

Dear Faithful,

On Thursday, we celebrated the beautiful feast of Our Lord's Ascension into heaven. It is a feast of great joy. Firstly, we celebrate Our Lord's glory in being raised to the right hand of the Father and all things being made subject to him; he is now Christ the King. All authority is also given to him, he is the judge of mankind. He is superior to all the angels and continually intercedes for us in heaven before the Father. He has also led all the souls of the just with him to their reward.

It is also a feast of joy for us. We too, being mysteriously joined to Christ have been elevated. St Paul tells us that our life is hidden in Christ at the right hand of the Father. (Col 3) Moreover, like the apostles and disciples we should be radiant that Christ is ascending not because he is leaving us but in fact because he is becoming closer to us. It is a great mystery but now that Christ has ascended into heaven he is more present to us than when he was on earth; as the Fathers tell us that although he is more absent in his humanity, he is more present in his divinity. This is why the disciples were not sad at the ascension but returned to Jerusalem praising God. For now we are part of the new creation. (see 2 Cor 5:16- 17) Of course we still have to complete our life of trial here on earth but nevertheless it holds out to us a real hope.

Lastly, and in some ways most importantly, Jesus at his Ascension commissioned us. He has left it now to his Church to complete his mission on earth. He will work through the Church now and not directly. This is a great mystery— as Adam and Eve helped complete creation in Genesis (naming the animals), we now have to help complete the second creation and build up the body of Christ to its maturity. To enable us to do this, Jesus made us at baptism Priests, Prophets and Kings and showered upon us numerous gifts without which we would not be able to evangelise: “each of us has been given his own share of grace, given as allotted by Christ, it was said he would ‘When he ascended to the height, he captured prisoners, he gave gifts to men.’” (eph 4: 8, Ps 68:18) We spend our time now in prayer preparing for the greatest gift that will be given to us in a week's time: The Holy Spirit.

One of the most interesting things about the time we live in is the recent popes' call for a New Pentecost. St. John Paul II saw the Church as preparing for a New Pentecost in the new millennium, a fruit flowing from the Second Vatican Council. We need a “New” Pentecost to accomplish in the world a new evangelisation. It cannot be done without the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us. St. John Paul said that the evangelisation would be new in ardour, new in method and new in the use of the charisms of the Holy Spirit. Let us prepare for the great feast of Pentecost by praying for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon us all.

God bless, Fr. Dominic



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Day	Date	Prayer Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	16	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	7th Sunday of Easter	Pro Populo T+M Hennessy RIP
Monday	17			Easter Feria	NDL
Tuesday	18	12.00 noon	SP	Easter Feria	M.Flynn Sp Intn
Wednesday	19	10.00am	SK	Easter Feria	C.Benton Sp Intn
Thursday	20	10.00am	SK	Adoration	
Friday	21	6.00pm	SK	Easter Feria	Holy Souls
Saturday	22	10.00am 7.00pm -8.00pm	SK	Easter Feria Adoration + Benediction	W.Wagstaff
Sunday	23	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	PENTECOST	Pro Populo H.O.+H.K. RIP

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

SUNDAYS YEAR B GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK WEEKDAYS: CYCLE 1

Adoration for the vigil of Pentecost: 7.00-8.00pm

Prayers

Those who are sick: Ralph Booth; James Whittle

RIP Janet Enderby RIP Cath Ready

Mass Intentions: There have been many requests for mass intentions but except for those already agreed, Father needs to catch up on masses to be offered for the November Dead List.

Bishop Patrick would like to hear from you! The Diocese of Nottingham has launched a short survey in order to deepen its understanding of Covid-19's impact on all Catholics across the diocese. Bishop Patrick is eager to know more about peoples' experiences of the pandemic, with a view to ensuring that the faithful are well supported and understood in the years ahead. Please visit WWW.dioceseofnottingham.uk/whats-on/news/share-your-story and fill out the short questionnaire. Please encourage other parishioners to do so. **The deadline for submissions is July 4th 2021**

Fr Brian Dazeley will be celebrating mass here at the Sacred Heart on the 11th June at 11.00am to celebrate his Diamond jubilee and there will (hopefully) be a small reception to follow. Those who would like to attend please sign the list at the back of Church.

Change of Parish Priest:

Father Dominic as announced will be taking up a new assignment from the 21st June as Parish Priest at St. Mary's, Boston. There has been a parish priest appointed for this parish who will take up his position by the beginning of August.

During the interregnum:

From the 26th June inclusive the Spilsby mass will be a vigil mass at 4.00pm. Fr. John O'Donnell has kindly volunteered to supply.

From the 27th June the Sunday mass at the Sacred Heart will be at 11.30am and will be supplied by Fr. Dominic and Fr. Alex, who has kindly volunteered to help out.

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.

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.