

FIAT (God's command: Let it be)

Our Lord's teaching during the Sermon on the Mount is to educate his followers that following him requires a total transformation of the inner man in every aspect of his human nature; we have to put on the new man created in holiness and justice. Thus, too Our Lord is going to bring the law to its completion by showing us the way of life to which it pointed. Now even what we think must be brought into subjection in obedience to Jesus (see 2 Cor 10: 4-6) Not a single thought, a single small action are neutral; they are either to God's glory or not.

I heard a good explanation of what a Christian is: someone who walks in the freedom of their true identity as a son or daughter of God. To preserve this freedom we must know we are in a battle, that our enemy seeks to devour us and that the battle is for our hearts and minds. When our thinking starts to be influenced, when we start to enter into a conversation with Satan, we have started on a slippery slope. Our Lord's teaching in today's gospel is the greatest psychological lesson we can learn: evil thoughts will eventually lead to evil actions; anger will unchecked lead to murder of our brother, either physically or within our hearts - but to the Lord they are the same.

Where do our thoughts come from? How can we control them? Our Lord tells us elsewhere in Matthew that they come from the heart. Therefore, we need a change of heart - a heart transplant. The prophet, Ezechiel, told us that the Messiah was coming to give us a new, fleshy heart. How to obtain this? Through the Power of the Gospel. The word of the Gospel itself has the power to transform our hearts if we open up to it and absorb it. Listening to Our Lord's teaching contains the power to bring our thoughts into subjection. Two passages to ponder:

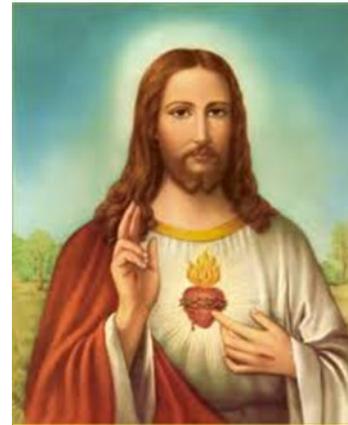
"We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." (2Cor 10:5)

"O my Jesus, after your most harrowing and sorrowful death, I do not believe that I should be free to live my own life; rather I ought to discover my life in your wounded heart.....I will no longer give life to my own thoughts and should my own thoughts demand life, I shall draw such life from your thoughts. No longer will I give life to my own will. And should my own will demand life, I shall draw such life from your most holy Will." (Hours of the Passion 3pm)

Consecration to Our Lady—March 25th the Annunciation

In order to prepare ourselves for the rededication of England to Our Lady as her dowry, it will be an especially good time to consecrate ourselves to her. There is a beautiful preparation for this "33 days to Morning Glory." 33 days to prepare starting on Feb 21st and finishing with our consecration on the feast of the Annunciation. The preparation is simple but beautiful and I have free copies which will guide you. It is based on St. Louis de Montfort's consecration but with added insights from other saints. Everything comes to us through Mary, hence the necessity of consecrating ourselves to her. (15 mins only a day needed so very manageable) Booklets now available.

AMDG (for the greater glory of God)



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	15	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	R.Riches
Sunday	16	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	Spil SK Pol	6th Sunday Year A Page 576	Pro populo J.Booth
Monday	17	9.00am	SK	Feria	GHO Peter Bell
Tuesday	18	12.00pm	SK	Feria	F. Smith RIP
Wednesday	19	10.00am	SP	Feria	NDL
Thursday	20	10.00am	SK	Adoration	
Friday	21	6.00pm	SK	Feria	Sp Intn Barbara
Saturday	22	6.00pm	SK	Chair of Peter Vigil Mass	J.Wilkinson RIP
Sunday	23	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 5.00pm	Spil SK Pol SK	7th Sunday Year A Page 581 Latin Quinquagesima	NDL Pro populo G.Pepper 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 Wednesdays (concludes with Benediction)
Skegness Thursdays 10.00am Friday 6.30pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Funeral Service: Mrs Frances Smith RIP Tuesday 1.00pm. Our condolences go to her family.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST: I have copies of the renewal days. Our Lady of Lincoln is 28th March.

Rosary: 30 mins before mass weekdays.

Hall refurbishment: Due to refurbishment of the hall, it will be closed today and next Sunday. Apologies for the inconvenience

Food bank: Tinned fruit/vegetables; tinned potatoes; instant mashed potato; biscuits; tea bags; tinned meatballs etc; pasta/pasta sauce.

National Scripture Tour: Sat 22nd Feb at Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Newark. Visit anytime between 10.00am and 4.30pm Lots of Scripture Tents with themes; e.g. Mary & the Word; Exploring the Word, Sharing the Word etc.

RETREAT DAY Saturday 29th February. Bring Bible, pen and paper and lunch for shared table. The day will be lead by Derek Williams who is authorised to teach on the grace known as “Living in the Divine Will.” This is the final and greatest grace that God wishes to give to us. I strongly recommend that you make attending this day a priority. This day, however, will not tackle the life and background of the Servant of God, Luisa Piccarreta.

40 days for Life: During Lent at Stapleford Care Centre, Nottingham (see poster)

Readers: Thank you for our patience. Readers will be commissioned on the Fourth Sunday of Lent “Laetare” 22 March at all the masses.

Lourdes Diocese of Nottingham Tour 12-17th July by air £785+insurance Anybody interested contact Jean Sweeney 07775788587

MARIAN CONSECRATION: Booklets now available at the back of Church.
Meeting after the 11.00am mass for those who have questions.

PARISH EVENTS ~at a glance

FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

26th February	Ash Wednesday
29th February	Retreat Day Living in the Divine Will 10.00-4.00pm See Opposite Parish Hall.
2nd March	Open Parish meeting Parish Hall 6.00pm
22nd March	Commissioning of readers
29th March	Rededication of England to Our Lady as the Dowry of Mary.

Spilsby

Tea and coffee after Sunday Mass

This Wednesday Mass @ 10.00am

Church Open: Monday 10.00-12.00 noon for private prayer.

Adoration: 2nd Monday of month.

We remember our deceased whose anniversaries occur at this time:

A.Barskeiter; J.Wintle; E.Noakes;P.Keane; G.Bochitto; S.Wagstaff;

B.Palmer; C.Murphy; L.Harrison; L.Baily; and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace. Amen.

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