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Gratitude - Leads to an increase of Divine Love in us – Thoughts for meditation

“In everything give thanks for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thess 5:18)

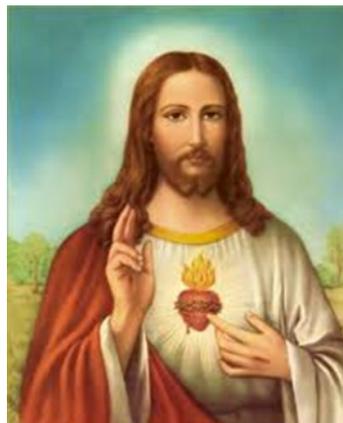
- 1) We are made to know, to love and to serve God as the Catechism teaches us. This can be summarised by saying we are made to give praise to God. In heaven all creatures render eternal praise: “Holy, Holy, Holy!” This is our mission.
- 2) We praise God by giving thanks as we see from the Gospel. (Lk17:16+18) Although, we can give nothing to God that he does not already possess, He does yearn for what we alone can give him; namely, our love and in this we become truly like unto God so that although the difference between our love and God’s is infinite, we are returning the same thing and that produces an “equality.”
- 3) To increase our love for God, we can meditate on all the graces and gifts that God has given to us; e.g. forgiveness of our sins. In the Gospel, leprosy represents the disfigurement that sin turns us into. Spend some time just listing all the graces that God has given to you. The greatest of course is his gift of himself in communion. As St Augustine points out that all we have is from God, sin alone belongs to us.
- 4) Gratitude to God in return leads God to shower us with more and greater graces; which in return leads to an increase of love, for love is but mutual sharing as the Trinity has been doing from all eternity.
- 5) St. Ignatius puts this all into a beautiful prayer: “ *Take Lord, and receive all my liberty, my memory, my understanding, and my entire will, all that I have and possess. Thou hast given all to me. To Thee, O lord, I return it. All is Thine, dispose of it wholly according to Thy will. Give me Thy love and thy grace, for this is sufficient for me.*”

This prayer alone will provide a fruitful meditation. Everything we have, we have received from God, therefore, we return everything to him. Fr. John Hardon points out that we are able to:

- Know with our minds what we possess
- Recognise that all our possessions are gifts from God
- Decide on how we are going to use these Divine Gifts
- Choose to use them according to his will.

Let us set sometime aside to meditate on these simple points. After all, it seems but common sense to start getting in some practice for what we will after all be doing for all eternity.

A.M.D.G. (Everything for the greater glory of God)



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	12	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Arthur+Son Ready RIP
Sunday	13	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	28th Sunday Year C page 944 <i>“Canonisation of Bd John Henry Newman”</i>	Janos Lazlo RIP Pro populo
Monday	14	9.00am	SK	Feria	M+M McGuinness RIP
Tuesday	15	12.30pm	SK	St Teresa of Avila	Sophia Corrigan RIP
Wednesday	16	11.00am 6.00pm	SK SP	Requiem St Mg Mary Alacoq,	Pat RIP Sp Intention (M.Flynn)
Thursday	17	No Mass	SK	St Ignatius of Ant.	
Friday	18	6.00pm	SK	St Luke Feast	A + M McGuinness RIP
Saturday	19	6.00pm	SK	Vigil Mass	T+C Freaney RIP
Sunday	20	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 5.00pm	Spil SK Pol SK	29th Sunday Year C page 948 Latin Mass	Pro populo

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 19th/20th October World Mission Sunday

Prayers Requested: Fr Colin Taylor , Fr Peter Harvey (both ill in hospital)
Deacon Jim Baxter RIP.

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. Tinned food best with pull lid and already cooked.

Shoe Boxes: Christmas Gift Shoe Boxes are now available at the back of Church. Please take one home and return by 17th November. If you are unable to fill a box, a donation can be given to Jean or Sandy.

Geoff Lambourne: Wishes to let the parish know that he has been in Pilgrim Hospital for a while and although he is well in himself feels frustrated at having lost sensitivity in both hands and feet which means he can't walk nor hold things tightly. He hopes to be back at Sunday mass as soon as possible.

November Dead List: It will soon be time for the November dead list. Please put the names of those you would like to be remembered in an envelope together with a donation that you would like to go towards the mass intentions.

13th October: **Latin Mass** Lincoln St. Hughes' 4.00pm

PARISH EVENTS ~at a glance

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

15th October Adult Education 7.00pm Parish Hall

Spilsby

14th Oct Adoration 11am-Noon

19th Oct Know your faith 9.45am-11.15am @ Mary Flynn's. Topic Aquila and Priscilla, Paul's co-workers.



Saint John Henry Newman (1801-90) canonised by Pope Francis 13.10.19 Pray for us!

We remember our deceased whose anniversaries occur at this time:

P.McGoran; B.Russell; L.Kopje; J.Egan; J.Larkin; M.Purcell; L.Miller and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

Collections: Skegness £185.50 Spilsby £132.30 Cafod £330.76

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