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Our journey to heaven is just that: a journey. Many of the great masterpieces of Christian literature contain this theme: The Divine Comedy, Don Quixote, the Lord of the Rings, Pilgrim's Progress. Since it is a journey, we need to not only know the destination but also the route: "I am the way, the truth and the life." Jesus tells us clearly he is the way. The gospel today tells us that this requires thought and attention which is often too little shown by the children of light, as Our Lord laments.

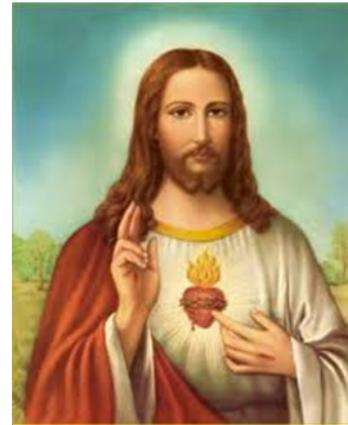
As I have mentioned before, we need the tools to be able to follow Our Lord, to be able to listen to his directions and advice:

- ◆ Scripture. God most clearly speaks to us through his holy word. Certain saints have had their lives profoundly changed upon hearing the word of God; e.g. St Francis, St. Anthony, St Therese. If at all possible we should read prayerfully a passage of scripture for 15 mins a day, listening to what God will speak to us through it.
- ◆ Holy Reading: Have a good spiritual book handy; could be the life of a saint, a devotional book, a catechism. St. Francis de Sales tells us that a good book stops many temptations.
- ◆ Use the sacraments—not just communion but confession as well. But we must use them well by preparing for them and giving thanks afterwards.
- ◆ Spend some time during the week asking God: where am I? What do I need to work at? What do I need to change in my life.

Our Lord praised the unjust steward not because of what he did but for the fact that he showed diligence and foresight. There are two ways we can live our Catholic life: either as if God is something outside of ourself who we only come across at short times of prayer or at weekly mass. OR as someone who is constantly involved in our life, knocking, imploring, living with us.

At our final judgement, we are going to have to give an account of every single moment of our life; what we did with our gifts and talents; how we used our time etc. So let us be wise. The principle is very simple: we try and do our little bit showing good will and God does the rest a little at a time.

God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	21	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	For the era of peace
Sunday	22	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 5.00pm	Spil SK Pol SK	<b>25th Sunday Year C page 933</b>  <b>Latin Mass</b>	Pro populo John Owens RIP  For the era of peace
Monday	23	9.30am	SK	Padre Pio	Era of Peace
Tuesday	24	12.30pm	SK	Our Lady of Walsing.	Era of Peace
Wednesday	25	6.00pm	Spil	Feria	
Thursday	26	<b>No Mass</b>	SK	Trip To Walsingham	Simon Enderby RIP
Friday	27	6.00pm	SK	St Vincent de Paul	
Saturday	28	6.00pm	SK	<b>Vigil Mass</b>	Fr. Clement
Sunday	29	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 5.00pm	Spil SK Pol SK	<b>26th Sunday Year C page 936</b>  <b>Latin</b>	Pro populo Private intn (WW)

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

<b>CONFESSIONS:</b>	Skegness	5.30pm	Saturday
	Spilsby	After Sunday Mass	
Adoration:	Spilsby	5.00pm	Wednesday
	Skegness	Thursday	10.00am

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Second Collection: W/E 19th/20th October World Mission Sunday**

### **FIRST MASS COUNT THIS WEEKEND**

**Prayers Requested:** Barbara Cabourn (in hospital), Fr Colin Taylor (in hospital) and Deacon Jim Baxter.

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

**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**

Departure for Walsingham: Sacred Heart 8.30am and Spilsby 9.00am Prompt. Please be on time as we shall be leaving promptly. Anyone who has prayer intentions they would like me to take please let me have them. Fr.

Sat 12th Oct Trinity School Lincoln: day on parish admin, health and safety. Anyone like to go details from Fr.

### **Christmas Cards**

We will be submitting a Christmas Order to our Repository Suppliers on 7th October. Please come into the Church Hall after Sunday Mass and look through the Christmas Brochure to select your cards and diaries. As this will be a Parish Order there will be no extra charge for Carriage.

**A "Morning with Mary"** and the diocesan relics of Saints Jacinta and Francisco will take place on Saturday 5th October 2019, from 9:15 am to 1:00 pm, at St Paul's Catholic church, Lenton Boulevard, Nottingham, NG7 2BY.

## PARISH EVENTS ~at a glance

### **FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES**

24th September No adult ed as Fr has meeting to attend in Lincoln

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**

Many thanks to all who helped with the Bd J.H. Newman weekend, especially Patrick for his work.

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

W.Fahy; T.Cordingly; J.Cane; B.Chainey; M.Donoghue; A. Mimmack; P.Kelly; W.Wood; K.Kirk; J.Buckley and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Collections:** Skegness £184.07 Spilsby £153.50 Home Mission £211.45

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