

FIAT (God's command: Let it be)

“I have told you all this so that you may find peace in me. In the world you will find hardship but be courageous for I have conquered the world.” Jn 16:33

“Come to me all you who labour and overburdened and I shall give you rest.” Mt 11: 28

Dear Faithful,

We truly live in strange times but those strange times are also great outpourings of grace. Man who has ignored the sabbath rest, who has become so busy and forgotten the true living fountains of water has almost overnight been forced to stop. Anyone with the least spiritual insight can see the mighty hand of God at work. We must come to rest. We must return to our maker. The absence of mass will be a source of great sadness to you and also to me since the faithful are an integral part of the Liturgy. But God's grace is always in abundance. I compare it to the time between the First Mass on Maundy Thursday and the Eucharistic breaking of Bread with the disciples at Emmaus.

So we must use the additional time we have wisely. But most importantly to rest in God. To be simply available to him. So plan your day, develop a routine centred around the Lord. Do not see this as something negative but something great and good.

Corona means crown or halo and this time is for making saints. It literally is the halo created when the moon comes between the earth and the Sun. Our Lady at this time is interceding for us and an intercessor between us and God. Sun-Moon-Earth = God-Mary-Us. Now is Mary's time. Therefore, consecrate yourself to Mary. Pray the Rosary. Pray the Divine Mercy chaplet. Find God in his word in the bible. Make spiritual communions. Visit the church.

Carpe diem! Seize the day; seize the grace. Storm heaven.

DO NOT BE AFRAID. Jesus is with us. PEACE

Let us pray especially for those who are afraid, who are fearful, who are worried. Let us pray for those shouldering the burden at this time: doctors, nurses, those in the supply chain and supermarkets. Let us pray for the dead and dying but most importantly let us pray to Mary to intervene so that mankind comes back to its senses and recognises the author of all things who is owed our praise and worship. When the world comes back to its senses, there will be great peace.

God bless you and I shall be remembering you daily at mass.

“Peace I leave you, my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives it do I give it to you.” (Jn 14:27)



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	22			4th Sunday of Lent “Laetare”	Pro populo For the people
Monday	23			Lenten Feria	Funeral: Mr.Isbecque
Tuesday	24			Lenten Feria	Priest's intrn
Wednesday	25			The Annunciation Solemnity	Sp Intn Barbara
Thursday	26			Lenten Feria	Mary Spencer RIP
Friday	27			Lenten Feria	Peter Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday	28			Covering of images Lenten Feria	Catherine
Sunday	29			5th Sunday of Lent Rededication of England to BVM	Pro Populo

When the Church is open for prayer please remember to keep the silence and to keep social distancing; this is simple charity towards your neighbour. If you are not feeling well or carrying the symptoms of a flu or a cold please stay at home. Particularly those elderly or with health problems should take great care. But do otherwise come and pray and light a candle.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

29th March: Rededication of England to Our Lady as Dowry of Mary. Join in spiritually with this by rededicating yourselves to Mary

CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR UPDATES, NEWS ETC.

Collections: Even though public mass is not being said our expenses do not stop. You can drop your money or envelope through my door. Better still set up a direct debit

Peter Fitzgerald RIP: Peter died peacefully last Thursday fortified by the rites of the Church. Our Condolences go to his family.

Prayers: Elizabeth Plaice; Sharon Sands; those suffering; those worried; those with fear; those working; those without hope etc.

Church in Skegness will be open most days for prayer. 10.00am-6.00pm

Confessions in Skegness: Saturday s 5.00-6.00pm

Resources:

- ◆ Pope Francis is on youtube saying mass each day 7am
- ◆ Churchservices.tv has many churches including Nottingham Cathedral and Walsingham on live stream.

Unable to attend mass online: Pray the readings at home; (**please feel free to borrow a missal from the Church**); pray the rosary; Read the bible; **Most importantly make a spiritual communion.**

Mass will be celebrated each day and mass intentions taken as normal

Spilsby

Church Open: Monday 10.00am—Noon
Wednesday 5.30pm—6.30pm
Sundays 8.30am—11.00am

Confessions: I shall hear confessions Saturday 4th April 11.00-noon

Collections: Skegness £ 137.24 Spilsby £196.50

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

Notice from Cardinal Vincent Nichols:

In response to the Coronavirus pandemic, so many aspects of our lives must change. This includes the ways in which we publicly express our faith. It is very clear that, following official advice and in order to keep each other safe, save lives and support the NHS, at this time we must not gather for public acts of worship in our churches. This will begin from Friday evening, 20th March 2020, until further notice. Because of the situation the Church finds herself in, the obligation for the faithful to attend Holy Mass on a Sunday or Holy day of Obligation is removed, until further notice.

Some information from our Bishop:

I have also created a YouTube channel, so that during this time Mass and other devotions will be live-streamed from the chapel at Bishop's House. This can be found by searching for 'Bishop Patrick McKinney' on YouTube and it will also be linked to my Facebook and Twitter accounts. I will be streaming Sunday Mass at 10am this coming Sunday, 22nd March and each Sunday during this period. Other devotions will be advertised on my social media channels.

What can we do as a parish?

1. Let us continue to pray especially the rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the prayer to St. Michael. We can visit the Church and we can light a candle. We can join in with masses on the internet or that is not available to us, we can still join ourselves to the mass.
2. Let us be aware of our neighbour. They may need shopping, a practical job done or simply to hear a friendly voice. Look out for one another.
3. It is clear that the elderly and those with underlying health problems are at risk. We should all follow the general advice given but those people in particular: Avoid non-essential travel; avoid large gatherings; avoid anyone who is displaying symptoms; wash our hands regularly; keep our social distance (approx. 6 feet)
4. Build up a rhythm to our lives; rejoice in the rest we are being given; use the opportunity to pray more.

MAKING A SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

During these times when we are unable to go to mass or receive communion it is very important that we still join ourselves to the sacrifice of the mass and make a spiritual communion; that means we have a burning desire to receive Jesus in Holy Communion but whilst being unable to do this in the sacrament, we receive him in our hearts as if he was coming to us in Holy Communion. This is an extremely valuable and holy practice and gains us many graces.