

## Discipleship

Discipleship results from a call, a call to be with Jesus. "And he created twelve that they might be with him." (Mark 3:14) This is the way, the truth and the life of discipleship: to be with Jesus. Everything else flows from this. The disciples are not mandated for mission until they have been with him. Cf Jn 1 "Where do you live? Come and see. And they spent the rest of the day with him." **Call -> Formation-> Mission**

The **first principle** of discipleship therefore is that we are formed by God. It is his grace that is going to turn us into saints and we are all called to be holy. We cannot achieve anything on our own. We are the clay that will be moulded by the master potter. Therefore, in prayer we make our morning offering which gives ourselves and our day to God's good will and we hold ourselves in our nothingness before him. Just be in Jesus' company, he will do the rest.

The **second principle** is that we have to dispose ourselves to be formed by him; this involves emptying ourselves of attachments to the things of this world. We cannot accomplish this ourselves, it will involve God's action within our souls, but we can make our own little efforts to show good will. The gospel clearly tells us today "none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions." Jesus is here talking about attachments. No one who loves anything outside of God can achieve transformation and union with him. St. John of the Cross gives us some good practices (Ascent of Mt Carmel Bk1 Chp 13) :

- ◆ Have a habitual desire to imitate Christ in everything we do by bringing our life into conformity with him. Study his life in the gospels.
- ◆ Give up any pleasure of the senses that is not for the glory of God.
- ◆ St. Therese points out that this can be achieved in small ways but which come from a pure love of God.

Jesus warns us (Mt 11) that we are going to have to choose a yoke: either it will be the sweet yoke of Jesus or it will be the yoke of attachments and addictions. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to show us our inordinate attachments and Mary for the grace to conquer them.

God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	7	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Pat Barton RIP
Sunday	8	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	<b>23rd Sunday Year C page 923</b>	Pro Populo M+J McGivern RIP
Monday	9	9.30am	SK	Feria	For drug addicts
Tuesday	10	12.30pm	SK	Feria	For the Church
Wednesday	11	6.00pm	Spil	Feria	For friends/benefactors
Thursday	12		SK	Feria	For Priests
Friday	13	10.00am 6.00pm	Spil SK	Funeral Service St John Chrysostom	Pauline Thorne RIP
Saturday	14	9.30am 6.00pm	Spil SK	<b>Exaltation of the Cross Vigil Mass</b>	For the era of peace Conversion of England
Sunday	15	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	<b>24th Sunday Year C page 927</b>	Pro Populo M.Stevens RIP

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

**CONFESSIONS:** Skegness 5.30pm Saturday

Spilsby After Sunday Mass

Adoration: Spilsby 5.00pm Wednesday

Skegness Thursday 10.00am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Second Collection: W/E 14th/15th Sept Home Mission Sunday  
19th/20th October World Mission Sunday**

**RIP:** Pauline Thorne our condolences go to her family. Funeral Service Spilsby Friday 10.00am. Pat Barton (James Darby's Sister)

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

Fr Elias thanks the parish for their welcome. He thoroughly enjoyed his time in Skegness and also thanks you for your generosity. Over £450 raised for him.

**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

### WALSINGHAM

Plan is to depart Sacred Heart 8.30am, stop at Spilsby. There will be a break on the way down and the way back.

### Natural Fertility Matters

Are you an engaged or married couple looking for a scientifically proven, ethical and effective natural family planning method? Or a married couple struggling with infertility or early miscarriage and looking for answers and a natural way forward? Or a woman suffering with PMS / polycystic ovaries / unusual cycles and would like to improve your gynaecological and reproductive health?

Amanda Adebisi (FertilityCare Practitioner Intern) teaches the Creighton Model System, which:

- is consistent with Catholic teaching, based on the respect for human life and human dignity.
- enables the woman to know when fertile on any given day
- brings hope to those longing to have a family
- empowers women to understand and monitor their cycles and know what is normal/abnormal.

Please contact Amanda on 07793

350882 / [amandaadebisi@gmail.com](mailto:amandaadebisi@gmail.com) for more information about the learning programme and to see how she can help you.

**LATIN MASS:** Lincoln 8th September 4.00pm

## PARISH EVENTS ~at a glance

### FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

17th September Adult Ed restarts 7.00pm Church Hall SK

26th September **Pilgrimage to Walsingham** see opp. (Thursday)

**Parish Fete:** The parish fete raised a total of £1279.83. This is an excellent amount to support the parish. Many thanks to all who helped organise it and man the stalls and who helped so generously with donations.

### Spilsby

9th September Adoration 11.00-12.00 Noon with prayers/readings from JH Newman

13th September: Funeral Service for Pauline Thorne RIP

14th/15th September Weekend events at Spilsby to celebrate canonisation of Bd John Henry Newman(1801-1890) Programme available soon but Ecumenical Service 3.00pm Sept 15th. Please spread the news far and wide. Everyone welcome to learn more about

**We remember our deceased whose anniversaries occur at this time:** and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Collections:** Skegness £185.27 Spilsby £164.28

If you pay tax, you can gift aid your donation to the Church.