

Dear Faithful

We have now heard the Bishop's second pastoral letter on his three spiritual themes for taking the diocese forward in mission: "Encounter"; "Discipleship" and "Missionary Discipleship". The last will be addressed during Eastertide. I would like to firstly summarise the Bishop's letter on discipleship for easy reflection and then ask a question.

#### Outline

- 1) The essential element for discipleship is time spent with Christ so as to develop a personal relationship with the Lord. This can involve personal prayer, Eucharistic adoration or praying the scriptures. Through this relationship we discover both who He is and what he is asking of us.
- 2) The disciple is therefore one who is moving from a me-centred relationship to one that seeks to hear and respond to what Christ may be asking of them. We have to be Christ's hand and feet and eyes on earth.
- 3) A disciple is one that realises that they often fall short and therefore, there is an ongoing call to "Repent and believe the gospel." This is particularly true of Lent where we strive to let go of those things that stop us being the disciple of Christ that we are being called to be. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is particularly valuable in this. Lent leads to the renewal of our baptismal promises at Easter and to recommit as Christ's disciples.
- 4) Christ is calling us to holiness of life in and through the daily circumstances of our life. This is truly what God is asking of us. "Be holy for I am holy."

#### How to we aim to fulfil this call as a parish, to be a missionary parish?

When the Bishop speaks, it is Jesus' wish that we follow what he is asking of us. Bishop Patrick is the direct descendent of the apostles. As individuals we have to ask ourselves if we have a relationship with Christ and if this is leading us to mission. But also as a parish we have to start concentrating on putting this into action, not merely to save our own soul but also to save others. Each parish will have a particular calling based on its area, people, resources etc. The Parish Council I don't think is the right forum for this as it already has a lot of practical work. Therefore, we need a separate group of people who will help the Parish Priest come up with a plan for us and put it into operation. If you are interested, please see Father.

God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	9	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	K.Davies RIP
Sunday	10	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol.	First Sunday Lent Year C page 163	For the people K.McGrath
Monday	11	9.30am	SK	Lenten Feria	C.Glover
Tuesday	12	9.30am	SK	Lenten Feria	P.Glover
Wednesday	13	6.00pm	Spil	Lenten Feria	P.West RIP
Thursday	14	9.30am 10.00am	SK	Lenten Feria Adoration	N.Glover
Friday	15	11.30am	SK	Requiem Mass	Rita Bezzano RIP
Saturday	16	6.00pm	SK	Lenten Feria Vigil	P.Fitzgerald RIP
Sunday	17	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	Second Sunday Lent Year C page 167	Parish K.Glover

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Skegness Saturday 10.30am and 5.30pm

Spilsby After Wednesday mass and Sunday Mass

**HOLY HOUR:** Spilsby Wednesdays 5.00pm-6.00pm

Skegness Thursdays 10.00-11.00am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rita Bezzano RIP:** Requiem Mass 15 March 11.30am

**New Rotas:** Please pick up the new rotas at the back of Church.

**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 Skegness or Spilsby food bank. Thank you for your support and care.

**Latin Mass:** Second Sundays at St. Hugh's, Lincoln at 4.00pm  
Fourth Sundays at Sacred Heart, Skegness at 5.00pm

### NOTE FOR READERS:

- Please note that one finishes both the first and second readings by saying simply "The Word of the Lord." One should also pause briefly before saying this.
- For the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent the readings will be taken from Year A.

### Suggested Reading for Lent

- He Leadeth Me by Walter Cisek (amazing true story of a priest)
- To know Christ Jesus by Frank Sheed (to learn about Jesus in the scriptures)
- Friends of the Cross by St. Louis de Montfort (short and excellent)
- Consoling the Heart of Jesus by Fr. Michael Gaitley (strongly recommended if you are looking to do a "do-it-yourself" retreat during Lent. Life changing. If you are picking one, pick this one for Lent)

## PARISH EVENTS ~at a glance

12th March Adult Ed Parish Hall (SK) 7.00pm

16th March Know your Faith 9.45-11.15am @ Mary Flynn's: Predictions of the passion and the Councils of the Church

**NEW WEBSITE: [skegnessrcparish.org](http://skegnessrcparish.org)** A website is something that was requested during the parish survey. The skeleton is now up and running although it needs editing and completing. But you can access the latest bulletin and any announcements during the week on the page "Welcome" This is a start but a lot more work is required so please be patient. People who would like to contribute pages or information please see Father D.

### Stations of the Cross during Lent:

Skegness: Sundays 10.15am and Fridays 5.15pm

Spilsby: Fridays 6.00pm (15th March @ St. James)

### Spilsby

1. Red pray book at the back of church for prayer requests and for suggestions for the prayer of the faithful.
2. 21st March Thursday Adoration 11.00-12.00 (Noon)
3. 11th April Mini Pilgrimage Langton via Wragby and Goetho

### **We remember our deceased whose anniversaries occur at this time:**

D.Gorton; R.Christoff; S.Szulc; I.Smalley; J.Hill; Canon O'Keefe; A.O'Neale; W.Egan; G;Ashworth; O.Santini; A.Baskeiter; Cambridge and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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