

**Fiat!**

Dear Faithful,

Pope Francis' motto "Vidit ergo Iesus publicanum et quia **miserando atque eligendo** vidit, ait illi 'Sequere me'" is taken from the homily of St. Bede for the feast of St. Matthew. What does it mean for in many ways it summarizes the liturgy today?

Firstly, note Jesus saw the publican; i.e. he saw the sinner. When Jesus "sees" it is not simply a glance but a deep inward mystical calling to the heart (heart speaks to heart St.J.H.N.) Jesus saw Matthew as he was but also as the person God called him to be. Jesus came to call sinners but not to leave them as sinners. The Chosen episode 7 shows this in a powerful way.

Secondly, Jesus' call is through his mercy. The words used by Bede implies an ongoing process what we would call "mercy and calling." The call is also personal and unique. Thirdly, implied beneath all of this is Divine Love which is after all Divine Mercy. Although, we are not called to be an apostle and evangelist, we are called to a vocation in the same way as Matthew was.

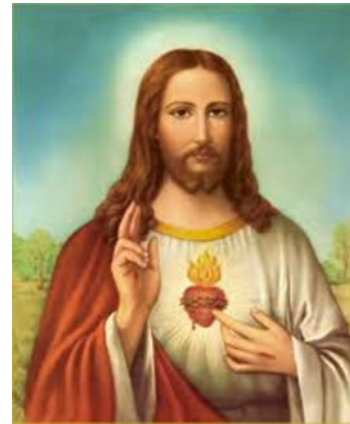
The Liturgy today call us to repentance because that is the natural and necessary consequence of Jesus' call. Note how immediately after Matthew gives a dinner for tax collectors and sinners. (Cp the Gospel today) Why? Surely, because he wants to pass on what Jesus had done for him; that he had changed his life, indeed his very being definitively. A great missionary zeal can only flow from one who really understands what it means to be baptised and to have had one sins wiped away. The second reading, the great hymn from Philippians tells of what this cost the Lord.

This is important today because as Jesus told St. Faustina now is the time when the door of mercy is open and if souls do not pass through the door of mercy, they shall have to pass through the door of justice. There is strong evidence that the time is fast approaching when a great miracle will be worked and people will see the state of their soul and what they need to do to follow Jesus. They will be given both knowledge and freedom to choose. However, for souls not in a state of grace it will be a frightening experience and to a lesser degree for souls with unconfessed sin. So it is important that we truly repent and keep going regularly to confession. We can ask God to show us what we need to do to prepare. One of the best methods (as recommended by St. Francis de Sales) is to make a general confession.

Why is this happening in our time? The gospels tell us: Love has grown cold and there is widespread apostasy. The true doctrines of the faith are being denied and love (and the only love there is has to flow from Divine Love) has been replaced by human desire and sentimentality. Illicit and unnatural loves are even being welcomed in some quarters of the Church. We can help save souls by making reparation, by prayer, by sacrifice and by fasting—these are the requests of Our Lady herself.

However, above all let us always - as the rule of St. Benedict tells us and as Jesus told St. Faustina - trust in God's mercy.

God bless, Fr. Dominic



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	27	11.00am	SK	26th Sunday	Pro populo DCA
Monday	28			St Wenceslaus	DCA (Dec.Clergy)
Tuesday	29	12.00 noon	SP	St Michael, Raphael, Gabriel Feast	DCA
Wednesday	30	10.00am	SK	St Jerome	DCA
Thursday	1			St Therese	DCA
Friday	2	6.30pm	SK	Guardian Angels	NDL
Saturday	3	4.00pm	SP	1st Saturday Vigil	NDL
Sunday	4	11.00 am	SK	27th 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)*

## SECOND COLLECTIONS:

4th October Peter's Pence(transferred)  
11th Cafod Harvest Fast day 9th October  
18th October World Mission Sunday  
25th October Holy Places (transferred)

## ROSARY RALLY: FOR FAITH, LIFE AND PEACE

Tuesday 13th October Encouraged to pray the rosary together

Saturday 31st October National Rosary Rally 9am-9pm The Diocese of Nottingham has the 10am-11.00am slot and you are encouraged to pray the rosary at this time.

Sunday 1st November Bishop Keenan of Paisley will lead a thanksgiving rosary at 8.00pm from St. Mirin's cathedral.

Caritas in the Diocese of Nottingham: request for parish volunteers in light of plans to launch a diocesan caritas organisation in 2021 At this stage the volunteer would be a simple point of contact.

## AIDS IN OUR SPIRITUAL BATTLE (1)

### Indulgences

One of the important ways in which we have the punishment owed by our sins taken away is by indulgences; a plenary indulgence wipes away all temporal punishment and a partial indulgence wipes away part of it. Therefore, they are very important in avoiding purgatory and gaining heaven. "To gain an indulgence is to experience the holiness of the church who bestows upon all the fruits of Christ's redemption." (Pope Francis) Indulgences can be gained quite simply; for example, the recitation of the rosary in church or in a family group. I'd imagine this is extended in our times by rosaries recited via electronic communication. There are so many and the lists are available on the internet: c.f. Enchiridion of Indulgences.

The conditions are Holy Communion, sacramental confession and prayers for the intentions of the Holy Father. Holy Communion and the prayers have to be close to the indulgence. Confession can be within two weeks of so either side. Some morning offerings include the desire to gain indulgences. But judging by the number of confessions, very few people are going to be eligible for the indulgences. Hence, the importance of confession.

For a plenary indulgence it is necessary that the soul be detached from all sin. That does not mean they do not sin but that there is no inordinate attachment to it. Otherwise the indulgence is partial. Hence the importance of the Divine Mercy indulgence which is so simple and does not require this condition. **INDULGENCES - USE THEM!**

Holy Water: Holy Water is an important sacramental and greatly helps in protecting us, our homes; it helps in the battle against temptation. Please ask if you would like Holy Water to take home. At Skegness it is available as we enter the church is a dispenser.

## 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 of Patrick Doyle 01507 481072

### For Services at Skegness:

**For Sunday or Wednesday** For the following Sundays 4th and 11th October please contact John Aldridge Johnm.aldridge@btinternet.com 01754 762161

**For Friday** contact Fr Dominic on:  
01754 762528 or email [sacredheartandspilsby@gmail.com](mailto: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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