

Fiat!

Today we celebrate Mary's assumption into heaven; a day of great joy and gladness. We can only imagine the beatitude of Mary when she sees her son again and is enveloped in the life of the Trinity. But Mary does not go to heaven to leave us, simply to enjoy her life above. No ! She is intimately concerned with the salvation and well being of her children. This is why she has appeared so frequently to bring us both warnings and comfort, the most important of which is Fatima (1917) But it is important too to look at her apparitions in Amsterdam (Our Lady of the Nations 1945-59) ; Japan (Aquita 1973) all approved. A very little known approved apparition at Quito 1543 concerns the very times we live in. Her apparitions at Medjugorje although still awaiting official approval, Pope Francis has deemed it a pilgrimage site are, in my opinion, important.

If we were to combine the messages, what is Our Lady saying? Although, we are in a time of great peacelessness and trial where the Devil seems to have alarming power, nevertheless we are awaiting a promised Era of Peace. The tribulations that may come upon us will depend upon how souls respond to her message of penance and conversion. She is telling her children to be awake seeking out not only their own salvation but the salvation of souls. What tools does she ask us to use?

- ◆ Persevering prayer of the heart in which we discover the God of love and hope. She wants us to talk to her and her son naturally, laying our problems before them, trusting them and in return receiving peace. Most importantly she constantly tells us to pray the rosary daily. As Jesus taught us: Watch and pray!
- ◆ The importance of the Mass and Eucharistic Adoration. Being in his presence is like the lady who touched the hem of his garment, our cares are taken care of. Even in these times when so often the Church is closed, we could drive up and spend some time next to him. A wall is no barrier for Jesus.
- ◆ Confession: Our Lady at Medjugorje recommends monthly confession.
- ◆ Be people of peace, joy and hope, which come from our faith. We need to witness to our trust and confidence in the Lord
- ◆ Fast on Wednesdays and Fridays God bless and stay close to Mary, Fr. Dominic.

For those attracted to Medjugorje a very recent message:

"Dear children! In this peaceless time in which the devil is harvesting souls to draw them to himself, I am calling you to persevering prayer, so that in prayer you discover the God of love and hope. Little children, take the Cross in your hands. May it be your encouragement for love to always win, in a special way now when the Cross and faith are rejected. You be a reflection and an example with your lives that faith and hope are still alive and a new world of peace is possible. I am with you and intercede for you before my Son, Jesus. Thank you for having responded to my call." (Message Medjugorje 25 July 2020)



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	16	11.00am	SK	The Assumption (20th Sunday)	Pro populo
Monday	17			Feria	Friends of suffering souls
Tuesday	18	12.00 noon	SP	Feria	A loved one MF
Wednesday	19	10.00am	SK	St John Eudes	Jimmy Duffy RIP
Thursday	20			St Bernard	Wendy
Friday	21	No Mass		St Pius X	T+J Balley
Saturday	22	4.00pm	SP	Queenship of Mary Vigil	J.Fletcher thanksgiving
Sunday	23	11.00 am	SK	21st Sunday	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

Kath and Jim Duigan say goodbye to all dear friends as we leave for our new home in Ireland. We shall pray for you all at Our Lady's Shrine at Knock.

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 £128.08 Spilsby £684.70

Spilsby Church Garden

After a group of us studied the Pope's encyclical 'Laudato Si', we decided to work on our Church's lovely garden which was becoming rather neglected since Tony Byrne died. Vegetables were grown in raised beds at the back of the Church demonstrating a rotating crop system, and the produce was sold to help Church funds. Some fruit trees were planted plus a fig, an olive, a vine and herbs – we aimed at biblical plants though we couldn't manage a mustard seed! At the front, the borders were weeded, shrubs pruned back and new plants and bedding plants put in. Over twelve people helped, and others donated money to pay for plants. Composting beds were also made. The grotto at the front was cleaned, and roses planted round it - on a sunny day you might like to say a decade of the Rosary there.

Since then as most of us are not as young as we used to be, we have paid for a little help from a gardener, and have found that bedding plants require more watering than we can manage, especially in times of drought, so we are rethinking the planting at the front. At the back a lovely wild flower garden has been created this year by Stephen Duffy next to the new shed. The allotments and bungalow at the back belong to the Church so do come and look at everything if you visit Spilsby, relax on the benches, and enjoy God's wonderful creation.

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.