

**PRESENTATION OF THE LORD (CANDLEMAS DAY):** Wednesday of this week is the feast of the Presentation of Our Lord and of the Purification of Our Lady, known usually as Candlemas Day. Although it is not a holyday of obligation, it is one of the major feast days of the Church's year and also a very popular feast day. To facilitate your participation in the liturgy of that day, Mass will be at 10.00 am in Skegness, at 12.00 noon in Spilsby and at 7.00 pm in Skegness. Thursday is the memorial of St. Blaise; there will be the traditional blessing of throats (without touching the throats, for reasons of Covid) after Mass on that day and there will be an additional Mass in Spilsby at 7.00 pm on that day.

**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 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.

**HEALTH & 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.

**FOOD INSPECTION, SKEGNESS:** There is to be a food inspection in Skegness in the near future, we have been informed this week.

**ELECTRICAL INSPECTION, SPILSBY:** There is to be an inspection of the electrics in the church at Spilsby; we do not yet know when.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	29	6.00pm	SK	(Vigil)	People of the Parish
Sun.	30	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	4th Sunday of the Year- C (Polish)	Mark Geddes - ill Chacko Luka, RIP
Mon.	31	8.00am	SK	St. John Bosco	Dead List
Tues.	1 Feb	9.45am 12 noon	SK SP	Adoration	Mark Geddes - ill
Wed.	2	10.00am 12.noon 7.00pm	SK SP SK	Presentation of the Lord (Candlemas)	People of the Parish Tundi Povazsony,RIP Private int.
Thurs.	3	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	St. Blaise	Private int. Dead List
Fri.	4	6.00pm	SK	St. Gilbert of Sem- pringham	Dead List
Sat.	5	6.00pm	SK	(St. Agatha) (Vigil)	Dead List
Sun.	6	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	5th Sunday of the Year - C (Polish)	People of the Parish Dead List

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.

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

**LATEST UP-DATE ON COVID. REGULATIONS:** If you have been to church and subsequently contract the coronavirus, please notify me or one of the steward; isolation is still required for those with the virus, those who are ill and those who are contacts of someone who has tested positive for the virus. Singing is permitted only when wearing a mask. Although there was a relaxation of rules by the government, with effect from 27th January, it remains the case that places of worship fall under Health and Safety legislation and also that we still have a serious duty of care to one another and especially to the more vulnerable among us. Thus, following the guidance issued by the Bishop's Conference this week, it is necessary to continue to ensure that:

- 1. Masks are worn.**
- 2. Social distancing is maintained.**
- 3. Ventilation is ensured before/ during ceremonies.**
- 4. Hands are sanitised.**

There is no longer any duty to sanitise surfaces, since the main sources of transmission of the Covid virus are from the mouth or the nose and not from surface contacts. There is no duty either to make a list of names of those entering church or parish premises. People are urged to have both vaccinations, plus the booster. Holy Communion is to continue to be distributed only by the sacred host, but the practice of people coming up to the altar is to be resumed: those receiving on the hand are still to come first, followed only then by those wishing to receive on the tongue. Readings from the ambo are to be resumed in the liturgy. Thank you for your cooperation in our care for the safety of all.

**SAFEGUARDING:** Once again, many thanks to Judy Lumb for all her work as the Safeguarding representative in the parish. There have been a number of changes to procedures nationally in the last year. Judy has almost completed up-dating the records and DBS checks for volunteers. Thank you all for your cooperation in this very important matter of protecting children, young people and other vulnerable persons.

God bless Fr. G.J. Woodall.

**DONATION FROM POLISH COMMUNITY:** Fr. Stanislaw Kowalski, Chaplain to the Polish community in South Lincolnshire, who celebrates Mass at Sacred Heart every Sunday afternoon, told me that the husband of one of the community, received into full communion at Christmas, Ian David Leak, wished to make a donation to Sacred Heart from the Polish community. Fr. Stanislaw, Ian and his wife, Anna, are very happy that the money be used a green tabernacle veil, the only colour we are lacking at Sacred Heart, which I had already ordered, costing about £230-00. The donation for £300-00 from the Polish community via Fr. Stanislaw will thus be used for this purpose. When the veil arrives, we shall arrange a ceremony together to mark this very kind gift, a sign of the collaboration between our communities.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS' FUND:** Very many thanks for your most generous offerings for the Sick and Retired Priests of the diocese.

**THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND:** First of all, those I have met in the last week or so wish to express their deep gratitude to the parish for the prayers, greetings and wonderful hampers they received at Christmas. Many thanks to you all for your generosity and in particular to Sandy for purchasing and for wrapping and preparing the gifts. It has always been my practice to organise a Mass of the Sick on or near the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, 11th February. It will not be possible to do this in the pandemic, since most of those concerned will be especially vulnerable. I shall go to them all around that time and shall administer the Sacrament of the Sick to them, sustained by the prayers of all.

<b>Collection:</b>	<b>Skegness</b>	<b>Spilsby</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>INCOME: <u>23rd Jan., 2022.</u></b>
Gift Aid:	£ 40-00	£ 45-00	= £ 85-00	
Loose:	£ 90-30	£ 61-00	= £151-30	
<b>Total:</b>	<b>£130-30</b>	<b>£106-00</b>	<b>= £236-30</b>	<b>= £236-30</b>
<b>Second collection:</b>				
Sick & retired priests' fund:		SK £110-80;		
SP (Gift Aid: £50-00; Loose: £69-11 - £119-11)				<b>= £229-91</b>
<b>Other:</b> Donation following funeral:		£ 50-00;		
Stole fees:		£160-00		
Crib offerings SP (Mary's meals).		£160-00		<b>= £370-00.</b>
		.Thank you very much.		<b>TOTAL: £836-21.</b>