

Dear Faithful

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Next Sunday, the 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Pope Francis has declared to be “Sunday of the Word of God.” Let us spend this week preparing for it and examining ourselves.

The Sunday of the Word of God, instituted by Pope Francis and to be held every year on the third Sunday of Ordinary Time, reminds us, pastors and faithful alike, of the importance and value of Sacred Scripture for the Christian life, as well as the relationship between the word of God and the liturgy: “As Christians, we are one people, making our pilgrim way through history, sustained by the Lord, present in our midst, who speaks to us and nourishes us. A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event, for we urgently need to grow in our knowledge and love of the Scriptures and of the Risen Lord, who continues to speak his word and to break bread in the community of believers. For this reason, we need to develop a closer relationship with Sacred Scripture; otherwise, our hearts will remain cold and our eyes shut, inflicted as we are by so many forms of blindness”. (note from the Vatican Card. Sarah)

This Sunday we can prepare for by examining the role that the Word of God has in our lives: Do we read the bible daily? Prayerfully? Reflectingly? Seeking in it the Will of God for us? Feeding upon it? With it on our lips? In our thoughts? In our hearts?

The best practice of all is to prayerfully meditate on a passage of scripture; first, seeking its meaning; second, how it applies to our lives and thirdly, praying about it. St. Jerome’s famous quote is always valuable: “Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ.” The most important thing is simply to do it. We try and Jesus does the rest little by little. St. Catherine of Sienna said that **a person who prays like this for fifteen minutes a day will become a saint.**

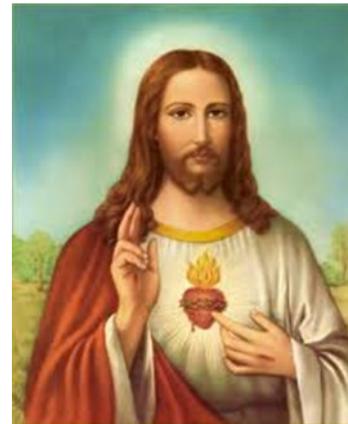
Another great idea is to pray the whole bible during a year. This means in practice 3 chapters of the Old Testament and 1 chapter of the New each day. A very good plan that is available on the internet is Benedict Avery OSB. But for those with internet a great podcast has been produced by Fr. Mike Schmitz “The Bible in the Year” which has attracted huge popularity.

Study, resources etc all can help of course especially a good bible word dictionary such as Zondervan’s “Expository Dictionary of Bible Words” but the power comes from simply opening up our hearts to the power of the Spirit working through the Word. Lastly on youtube is a great resource “BibleProject” and do watch The Chosen!

Of course we must remember that the supreme context for scripture is the Mass and Divine Office.

START TODAY!

God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Prayer Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	17	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	2nd Sunday of the Year	Pro populo 3 OFM
Monday	18			Feria	NDL
Tuesday	19	12.00 noon	SP	Service of Word and Communion	Requiem for Mr. Twomey RIP (M’thorpe)
Wednesday	20	10.00am	SK	Feria	Fr B.Dazeley
Thursday	21	10.00am	SK	Adoration/St. Agnes	M.Mannix&Family
Friday	22	6.00pm	SK	Feria	Webster Family
Saturday	23			BVM on Sat.	NDL
Sunday	24	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	3rd Sunday of Year (Sunday of the Word of God)	Pro Populo 2 OFM

NOTE FRIDAY MASS NOW AT 6.00PM

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

SUNDAYS YEAR B GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK WEEKDAYS: CYCLE 1

Prayers

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

Eddie Robinson RIP Michael Nolan RIP

Timothy Twomey RIP (parishioner at St. Joseph's Mablethorpe but attended in our parish often)

Madeline Blakey RIP (Judy Lumb's mother)

SECOND COLLECTIONS

24th January Sick and Retired Priests
2nd April Holy Places

Counters

Many thanks to our counters who are continuing to count and bank at this difficult time. It would be good to have a few more volunteers to help the rota, particularly from Spilsby. It's quite straight forward.

Collection: Joint loose £331.50 Mary's Meals £25.50

A Couple of Reminders

- ◆ If you have been to Church and subsequently contract the coronavirus, could you please let myself or one of the stewards know so that we can notify the attendees.
- ◆ The Sunday obligation by the authority of Bishop Patrick is still not in force which means you are not obliged to attend Sunday mass or an holiday of obligation.
- ◆ If the priest is singing only the choir should make the responses and not the congregation.

Many thanks.

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.

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.

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.