

## Fiat!

Dear Faithful

This weekend Holy Mass will have been celebrated in both churches which is excellent and I know for you the end of a long wait to be present at Jesus' sacrifice and to receive communion.

We have consciously decided to start slowly and find our way gradually through the maze of guidelines. If a parishioner is unable to attend any of the services please contact me directly and I shall see what we can do.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Thomas Butler who passed away and whose funeral is on Monday at the crematorium. I believe he used to attend mass here until his illness. Our condolences go to his family.

Prayers too for Ralph Booth who has been ill. Of course we remember all our sick and housebound at this time.

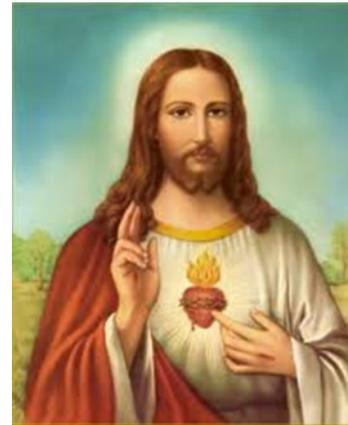
Let us pray especially at this time for Bishop Patrick, and our church leaders as well as our civil government. Much is happening at the moment and we are at an important juncture of history so let us pray for those who lead us. Pope Francis commented, "We are not living in an era of change but a change of era."

As I have said previously Our Lady is calling us to conversion, prayer and sacrifice. Today (Saturday) is the feast of one of our patrons of Europe, St. Benedict. I think we can learn a lot from his reaction to the crisis he was living through during the last days of the Roman Empire.: Simplicity of life; focus on prayer and work.

The rule of St. Benedict still has great wisdom for us; some of the details may have changed but the principles remain. His prologue to the rule is one of the greatest pieces of religious writing outside of the bible. Let us remember also to pray for our Pope Emeritus, Benedict. A very good edition is: The Rule of St. Benedict: a spirituality for the 21st century.

Although, vigilance continues, we can thank God for keeping our parish and geographical area quite safe during this time.

May God bless you all, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	12	<b>11.00am</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>15th Sunday</b>	Pro populo
Monday	13			Feria	Canon Matthews DCA
Tuesday	14	<b>12.00 noon</b>	<b>SP</b>	Feria	Souls of the Parish
Wednesday	15	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>SK</b>	Feria	Souls of the Parish
Thursday	16			Feria	Souls of the Parish
Friday	17	<b>6.30pm</b>		<b>Feria</b>	Peter Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday	18	<b>4.00pm</b>	<b>SP</b>	<b>Vigil</b>	Souls of the Parish
<b>Sunday</b>	19	<b>11.00 am</b>	<b>SK</b>	<b>16th Sunday</b>	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

## CONTACT DETAILS FOR BOOKING FOR MASS

### For services at Spilsby:

Tuesday 12.00 noon and Saturday 4.00pm please contact either:  
Mary Flynn 01790 754563 or Patrick Doyle 01507 481072

### For Services at Skegness:

**For Sunday or Wednesday** contact **Jacinta Lewis** by the day before each service.

You will need to provide contact details. You can contact Jacinta as follows:  
01754 820644 / 079694023486 / email: [jacintalewis21@aol.com](mailto:jacintalewis21@aol.com)

**For Friday** contact Fr Dominic on:

01754 762528 or email [sacredheartandspilsby@gmail.com](mailto:sacredheartandspilsby@gmail.com).

## NOTES ON LITURGY

Please make sure you read the attached letter concerning mass since at the present time attendance at mass has to be booked. Please be patient as we become familiar with the diocesan guidelines. There is still no Sunday obligation. Places I am afraid are limited so please book early. We shall have to under government guidelines keep your postal address for 21 days.

### Some other important points:

1. **Confessions:** At Spilsby I shall be available outside for confession at 3.30pm. For Skegness if possible make an appointment with Father or he will hear confessions outside the presbytery if asked
2. Please don't car pool and pay attention to social distancing when leaving your car.
3. Please follow the stewards' instructions, they have a difficult job to do but once we are in the habit it will be very smooth. It will be helpful if you bring your own sanitiser but the stewards will have some.
4. As the kneelers are not in use, we shall stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.
5. Candles: At Skegness please give Father an envelope with your intentions and a donation if you wish and he will ensure that the candles are lit for you. Or alternatively email him at the parish address opposite.
6. Because we are social distancing at 2 metres you do not have to wear a mask unless you wish to. If you have coronavirus symptoms please do not attend, if you feel unwell during mass please notify a steward.
7. Mass will be much shorter and **the TOILETS are closed** so please bear this in mind before you come.
8. We shall still need some more volunteers for cleaning duties.

A big thank you to Christopher Sweeney for professionally decontaminating the Skegness Church and for all our volunteers in both churches for their hard work in enabling us to start celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass once again.