

Fiat!

“Have courage. It is I. Do not be afraid.”

The role of saints and mystics in the age of the Church is to help the faithful to a greater understanding of the truths of revelation. The great doctors of the mystical life (St John of the Cross, St. Teresa of Avila etc) help us to understand the journey of the soul. Especially, they show us that the soul which wishes to attain the heights of perfection must be prepared to be purified from the roots of its human selfishness.

Such is the journey of Saint Peter in today’s gospel. He along with the other disciples has to endure a night of fear and trial wherein their human weakness is exposed. When they have exhausted all their apparent human strengths they have to cry out in fear when the physical and spiritual dangers have become one. St Peter then starts his journey to the Lord; it starts in confidence and desire but when he once again looks to himself he fails; but just as he is about to be swallowed up by the depths he cries out, “Lord save me!”

Principle 1: “To be able to abandon ourselves to God, we must first have felt abandoned by him.”

Principle 2: “ We often seek solutions outside of the problems whereas in reality they come from within them.”

Principle 3: “To conquer fear, our desire to be with the Master must be greater.”

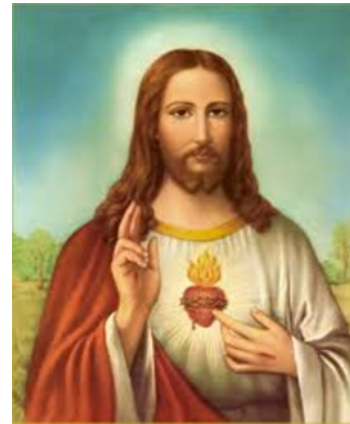
Principle 4: We shall never reach the Lord’s hands excepting by falling into them.

Principle 5: St. Peter’s weakness as pointed out by the Lord was that he was in two minds; his heart was divided between the Master and the world.

Principle 6: A soul who conquers these trials always will bring Jesus to others.

Principle 7: The end of the journey is to fall and worship the Lord.

It seems to me that the current situation is teaching all of us, whether religious or not that in the end we cannot depend upon ourselves, only God can provide the solution to the soul’s and humanities problems. So let us not fear the darkness or the waves that may appear to engulf us. Jesus revealed, “ My daughter, thinking about yourself blinds your mind... it forms a net around you composed of weaknesses, oppression, melancholies, and fears.....on the other hand not thinking about yourselves but thinking only of Me in everything, is light for the mind which forms a divine enchantment. This net is made of light, fortitude, joy and trust.”(Luisa Piccarreta 16.8.1912) God bless, Fr. Dominic



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	9	11.00am	SK	19th Sunday (St.Teresa Benedicta)	Pro populo
Monday	10			St Lawrence Feast	T+J Balley
Tuesday	11	12.00 noon	SP	St Clare	Carmel
Wednesday	12	10.00am	SK	Feia	Keith Otter
Thursday	13			Feria	Mgr Dooling RIP
Friday	14	6.30pm	SK	St Max.Kolbe	Loos Doubt
Saturday	15	4.00pm	SP	Vigil	Anthony
Sunday	16	11.00 am	SK	The Assumption Solemnity (20th Sunday)	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

Prayers

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.

The theme of the comments overleaf were inspired by Erasmo Leiva—Merikakis' commentary on the Gospel of St. Matthew vol 2 Fire of Mercy - Heart of the Word.

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: Skegness £318.21

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:

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