

**WORK ON THE CHURCH IN SPILSBY:** In relation to health and safety, the electrical work of fitting of new photo-sensitive lights outside the church has been completed; a light will also be fitted above the door from the sacristy to the sanctuary, connected also to the panel of switches, on 14th January. These are matters of importance for health and safety, since, in the dark, there is no light at all at those points.

**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.

**CHURCH UNITY SERVICE:** planned in Spilsby for Thursday, 20th January at 12.00 noon, WILL NOW NOT TAKE PLACE. All of the Church Unity services in Spilsby, have been **POSTPONED** by the organising group until after Pentecost: a number of the communities had withdrawn for the dates planned in Church Unity Week (18th-25th January).

**SYNOD ON SYNODALITY:** Thanks to those who replied to the various questions posed for the consultations in parishes as part of the preparation for the Synod of Bishops, to take place in Rome in 2023. As can be seen from the summary of the responses (ENCLOSED with this Bulletin), 17 persons replied to qn.1-2 and 9 to each of qn. 3-4 and 5-6. Thanks to Stephen Duffy and to Cathy Topliss for their time and help in collating the information. The next step is a Deanery meeting on 20th Jan. (Stephen and Cathy will be present also on behalf of the parish) to consider responses from the Deanery. There will be a Mass in the Cathedral on 22nd February to launch the phase of the diocese as a whole and there will be a 'roadshow', where the bishop and other diocesan officials will come to the deaneries—for our deanery on 31st March.

**THE DEANERY:** There is much talk of making deaneries larger, to make them more effective; there is a serious proposal for the present south Lincolnshire (Boston) deanery to be joined to the Grantham deanery, going as far as Melton Mowbray.

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	8	6.00pm	SK	(Vigil)	Mary Burgess' ints.
Sun.	9	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	Baptism of the Lord - C (Polish) (Tridentine)	People of the Parish Private int. Delguez family ints.
Mon.	10	8.00am	SK	Feria	Cathy Ready, RIP
Tues.	11		SK SP	Feria	No Mass today - I shall say Mass for those on the Dead List this week
Wed.	12		SK SP	Feria	No Mass today
Thurs.	13		SK	Feria	No Mass today
Fri.	14		SK	Feria	No Mass today
Sat.	15	6.00pm	SK	(Vigil)	Watson family, RIP
Sun.	16	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	2nd Sunday of the Year - C (Polish)	Lucy-Ann Lumb & Madeline Blakey RIP People of the Parish

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 kindness and for your many gifts and greetings, and for your most generous Christmas offerings. Many thanks to all who have helped prepare, decorate, clean and beautify our churches (including the arrangements of flowers and the preparation and decoration of the cribs both in Skegness and in Spilsby), to prepare and to celebrate the liturgy.

God bless Fr. G.J. Woodall.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** Dennis Wright and all the sick, those suffering from Covid and others. Fr. Dominic is recovering and is most grateful for all your prayers.

**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 he would be receiving into full communion with the Catholic Church at Christmas the husband of one of the community. He mentioned that they wished to make a donation to Sacred Heart from the Polish community. Fr. Stanislaw asked if there was something in particular we needed, that could be the gift of the Polish community. In fact, I had ordered a green tabernacle veil, since it is the only colour we are lacking at Sacred Heart; it is due to come some time soon and will cost about £230-00. The couple and Fr. Stanislaw were very happy that the money should be used for this purpose, with an identifiable gift which the Polish people can recognise and which will symbolise their sharing in our life in the parish. I have received a donation for £300-00 from the community via Fr. Stanislaw and have written to him to express our gratitude for this generosity. **LETTERS OF THANKS** have been received from the **GOOD COUNSEL NETWORK**, which provides practical support to women at risk of having abortions, to save their unborn children and from **ADOPTION FOCUS: FAITH IN FAMILIES**, which helps needy children and their families. See notice board. **SPUC WHITE FLOWER APPEAL:** 16th January; posters available, to support their work for the unborn child; 2nd collection next week.

Collection:	Skegness	Spilsby	Total	INCOME:	<u>25th-26th Dec 2021.</u>
	(25 & 26 Dec)	25 Dec	26 Dec.	=	
Gift Aid:	£ 50-00	£125-00	£ 98-00	=	£273-00
Loose:	£348-15	£ 57-00	£ 23-70	=	£428-85
Total:	£398-15	£182-00	£121-70	=	£701-85
<b>Other:</b>	Crib offerings	Mary's meals: SK	£25-00;	Flowers	Christmas: £7-55= £32-55 =£734-40
<b>Collection:</b>	Gift Aid: SK	£30-00	SP	£ 85-00	= £115-00
	Loose:	£79-16	£16-00	=	£ 95-16
	Total:	£109-16	£101-00	=	£210-16
<b>Other:</b>	Mass offerings:	£270-00;	Repository SK	£38-27;	Polish donation: £300-00 = £608-27
					= <b>£818-43</b>