

Fiat!

Dear Faithful,

The gospel this month centres around the teaching Jesus gave during the last few days of his life. He has entered Jerusalem and now spends all his available time in the temple teaching and disputing with the Pharisees. He continues to teach using parables all of which have common themes.

Firstly, Jesus seeks fruit. He has cursed the fig tree because it was not bearing fruit for the Son of Man to eat. This is an image for the fruit that we must bear when Jesus comes. In the parable today the tenants have not produced the required return.

Secondly, God does everything possible to call sinners to repentance. His conversations with the pharisees should not be seen as a battle. Jesus is not interested in winning; but he is interested in the souls of the pharisees so he hopes that his parables and answers will turn their hearts of stone to repentance.

Thirdly, the incredible patience of God. He tries everything time and time again to win back souls. He is even prepared to send his only son to win the wicked tenants over. He only seeks the slightest response that he can work with.

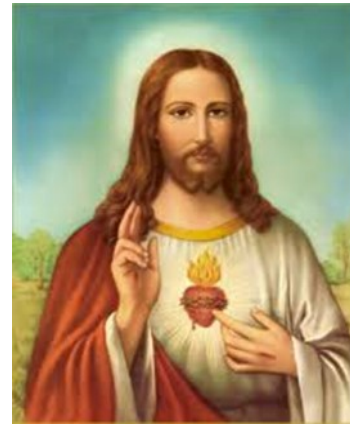
Fourthly, the mercy of God. We often misunderstand mercy by thinking of it as something static, something we simply absorb. Rather the mercy of God is a burning fire that purges away the dross. In particular he seeks to purify a soul from its double standards; its natural tendency to banish God from the centre of its life. We are not likely to kill the son; but the next thing is to side line him in our lives.

Now Jesus' parables have an historical truth and message relevant to the time. However, they also transcend time and address us directly since we all need to practice constant repentance. We therefore have to ask ourselves: Are our lives bearing the required fruit? Is Jesus the centre of our lives from which all else flows? Do we beg God to purify us with the fire of his mercy?

This parable is also particularly relevant to our times. The world is not producing the fruit required from God's labours. Jesus is being killed daily and his commandments broken; the innocent are killed and the natural law perverted. He is rejected. A consequence of which is the loss of souls. Therefore, the greatest mercy God can show the world is to show everyone what really matters—the salvation of their soul. Therefore, whatever chastisements he chooses to send us come from love, come from his "obsession" with the souls of his children. Sometimes, as Jesus is telling us God has to intervene in a dramatic fashion.

Let us pray to God that whatever purification we need to undergo in this world both for our soul and the souls we are responsible for takes place which in return will enable us to produce the fruit that Jesus is looking for in our lives.

God bless, Fr. Dominic



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	4	11.00am	SK	27th Sunday	Pro populo
Monday	5			Feria	Peter Penna RIP
Tuesday	6	12.00 noon	SP	St Bruno	Mary Flynn
Wednesday	7	10.00am	SK	Our Lady of the Rosary	J.Naylor RIP
Thursday	8			Feria	T+A+B Moore RIP
Friday	9	6.30pm	SK	St J.H.Newman Feast	G.Bloor RIP
Saturday	10	4.00pm	SP	St Paulinus etc Vigil	Dean Ready RIP
Sunday	11	11.00 am	SK	28th 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 or 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.

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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