

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION:** This major feast of Christmastide, a holyday of obligation, is celebrated on 6th January. I note, from the Year Book, that Masses on holydays of obligation have been at 7.00 p.m. (Vigil) in Spilsby and at 7.00 p.m on the day itself in Skegness, obviously to facilitate those who work coming to Mass. This is very good and will continue. However, there are many people no longer in the first flush of youth who may be worried about coming out at night and so, in addition to those Masses, I intend to say Mass also at 10.00 a.m. In Skegness and at 12.00 noon in Spilsby for the Epiphany and, if you think it a good idea, on holydays generally.

**WORK ON THE CHURCH IN SPILSBY:** In relation to health and safety, there will be some electrical work carried out on the church in Spilsby on 3rd - 4thn January, mostly involving the fitting of new photo-sensitive lights outside the church. On a date to be agreed, a light will also be fitted above the door from the sacristy to the sanctuary. These are matters of importance for health and safety, since, in the dark, there is no light at all at those points. Due to the work on Tuesday, there will be NO MASS in Spilsby at 12.00 noon on 4th January.

**HEATH & SAFETY INSPECTION:** of the parish: We are awaiting notification of the new date after the one planned a few weeks ago was cancelled after one of the inspectors contracted coronavirus.

**ADVANCE NOTICE OF CHURCH UNITY SERVICE:** in Spilsby on Thursday, 20th January at 12.00 noon.

**I wish all of you a continuing joyful celebration of Christmastide and a New Year which may bring you and your families better health, peace and prosperity in the Lord.**

**God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.**



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	1 Jan.	12 noon	SP	<b>Our Lady, Mother of God—New Year Day</b>	People of the Parish
		6.00pm	SK		
Sun.	2	9.00am	SP	<b>2nd Sunday of Christmastide - C</b> (Polish) Carol service	Cl. BrianJn WalkerRIP People of the Parish
		11.00am	SK		
		3.15pm	SK		
		4.00pm	SP		
Mon.	3	10.00am	SK	Holy Name of Jesus	Jean Sweeney's ints
Tues.	4	10.00am	SK SP	Feria No Mass SP today.	Parishioners – in lieu of Christmas cards
Wed.	5	10.00am 7.00 pm	SK SP	Feria (Vigil)	Fr. Brian's ints Fr. John Guest's ints
Thurs.	6	10.00am 12 noon 7.00 pm	SK SP SK	<b>Epiphany of the Lord Holyday of obligation</b>	People of the Parish Dorothy Sykes, RIP
Fri.	7	6.00pm	SK	St. Raymond of Pen-yafort	Sandy & Alan Davidson's ints
Sat.	8	6.00pm	SK	Feria)	Mary Burgess' ints
Sun.	9	9.00am	SP	<b>Baptism of the Lord - C</b> (Tridentine)	People of the Parish Private int Bonnie Teeling's ints
		11.00am	SK		
		4.30pm	SP		
SK = Skegness SP = Spilsby Pol = Polish Mass Skegness					

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

**CAROL SERVICE (SP)** Sun., 2nd Jan. 4.00pm.

**CHRISTMAS PARISH MEAL:** at The Windmill, Burgh-le-Marsh on Sat., 8th Jan. **PLEASE NOTE that this parish meal HAS HAD TO BE CANCELLED** because of the real risk of increasing contagions of the coronavirus, especially since the omicron variant seems to be very contagious.

**THANKS** have been received from **Missio** for the collection from World Mission Sunday, which realised £82-72. Could I take this opportunity of asking if there is anyone in the Skegness part of the parish who would be willing to take on responsibility for the 'Missio' collection boxes which many people have used, to put in odd coins over time and to empty and count the money once a year? Thank you.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR FR. DOMINIC O'CONOR:** As you may have heard, Fr. Dominic has contracted coronavirus; we pray for his speedy and full recovery, **AS ALSO FOR ALL THOSE** who themselves have become ill with this virus or whose families have been affected by it

**Collection:** Skegness Spilsby Total **INCOME: 26h Dec 2021.**

Information incomplete as yet—details next week.