

Dear Faithful

Jesus invites his disciples to cross over to the other side. These men knew the sea of Galilee well and the great storms that could so suddenly arise. Every disciple needs to possess an excitement in simply being on a journey, an adventure, not knowing how it will take shape but at the same time knowing it will bring them through trial to the other side where life truly begins.

This episode in the gospel is of great importance in understanding the spiritual life. The disciples are afraid of the physical danger threatening them whilst Jesus is alerting them to the spiritual significance. Each of us has to undergo a trial of faith when it appears that Jesus is absent and all is dark. But in reality he is carefully watching over us, he will never leave us.

This image of Jesus asleep in the boat whilst the elements roar and rage seems to me to have an important Eucharistic aspect to it. Jesus is always resting in the tabernacles of our churches, always there awaiting us. This is particularly true in the Sunday liturgy, the day of the Lord. Here all is made anew. The troubles of the past week washed over and the soul reinvigorated for the week to come. Everything is now seen in the eternal now.

This image also is particularly apt for the time in which we are living. Fear of the virus meant that at times in the past the needs of bodily health were deemed more important than the health of the soul. We replaced Holy Water with sanitiser. As one priest put it the nation looked to the NHS rather than IHS (Jesus). Whilst science can help, it cannot save. People need to remember that there is only one saviour and what does it matter if we save our life only to lose it.

In the heart of every disciple should be an incredible yearning for the Eucharist that nothing else will satisfy. Only by eating his body and drinking his blood can we have life everlasting. During the time when it was not possible to attend mass, virtual participation was a praiseworthy thing and many have remarked that it rekindled their love of the mass. But we must always remember that it is not the same thing and it can never replace the sacrament.

So let us pray for an increase in faith and to learn to really trust Jesus. Let us pray too that all our parishioners return to mass once again. Let us pray too that in those challenging moments of our lives, we remember that Jesus is truly there with us.

God bless, Fr. Dominic.



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Day	Date	Prayer Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	20	9.00am 11.00am 3.00pm 4.15pm	SP SK Pol SK	Twelfth Sunday Latin	Pro Populo Jean Sweeney L.Davidson RIP
Monday	21	10.00am	SK	St Aloysius	F.Donnely
Tuesday	22	10.00am	SP	SS J.Fisher & Thomas More	J+S Enderby RIP
Wednesday	23			Feria	
Thursday	24	10.00am	SK	Adoration/ St John the Baptist	
Friday	25				
Saturday	26	4.00pm	SP	Vigil Mass	
Sunday	27	11.30am 3.00pm	SK Pol	Thirteenth Sunday	A.Davis etc

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 Nancy Gillick

Collection: 30th May Total £185.98 6th June Total £287.53

Second Collections

20th June Day for life
26/27 June Peter's Pence

Appeal for someone willing to take over the Red Boxes in Skegness

'Dear Father Dominic and friends from Skegness and Spilsby, Thank you for allowing me to celebrate Mass with you on your patronal feast. Thanks too for the warm welcome and the anniversary cake . I enjoyed the cake and the opportunity to meet you. I particularly wanted to offer Mass with you in thanksgiving to God for calling me to the priesthood and for all the support I have received from parishioners like yourselves and from my brother priests. Let us continue to pray for one another. God bless you all. Fr Brian'

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. 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**

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.

Fr Dominic's number in Boston: 01205 362056

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

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.