

Dear Faithful,

The feast of Pentecost should always fill us with hope and joy as we witness the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon Our Lady and the apostles. We see what a change this makes in their lives—now they not only believe but are ready to spread the gospel to the ends of the world. In those first conversions we see the first fruits of the Holy Spirit when three thousand people convert to following Christ; hence Pentecost is the feast of the birth of the Church. This feast has a particular importance for the times in which we are living because Pope Francis and the previous popes are calling and praying for a new Pentecost in the Church; one which will witness similar, if not greater fruits. The New Evangelization—which as baptized Christians we are called upon to participate in—cannot take place unless we are prepared to be docile to the Holy Spirit

Often we make the mistake in life of making our own plans, setting up committees, going on courses without first asking the question as to where the Spirit wishes to lead us. It is of course important that we are involved and use our reason but these are secondary to the power of the Holy Spirit. Once we open ourselves up to his gifts and his leadership, things really start to happen. It is essential if we are to progress in the spiritual life that we empty ourselves of our own self will and realize that we are servants of Christ. Once we do this and trust in the power of the Holy Spirit, we will witness a rebirth of the Church. Christ himself told the apostles that they would do greater things than they had witnessed when he was still with them (Cf Jn 14:12) However, he also told them that this was dependant upon them having faith.

We may doubt this and we may think that the marvels of the first Pentecost were a one off. But witnessing the grace that people received during the Easter liturgy shows that the Holy Spirit is still very much at work. We should take great heart from this and it is true humility to recognize this grace and acknowledge this. The Holy Spirit needs instruments through which he can blow. He tends to choose the weakest because they will be more docile. We can accomplish so much—more than we can ask for or imagine (Cf Eph 3:20) - if we but be content to be receptive to grace, empty vessels ready to be fulfilled.

Let us pray that this Pentecost be a great grace for our parish and that we recognize in everything God's providence. God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Prayer Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	23	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	Pentecost	Pro Populo H.O.+H.K. RIP
Monday	24	10.00am		Latin Mass	NDL
Tuesday	25	12.00 noon	SP	St Bede	J.Lazlo RIP
Wednesday	26	10.00am	SK	St Philip Neri	NDL
Thursday	27	10.00am (no adoration)	SK	OLJC Eternal High Priest	NDL
Friday	28	11.00am	SK	Requiem Mass No evening mass	Teresa Collins RIP
Saturday	29		SK	No Mass	
Sunday	30	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm	SP SK Pol	Trinity Sunday	Pro Populo NDL

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

SUNDAYS YEAR B GOSPEL OF SAINT MARK WEEKDAYS: CYCLE 1

Prayers

Those who are sick: Ralph Booth; James Whittle

RIP Teresa Collins

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 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.