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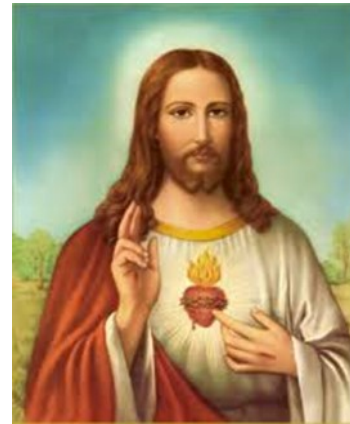
“These are the trials through which we triumph
by the power of him who loved us.”

The liturgy this Sunday is centred on the Eucharist which simply means it is centred on Christ. It so beautiful and moving. Jesus himself cries out to us through the scriptures telling us to listen to Him, come to Him, pay attention to Him. Don't waste time on things that distract, that don't satisfy and that cannot give eternal life. Yes we shall have trials, difficulties that sear our soul but we shall conquer them all through Him. We must not let any created thing or problem or person come between us and Him. We can be triumphant but only by the power of Him who loves us, who gave himself up for us on the cross, which is the greatest gift of all. The scriptures are reminding us that our very being, our very existence depends upon Him, “a radical dependency on God as creatures of body and spirit.”

It is the mass, the eucharist that not only makes Christ truly present to us, but presents the sacrifice of the cross to us in the present moment. Therefore, the mass contains all the mysteries of the life of Christ and provides through Him the power to conquer and become saints. The mass is the power of His sacrifice on the cross. Has this truth really penetrated the inmost depths of our soul? Is the mass more important to us than life itself? If we look at the price priests and faithful were prepared to pay to attend the mass, we shall have the pattern that we must live up to. They attended mass even though it could cost them their lives.

The mass, dear friends is under attack! Not yet openly, we do not yet have to pay with our lives; but far more dangerously, far more treacherously. Firstly, it was deemed non-essential; secondly, it has been replaced by the mantra that we must keep safe, stay safe not only for our sake but for the sake of society and lastly, the culture of the mass is being undermined. St Charles Borromeo was a prudent pastor; he realised the necessity of keeping the sick and the healthy apart but there was never any question that the mass would stop; there was never a question that it was better to risk death and attend mass and the sacraments than go without the sacraments.

What is life without Christ? What is the point of staying safe if it separates us from the love of Christ? We are still blessed in being able to attend mass but we still have to face these questions because we are only at the start of the journey. Christianity is under attack, the family is under attack, our Christian culture is under attack but through all these trials we shall triumph through him who loves us. God bless, stay safe but stay safe in Christ! Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	2	11.00am	SK	18th Sunday	Pro populo
Monday	3			Feria	T+J Balley
Tuesday	4	12.00 noon	SP	St J.M. Vianney (Cure d'Ars)	Sp Intn M.Flynn
Wednesday	5	10.00am	SK	Feria	DCA Duckett
Thursday	6			Transfiguration Feast	DCA Hazell
Friday	7	6.30pm	SK	Feria	Fr Peter Wade
Saturday	8	4.00pm	SP	St Dominic Vigil	Leah RIP
Sunday	9	11.00 am	SK	19th Sunday (St.Teresa Benedicta)	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

Prayers

For Ann McDonagh who died recently: Funeral Service 8th August

For Jane Poxon whose mother died recently.

For a special intention of Father's

We need especially to pray for priests at this time.

We need to pray for our Bishops and civic leaders and royal family too especially at this time.

CONFESSIONS

Confession is an essential sacrament and it can easily be celebrated without problem it is a little concerning how few people wish to avail themselves of the sacrament.

At Spilsby I shall now hear confessions from 3.30pm in the Lady Chapel or in good weather on the lawn outside. If you wish to use the confessional, that is your right but just let me know.

At Skegness Either book an appointment and if you wish to use the confessional that can be organised. Or from 10.15am on Sunday morning I shall be available in the presbytery. Come to the back door of the presbytery—entrance from car park.

It is a priest's duty to make confession available, so I am at your disposal.

Collection: Both Churches total banked £3532.05 of which envelopes and collections were £2096.05. Period End of March up to and including 26th July.

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. We shall have to under government guidelines keep your postal address for 21 days.

Some other important points:

1. Please don't car pool and pay attention to social distancing when leaving your car.
2. 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.
3. As the kneelers are not in use, we shall stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. Mass will be shorter and the toilets are closed but if you do need to use one just see the stewards.
7. We shall still need some more volunteers for cleaning duties.

For services at Spilsby:

Tuesday 12.00 noon and Saturday 4.00pm please contact either:
Mary Flynn 01790 754563 of 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.