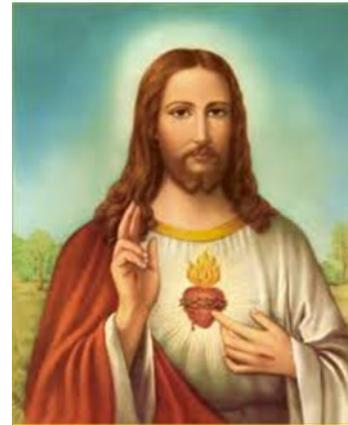


After Christ had completed his mission on earth, it still remained necessary for us to become sharers in the divine nature of the Word. We had to give up our own life and be so transformed that we would begin to live an entirely new kind of life that would be pleasing to God. This was something we could do only by sharing in the Holy Spirit. It was most fitting that the sending of the Spirit and his descent upon us should take place after the departure of Christ our Saviour.

As long as Christ was with them in the flesh, it must have seemed to believers that they possessed every blessing in him; but when the time came for him to ascend to his heavenly Father, it was necessary for him to be united through his Spirit to those who worshipped him, and to dwell in our hearts through faith. Only by his own presence within us in this way could he give us confidence to cry out, Abba, Father, make it easy for us to grow in holiness and, through our possession of the all-powerful Spirit, fortify us invincibly against the wiles of the devil and the assaults of men.

It can easily be shown from examples both in the Old Testament and the New that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell; he so transforms them that they begin to live a completely new kind of life. Saul was told by the prophet Samuel: The Spirit of the Lord will take possession of you, and you shall be changed into another man. Saint Paul writes: As we behold the glory of the Lord with unveiled faces, that glory, which comes from the Lord who is the Spirit, transforms us all into his own likeness, from one degree of glory to another. Does this not show that the Spirit changes those in whom he comes to dwell and alters the whole pattern of their lives?

With the Spirit within them it is quite natural for people who had been absorbed by the things of this world to become entirely other-worldly in outlook, and for cowards to become men of great courage. There can be no doubt that this is what happened to the disciples. The strength they received from the Spirit enabled them to hold firmly to the love of Christ, facing the violence of their persecutors unafraid. Very true, then, was our Saviour's saying that it was to their advantage for him to return to heaven: his return was the time appointed for the descent of the Holy Spirit. (From a commentary on the gospel of John by Saint Cyril of Alexandria, bishop)



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	8	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Shane Richards RIP
Sunday	9	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	<b>Pentecost Year C Page 398 (10th Sunday)</b>	Pro populo NDL
Monday	10	9.00am	SK	Mary, Mother of Ch.	NDL
Tuesday	11	Cathedral	SK	St.Barnabas 175th Anv	
Wednesday	12	6.00pm	SP	Feria	NDL
Thursday	13	9.00am 10.00am	SK SK	Pentecost Latin Mass Adoration	NDL
Friday	14	6.00pm	SK	Feria	Sick and carers
Saturday	15	6.00pm	SK	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Parishioners (E.Plaice)
Sunday	16	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	<b>Trinity Sunday Year C page 431</b>	Pro populo P.Fitzgerald RIP

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Skegness 5.30pm

Spilsby After Sunday Mass

Adoration: Spilsby Wednesday 5.00pm

Skegness Thursday 10.00am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Rose Masterson RIP:** Rose who used to be a faithful parishioner here died peacefully on the 2nd June.

**Second Collection 16th June Day for Life**

**Rosary:** 30 mins before mass weekdays.

**GDPR FORMS: Parishioners if you haven't completed a form yet please pick one up 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:** Urgent need for: Tinned fruit/vegetables; tinned potatoes; instant mashed potatoe; biscuits; tea bags; tinned meatballs etc; pasta/pasta sauce; beans; soup please see poster.

**Pentecost:** Latin Mass at Lincoln 4.00pm

## PARISH EVENTS ~at a glance

- 9th June Pentecost Prayer at St. Matthew's Church, Skegness at 7.00pm Please support this ecumenical event.
- 11th June 175th Anniversary of St. Barnabas' Cathedral
- 18th June Adult Ed (No class 11th & 25th June)
- 23rd June Corpus Christi ~ First Holy Communions @ 11.00am Mass  
Corpus Christi procession @ Boston 2.00pm.
- 28th June Sacred Heart Patronal Feast. Mass 11.00am Followed by buffet lunch. £2.50. Sign up list at the back of church if attending lunch. See poster.
- 6th July 10.30-2.30pm St. Mary's Louth "Right and Wrong" see poster.

## FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

7th September (Saturday) Parish Fete

26th September (Thursday) Pilgrimage to Walsingham

## Spilsby

Monday 17th June Adoration 11.00-12.00 (noon)

Saturday 29th June Know your faith 9.45-11.15am Acts of the Apostles and looking at article on a priestless parish.

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

N.Forest; J.Laszlo; J.Walker; J.Tonglet; N.Keeler; W.Gledhill; T.Eggerton; W.Cambridge; A. de Moliere; G.Johnson; C.Godley; R.Pollard and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Collections:** Skegness £277.45 Spilsby £ 174.26 2nd Coll: £214.83

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