
Monday	31	7.00pm	SK	7th Day in Octave	S+S Hennessy
Tuesday	1	9.00am 11.00am	Spil SK	Mary Mother of God P.79 Solemnity	F.Duffy RIP
Wednesday	2	No Mass	Spil	St.Basil and Gregory	
Thursday	3	10.00am	SK	Adoration –no mass	
Friday	4	10.00am	SK	Christmas Feria	Parishioners (JS)
Saturday	5	6.00pm	SK SK	Christmas Feria Vigil	NDL
Sunday	6	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	Spil SK Pol	The Epiphany Year C page 88	Pro Populo P+D Marrance + Fam

Please note: SK = Skegness Spil = Spilsby Pol = Polish mass in Skegness

CONFESSIONS: Skegness Saturday 10.30am and 5.30pm

Spilsby On request

HOLY HOUR: Spilsby

Skegness Monday 7.00-8.00pm 10.00am Thursday

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RIP: Frank Duffy. Frank died recently at home. Funeral 11th Jan 11.30am

New Year's Eve: Mass 7.00pm (SK) followed by Benediction to give thanks for graces received and for the New Year.

RCIA: Please pray for Barbara Cabourn who will be baptised into the Church on the 13th January at the 11.00am Mass.

Refreshments after the Sunday Masses. Please come into our hall and support the parish, tea, coffee, cakes, sandwiches and repository items for sale.

Food bank: the food bank will be grateful for anything you can offer to either Skegness or Spilsby food bank. Thank you for your support and care.

Spilsby Volunteer: One or two volunteers needed for counting.

DBS Checks: After 11.00am mass 6th January at Skegness for the four volunteers contacted.

Many thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas Liturgy, the cleaning of the Church and brasses, the servers, the musicians, those who helped with the Crib and Christmas Tree.

Parish Post-Christmas Lunch Saturday 26th January 1pm at the Windmill Restaurant in Burgh-le-Marsh. Two Courses £15; Three courses £18. Both included Coffee. See Mary Flynn(Spilsby) or Sandra Davidson (Skegness)

Fr Peter Wade would like to thank everyone who remembered him with Christmas Cards this year. He very much appreciated it.

Diocesan 2019 Year Books Cost £3.50 See Fr if you would like a copy.

PARISH EVENTS ~AT A GLANCE

12th January First Holy Communion Class 11.30am in Parish Hall

26th January Post Christmas Parish Meal 1pm @the Windmill, Burgh.

MAY I WISH YOU ALL CONTINUED
BLESSINGS FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON
AND FOR THE NEW YEAR. MANY
THANKS FOR ALL YOUR CARDS,
PRESENTS, SUPPORT AND
ENCOURAGEMENT. I HAVE TRULY BEEN
MADE WELCOME AT SKEGNESS AND
SPILSBY ON THIS MY FIRST CHRISTMAS
HERE. GOD BLESS, FR.DOMINIC

WE REMEMBER OUR DECEASED WHOSE ANNIVERSARIES OCCUR AT THIS TIME:
**W.Ralph; J.Murphy; C.West; H.Ribchester; J.Thompson; N.Butler; D.Lunn;
M.Loftus; A.Kelly; R.McNaught; M.Smith; A.Cramm; W.O'Dwyerv** and all those
whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.
Please remember Fr. T Breslin RIP in your prayers.

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