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Dear Faithful,

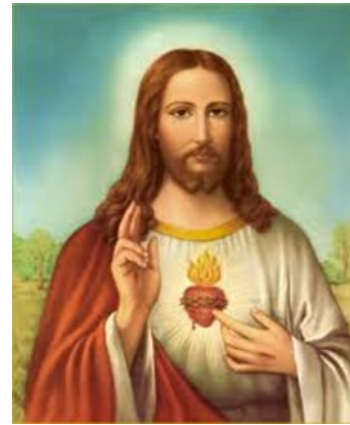
This Sunday Jesus tells us the great parable of the Wedding Feast. There is so much that one can draw from this parable. However, I would like to concentrate on one simple question that this parable raises in my mind. Why did the guests refuse the invitation? What made the guests prefer their own interests to the point that they would slaughter the servants of the King? Why would they prefer their own unhappiness and misery rather than the unalloyed joy of the wedding feast? This can also be put as follows: why do we prefer our sin and attachments which we know cause us misery rather than the happiness of following the Lord? The answers to this also explains the whole of God's salvation history and why he had to die on a cross. For us it may not be an outright rejection but as was said last week simply keeping areas of our life apart from Him.

Firstly, we do not like relinquishing control. To surrender our will to someone else (even though that be our creator) seems the ultimate indignity as Satan said "Non serviam - I shall not serve." When Satan said this, he meant it even though he knew exactly what would be the consequences. Moreover, if you asked him now, he would still refuse. So we keep our will and it is our human will that leads to all evils, maladies, anxieties, worries, unhappiness. So to stop us facing this very obvious choice and invitation, we invent and busy ourselves with all sorts of things to avoid having to face this obvious question: Will you give up everything and come follow me? Episode 7 of the Chosen gives two different and powerful responses to his. It is a masterpiece of Christian drama.

Second, what distracts us from God's call and our ability to freely chose Him are our "idols." What is an idol? Anything that takes the place of God or distracts us from obeying and following him. I suggest a very good exercise: firstly, make a list of our idols—I suggest keeping it to the two or three most important. Secondly, consider the steps we need to take to remove these from our lives. After all no one can enter to heaven that has any idols remaining. These idols might not be things; they may be ideas, they may be simple things, they could even be strengths.

In our lives some of us may find that we have idols/attachments that we seem powerless to get rid of. We pray, we try, we use the sacraments; but they have some sort of grip or vice upon us. We are enslaved or bound to them. A growing ministry in our diocese is that of "Unbound Ministry." It is ministering to someone to free them from their slavery. It is something we need to develop in our parish. Also, if it is something you feel that could help you just let me know.

Thirdly, on one level what can help is developing a taste for true beauty and simplicity. Good books, good films, good music can help us develop a taste for the spiritual things especially, music. But above all we need to pray for a taste and appreciation for the spiritual goods. In Chp 3 of Colossians St. Paul not only urges us to seek the things above but to develop a taste for them. (3:1-2) Let us ask Mary for the grace to give our errant will to her in return for her giving us her peace. God bless, Fr. Dominic



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	11	11.00am	SK	28th Sunday	Pro populo
Monday	12			Feria	Patricia West RIP
Tuesday	13	12.00 noon	SP	St Edward the Confessor	Jenkinson Family
Wednesday	14	10.00am	SK	Feria	P.McGoran RIP
Thursday	15			St Teresa Avila	NDL
Friday	16	6.30pm	SK	St Mg M. Alacoque	Sp Intn (Cath)
Saturday	17	4.00pm	SP	St Ignatius Antioch Vigil	Pro Populo
Sunday	18	11.00 am	SK	29th Sunday	Sophia Corrigan RIP

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)

NOTES ON LITURGY

Prayers

Alan Spencer (Spilsby) has had a serious fall

SECOND COLLECTIONS:

11th Cafod Harvest Fast day 9th October For online donations to Cafod:

<https://cafod.org.uk/Give/Donate-to-Emergencies/Coronavirus-appeal>

18th October World Mission Sunday

25th October Holy Places (transferred)

Churches together in Lincolnshire: The impact of Covid + implications for faith. 19th Nov 2.00-3.30pm For log in details contact Alison: PA@lincolnshiremethodist.co.uk

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 (2) (Previously Indulgences+Holy Water)

Rosary: This is our main weapon in our spiritual battle outside of the sacraments. Our Lady has asked us to pray it daily. She has assured us that it will defeat evil. May and October are special months but we should pray 5 decades daily and if possible more. Padre Pio when not engaged almost continuously prayed the rosary. The rosary is contemplating the face of Jesus with Mary. It is to enter into the mysteries that we are contemplating. If at any time during the rosary God calls us to pause and contemplate we should do so. The goal of the rosary is for us to enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. Sometimes we find ourselves concentrating on the words, sometimes on the mysteries and sometimes just gazing.

The promises attached to a true devotion to the rosary are enormous; e.g.

1. It is a powerful protection against hell; it will destroy vice and conquer sin.
2. It will withdraw the heart from the love of worldly things
3. The souls that is devoted to Mary by the saying of the rosary shall not perish.
4. A soul devoted to the rosary shall not die without the sacraments.
5. Devotion to the rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Very simple: Pray the rosary with devotion, regularly and the souls shall not be lost.

(To come: Fasting; Divine Mercy Chaplet; The Passion of Christ)

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.

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 or I am available now in the confessional from 10.30am on a Sunday.

Collections 4.10 SK £440.80 Peter's Pence £71.86 Clergy Fund £60

SPUC IMPORTANT NOTICES

Help stop DIY abortions

During the Coronavirus pandemic unborn babies and their mothers have been at even greater risk of abortion. The Government's "pills through the post", brought in as Covid measure, means that over 23,000 women in England and Wales aborted their baby at home during lockdown. Please help us to spread the truth about DIY abortion and save women and babies from the tragedy of abortion.

Will you deliver pro-life information leaflets about DIY abortions door-to-door in your area? Every leaflet could make the difference to a vulnerable woman and save a baby's life. Please go to our [website](#) to learn more and order some leaflets. Or you can order leaflets by calling SPUC on 020 7091 7091.

Sign the petition to save the right to save lives

Pro-abortion MPs in Parliament want to stop pregnant women getting help outside abortion clinics by calling for buffer zones. SPUC is campaigning to save the right for peaceful pro-life vigils to take place. Hundreds of children are alive today in this country because their mother met a loving pro-life person just before they walked into the abortion clinic. We must protect this vital work.

Please sign our petition to save the right to save lives. It only takes a minute of your time, but it could mean a lifetime for an unborn baby. You can sign the petition here: <https://spuc.org.uk/SaveTheRightToSaveLives>