

## Pope Francis proclaims “Year of St Joseph”

With the Apostolic Letter “Patris corde” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

A daily prayer to St Joseph... and a challenge

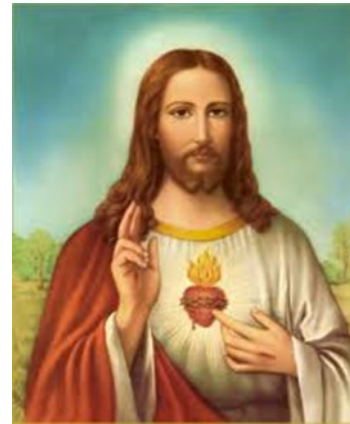
In his letter, Pope Francis notes how, “Every day, for over forty years, following Lauds [Morning Prayer]” he has “recited a prayer to Saint Joseph taken from a nineteenth-century French prayer book of the Congregation of the Sisters of Jesus and Mary.” This prayer, he says, expresses devotion and trust, and even poses a certain challenge to Saint Joseph,” on account of its closing words: “My beloved father, all my trust is in you. Let it not be said that I invoked you in vain, and since you can do everything with Jesus and Mary, show me that your goodness is as great as your power.”

At the conclusion of his Letter, he adds another prayer to St Joseph, which he encourages all of us to pray together:

Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.

Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy, and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.

**Diocesan Carol Service:** Carol services are a wonderful family tradition of our Advent and Christmas celebrations, and often are a great opportunity to invite those who are not regular Churchgoers to connect with our parish or chaplaincy community. This can be quite challenging to do this year so we are offering a virtual diocesan carol service. We will celebrate a short online carol service on Friday 18th December at 6pm on Bishop Patrick’s YouTube Channel (<https://www.youtube.com/BishopPatrickMckinney>) with readings, music, prayers and reflections. Please join us as a family and invite others to join us too. After the service grab a mince pie, something warm to drink, and join us on Zoom for our family Christmas Quiz (6:45pm-7:15pm). The link and access code will be given out during the service.



## Sacred Heart, Skegness

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Day	Date	Prayer Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	13	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	3rd Sunday of Advent “Gaudete”	Barbara Norton RIP M+T Hennessy RIP (pro populo)
Monday	14			St John of the cross	Roy Newitt RIP
Tuesday	15	10.00am	SK	Requiem Mass	George Jones RIP
Wednesday	16		SP	Requiem Mass	Barbara Norton RIP
Thursday	17	10.00am Adoration	SK	Advent Feria “O” Antiphons start	(Miss Sullivan RIP)
Friday	18	6.30pm	SK	Advent Feria	Leonard Collins RIP
Saturday	19			Advent Feria	L+M Jenkinson
Sunday	20	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	4th Sunday of Advent	Krajewski Family Pro populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness Pol = Polish Mass at Skegness

### READINGS AT MASS STARTING FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT:

**SUNDAYS YEAR B GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK**

**WEEKDAYS: CYCLE 1**

## Prayers

GHO Eddie Robinson requested by Bridget Robinson  
GHO Sophie Duffy 4yr old with cancer requested by Kathy Ready

George Jones RIP	Maura Hutchins RIP
Barbara Norton RIP	Roy Newitt RIP
Antony Granaham RIP	Chris Christie RIP

## SECOND COLLECTIONS

13th December Home Mission Sunday  
20th December Sea Sunday

CHRISTMAS REPOSITORY: For cards and Christmas repository please see Sandy.

**SUPPORT MARCH FOR LIFE:** A Catholic family, The Braddish Family, have released a song "Christmas is coming Our Saviour is born" on itunes and amazon. The money goes towards "March for Life."

## Liturgical Change in the Mass

From the First Sunday of Advent in the conclusion of the prayers the "One" will be omitted before God; so it will now be "In the Unity of the Holy Spirit, God for ever and ever. Amen." This is a more faithful translation of the Latin.

## CONFESSION and/or need to speak to Father

Please ring and book a time. Normally Father will be around in the church at the weekend times if you just simply want to catch him.

## Prayer outside of normal times

Sometimes people will have an urgent need to visit the Church, light a candle and say a prayer. If this is the case again please give me a ring and it can be easily arranged.

Even in lockdown, priests are available to help, absolve and fortify so please feel free to contact me.

Collection: Skegness Loose £73 Spilsby Missio £203.66

## NOTES ON LITURGY

### For services at Spilsby:

Please contact either: Mary Flynn 01790 754563 or Patrick Doyle 01507 481072

### For Services at Skegness:

**For Sunday and Wednesday** Please contact Jacinta as follows: 01754 820644 email: jacintalewis21@aol.com Friday is not booked.

Masses will be exactly as we had been celebrating them before this second lockdown.

## CHRISTMAS MASSES

### VIGIL 24th Dec Thursday

4.00pm Spilsby	Booking see Spilsby above
9.00pm Skegness "Midnight"	Booking Jacinta details above
11.00pm Skegness Polish	Booking through Polish community

### CHRISTMAS DAY

7.00am Skegness Latin	Booking contact Father
9.00am Skegness Polish	Booking through Polish community
9.00am Spilsby	Booking see Spilsby above
11.00am Skegness	Booking John Aldridge 01754 762161 Johnm.aldridge@btinternet.com

## PLEASE NOTE:

Due to shortage of space parishioners should **only attend one mass either on the 24th or the 25th.** (exceptions being choir, sacristan and stewards)

Sunday 27th Dec times and details as normal.

The Bishop wishes people to remember that Christmas has an octave (25th December to 1st January) so each day we celebrate the feast even if a Saint is titled for the day. Therefore, this year people may wish to fulfil their obligation on one of the days of the octave if attending mass proves difficult.

PLEASE BOOK EARLY