

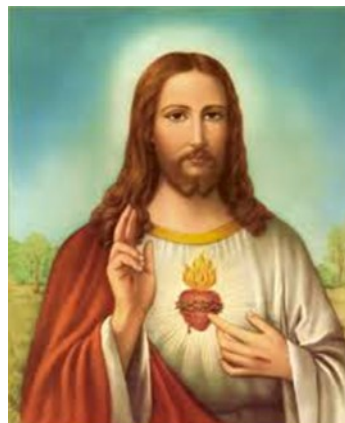
Dear friends,

It had been my intention to write a letter to you and also to contact by 'phone the sick and the housebound, but my telephone line being out of action for ten days made that difficult. I am pleased to have been able to visit those I know to have been ill last week and in the early part of this week. If there is anyone whom I have overlooked, please let me know by e-mail or by 'phone.

This year has been difficult for you all, the death, illness and worry provoked by and in relation to the coronavirus having affected everyone. The positive hopes of a few weeks ago seem no longer to be present, to the point where people do not know whether they can visit relatives and friends at this holy time of year. The ceremonies planned will go ahead unless we are forbidden to hold them.

Let me wish you all, as your new parish priest, those of you whom I have met and those whom I have yet to come to know, a most blessed and joyous Christmas. God became man in Jesus Christ because we and our world are lost, continually shaken, in fear, sin and faced with death, incapable of overcoming such threats and dangers. But the Eternal Word of God, the light which shines in the darkness, which the darkness could not overcome, in Whom there is (eternal) life, has become flesh at Christmas, full of grace and truth (Jn. 1: 1-14). We need Him now; the truth is that His grace makes us children of God, alive and victorious in Him over all that assails us. Come, let us welcome Him, let us adore Him, let us follow Him with all our hearts, and live in Him for ever.

**Jesus, born for us today, bless us, save us and give us life.
A holy and happy Christmas to you all. God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.**



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	24	8.00pm	SK	Christmas Eve	People of the Parish
	25	9.00am	SP	Christmas Day	Private int.
		11.00am	SK		Sick & housebound
Sun.	26	9.00am	SP	Holy Family - C (Tridentine)	People of the Parish
		11.00am	SK		Sandy Davidson's family & friends
		4.30pm			Private int.
Mon.	27	10.00am	SK	St. John the Evangelist	Seamus & Cath Hennessy's ints.
Tues.	28	10.00am	SK	Holy Innocents	CathReady&brotherRP Kathleen Kerrigan int
		12 noon	SP		
Wed.	29	10.00am	SK	St. Thomas Becket	John McGivern, RIP Private int.
		12 noon	SP		
Thurs.	30	10.00am	SK	Christmas Octave	John & Tess Bailey RIP
Fri.	31	6.00pm	SK	Christmas Octave	Eric&EileenWatsonRIP
Sat.	1 Jan	12 noon	SP	Our Lady, Mother of God (New Year Day)	People of the Parish Carmona family RIP
		6.00pm	SK		
Sun.	2	9.00am	SP	2nd Sunday of Christmastide - C	Cl. BrianJn Walker RIP People of the Parish
		11.00am	SK		
		4.00pm	SP		
SK = Skegness		SP = Spilsby		Pol = Polish Mass Skegness	

LITURGY For services at Spilsby: Please contact either: Mary Flynn 01790 754563 or Patrick Doyle 01507 481072 For Services at Skegness: For Sundays please contact Please contact Jacinta as follows: 01754 820644 email: jacintalewis21@aol.com

SOME REMINDERS RE COVID. If you have been to Church and subsequently contract the coronavirus, please notify me or one of the steward. Singing is permitted only when wearing a mask. The **latest instructions from the diocese**, as of 10th Dec., in the light of the government's directions, are that, in places of worship:

- 1. Masks must be worn.**
 - 2. Social distancing must be maintained.**
 - 3. Ventilation must be ensured before/ during ceremonies.**
 - 4. Hands, seats and other surfaces must be sanitised.**
- Please, observe these strictly, for the safety of all.

THE OBLIGATION OF SUNDAY MASS.: The obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and on holidays of obligation (or the Vigil Mass the evening before) is the way we are to keep holy the Day of the Lord, the minimum we should do. This duty does not apply if we are physically incapable of attending Mass, such as when we are in hospital or when there is a real moral impossibility of attending, eg where someone could reach the church physically, but would put their health or that of others at serious risk; hence to does not bind strictly in the pandemic. Hence, a person should not come to church if they have the virus, are very ill or compromised in their health, or cannot risk exposing relatives in such a condition to real added danger. Those unable to come to Mass should follow Mass on the television or radio until they are able to come in person. However, if people can go to the supermarket, to work, etc., then they can and should come to Mass. People are better protected in our churches than they are in many shops or even on public transport, in that sanitising is more frequent, distancing more secure, and masks are worn by most.

MANY THANKS: to all of you, for your many gifts, greetings and kindness. Many thanks to all who have helped prepare, decorate, clean and beautify our churches, to prepare and to celebrate the liturgy.

HOLY COMMUNION TO SICK in the week leading up to Christmas; your gifts to the sick will be delivered at this time - many thanks.
SECOND COLLECTION today: flowers for the altar for Christmas.

CONFESSIONS: 18th Dec. SP 11.00am - 12.00 noon; 21st Dec. After Mass; SK 22nd Dec. and 24th Dec. 11.00am-12.00 noon.

MASSES: CHRISTMAS DAY is a holyday of obligation; we are to go to Mass either on Christmas Eve or on Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS EVE:

Office of Readings & (Midnight) Mass SK 8.00pm;

CHRISTMAS DAY:

Mass at dawn SP 9.00am;

Mass during the day SK 11.00am. N.B. No evening Mass today.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY: Sun. 26th Dec: SP 9.00 am; SK 11.00am; Tridentine 4.30pm.

NEW YEAR'S EVE: Mass SK 6.00pm (with Te Deum);

NEW YEAR'S DAY (MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD): Mass SP 12.00 noon; SK 6.00pm. Although not a holyday of obligation, it is good to begin the new calendar year with the Lord.

CAROL SERVICE (SP) Sun., 2nd Jan. 4.00pm. CHRISTMAS PARISH MEAL: at The Windmill, Burgh-le-Marsh on Sat., 8th Jan.

Collection:	Skegness	Spilsby	Total	INCOME: 19th Dec 2021.
Gift aid:	£ 0-00	£ 45-00	= £ 45-00	(excluding
Loose:	£ 41-12	£ 56-00	= £ 97-12	direct debits)
Total:	£ 41-12	£101-00	= £142-12	= £142-12

(If you pay tax, you may pay by Gift Aid.)

Other: Mass offerings: £70-00; Repository: £38-43; Flowers

for Christmas: SK £102-05 SP £65-50 = £167-55 **= £275-98**

2nd. Coll. New & poor parishes: SP (re 12th Dec.) **= £ 60-00**

Overall total: **= £478-10**