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Dear Faithful

“and if you search for it (Wisdom) like silver, seek it like treasure, then will you understand the fear of the Lord and you will find the knowledge of God.” (Proverbs 2:4)

This beautiful biblical passage ties together the theme of our liturgy today. The gospel is like the pearl itself: small but of great value. After the longer discourses, the parables of the seed and the tares, Jesus gives short, pithy parables with a very clear message:

- * The Kingdom of heaven whilst hidden and small, paradoxically is of the greatest value.
- * It is of such great value that we must sell everything in order to obtain it; that is, renounce our whole former way of life.
- * It requires that we have wisdom to recognise the true value of things: we require both wisdom and energy to obtain the Kingdom.
- * Joy overflows because we recognise both the value of the gift and that God in the mystery of his will ordained that we should find it: it was hidden for us to find, rather to receive the Father’s blessing.
- * However, what also is at stake is either eternal life or eternal death.

Although these parables are short there is so much to meditate on and it seems to me to be particularly apt at this present time when there is a danger that the true values of everlasting life and of following Jesus are being replaced by the value of human life and safety. In turn we can see that a climate of fear is created; that proximity is dangerous; that our priority is keeping safe.

If we have discovered the true meaning of life, the true treasure of Jesus, we shall then never know fear; we shall never be afraid of death since dying means to be with Christ. (St Paul) In obtaining eternal life the sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist are of the greatest value. It is worth asking ourselves the question: If there was going to be one last mass but the cost of attending it was to catch the virus, would we attend? Our forebearers during the reformation faced the danger of death every time they attended mass.

Let us commend ourselves to Mary, to the daily rosary, to the scapular, entrusting everything into her hands.

May God bless us and keep our souls safe from sin, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	26	11.00am	SK	17th Sunday	Pro populo
Monday	27			Feria	Adam Leafe
Tuesday	28	12.00 noon	SP	Feria	DCA Duckett
Wednesday	29	10.00am	SK	St Martha	Bridget Taylor RIP
Thursday	30			Feria	DCA Hazell
Friday	31	6.30pm	SK	St Ignatius	Peter Fitzgerald RIP
Saturday	1	4.00pm	SP	St Alphonsus Vigil	NDL
Sunday	2	11.00 am	SK	18th Sunday	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

Prayers

For Ann McDonagh who died recently.
For Jane Poxon whose mother died recently.
For a special intention of Father's

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 email: jacintalewis21@aol.com

For Friday contact Fr Dominic on:
01754 762528 or email 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 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.