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Dear Faithful,

“**The Chosen**” is a new tv series about the life of Jesus which is planned to spread across a number of seasons. It is created outside of the Hollywood bubble. It has attracted already a big following. It can be viewed either on YouTube or via an app which allows you to download the episodes. It is free. There are also DVDs available. I strongly recommend watching it. We might not agree with every interpretation but they have produced a very strong engaging narrative by considering how individual characters viewed Jesus and building up their characters. I think it has also come at a propitious time when the world tends to forget that Jesus was an historical character.

But most importantly it encourages one to go back to sacred scripture and plunge once again into the narrative with new eyes, approaching it with freshness and the willingness to be astonished. In this Year of the Word anything that helps us go deeper into the Word of God is helpful. Outside of the sacraments it is in scripture that we meet God and the mystery of his revelation. But we also need to remember that we are involved in that story. Each book, each chapter, each line and each word not only has an important general meaning but also applies directly to our lives. It is in scripture that we find the will of God for us; how God is talking to us in our everyday lives and how he wants us to live them.

Many comments of viewers show that they found that “The Chosen” moved them and encouraged them to live their Christian lives more fruitfully. The great danger for us is that scripture becomes too familiar; we know the story too well. So from time to time it is good to have our preconceptions shaken up.

We often tend to concentrate on our own reactions, our own spiritual lives without often considering how events impacted Jesus himself. Being like us in all things but sin he too was effected by what was happening. For example, take today’s gospel passage about the unjust steward. We can read it and ponder it but do we often ask what Jesus felt when he was telling the parable? Jesus had to take upon himself not only the sins of the just and those who would be redeemed but also those who in the end would not. His most painful suffering was knowing that despite all that he would do, some would still reject him. Yet he still had to make up for the glory that lost souls owe to his Father.

Jesus’ passion was both historical in that it happened at a particular time and place but also eternal since it is also a divine act and in God everything is part of his one eternal act. That means that we can become involved in it; we can compassionate with Jesus at any moment of our lives in a real way. It is quite an extraordinary thought and of course is at the centre of what the mass is. That is why some saints and mystics are granted the stigmata to show this. Padre Pio said that everyone who follows Christ should bear in some way the imprint of his passion. It is the mark of the cross that separated us as his followers.

Let us then continue to read, ponder and pray the scriptures. But let us ask Mary to give us the most important grace that we live them out in our lives.

God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	13	11.00am	SK	24th Sunday	Pro populo
Monday	14			Exaltation of the Cross Feast	NDL
Tuesday	15	12.00 noon	SP	Our Lady of Sorrows	Mr+Mrs Gabera RIP
Wednesday	16	10.00am	SK	SS Cornelius and Cyprian	Mary Stevens RIP
Thursday	17			St Robert Bellarmine	NDL
Friday	18	6.30pm		Feria	NDL
Saturday	19	4.00pm	SP	BVM on Sat. Vigil	NDL
Sunday	20	11.00 am	SK	25th Sunday	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

“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)

RIP: Alan Birks RIP died last week our condolences go to Wendy and the family.
Anthony James RIP, Spilsby our condolences go to his wife and family.

PRAYERS USED AT MASS

The Angelus: Devotion to the Incarnation - Morning, Noon and Evening.

V. The Angel of the Lord declared unto Mary,
R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord.
R. Be it done unto me according to Your Word. Hail Mary, etc...

V. And the Word was made flesh,
R. And dwelt among us. Hail Mary, etc...

V. Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray:
Pour forth, we beseech You, O Lord,
Your Grace into our hearts;
that as we have known the incarnation of Christ,
your Son by the message of an angel,
so by His passion and cross
we may be brought to the glory of His Resurrection.
Through the same Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St Michael Prayer: Prayer of protection Very powerful

Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

“At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then... But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.” Daniel 12

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. As the kneelers are not in use, we shall stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.
2. 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.
3. Mass will be shorter and the toilets are closed but if you do need to use one just see the stewards.

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.

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.

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