

**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.

**INSPECTIONS: Health & Safety:** This inspection took place without any serious problems arising. A number of policies need to be formally introduced or up-dated, including Fire precautions, care for 'lone workers', but matters already addressed were greatly appreciated Food (SK) and Electrical (SP) inspections are still due; no news yet.

**CAFOD - CARITAS:** appeal for the Ukraine - cf. our collection today.

**WALSINGHAM YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE,** 10th June - see poster. **FAITH IN POLITICS** - intern scheme at bishops' Conference - see poster. **FOOD BANK SPILSBY:** An appeal for items for the Food Bank: long-life milk, sugar and tinned meat, fish, baked beans, spaghetti, and rice pudding would be especially welcome. Please, help, if you can.

**LENT:** We are asked to assume a Lenten penance, something we will do every day and, for other things, every week of Lent to remind us to combat sin each day and so grow in holiness as Our Lord's faithful disciples. I suggest adopting some prayers to say each day and perhaps one practical gesture, something we can do, nothing excessive and especially nothing to compromise health. The books 'Walk with Me' may help daily prayer. The Lenten journey calls us to grow in holiness and in love.

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	12	6.00pm	SK	(Vigil)	Peace in the Ukraine
Sun.	13	9.00am 10.20am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK	2nd Sunday of Lent - C  (Polish) (Tridentine)	People of the Parish Stations of the Cross Mgr. T. McGovern - ill  Private int.
Mon.	14	10.00am	SK	Feria.	Camillo family ints.
Tues.	15	9.45am 12 noon	SK SP	Feria	Adoration Peace in the Ukraine
Wed.	16	10.00am 7.00pm	SK	Feria <b>in Spalding</b>	Peter Fitzgerald, RIP Peace in the Ukraine
Thurs.	17	10.00am 12 noon	SK SP	St. Patrick	Ann Love - ill Marie Turner, RIP
Fri.	18	5.15 pm 6.00pm 6.00pm	SK SK SP	Feria  (OL & EM)	Stations of the Cross Peace in the Ukraine Stations of the Cross
Sat.	19	6.00pm	SK	St. Joseph (Vigil)	Fr. Jim Downey, RIP
Sun.	20	9.00am 10.20am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK	3rd Sunday of Lent - C  (Polish)	Mark Geddes - ill Stations of Cross People of the Parish

**LATEST UP-DATE ON COVID. REGULATIONS:** From the beginning of March the advice from the Bishops' Conference, in the light of the easing of restrictions from the government, is that **1. Sanitisers are to be available for all entering and leaving the church. 2. Masks may be worn by those who wish; it is encouraged during singing. 3. Social distancing is no longer needed; churches should operate up to full capacity in churches. 4. Holy communion is to be distributed still only under one kind, the priest or minister wearing a mask during its distribution, sanitising their hands before doing so.** Clearly, if anyone contracts Covid, they should isolate themselves and not come to Mass and the same advice goes for anyone who is a contact.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** We are encouraged to resume this important sacrament, especially in Lent, recognising that people may have been discouraged from availing themselves of it because of Covid. **CONFESSIONS:** SK Sat. 5.30 - 5.55 p.m. SP before Mass on Sundays and on Tuesdays (Lady Chapel) up to five minutes before the beginning of Mass.

**DIOCESAN LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:** 4th-8th July: see 'www.tangey-tours.com/nottingham' and Fr. Simon Gillespie (simon.gillespie@dioceseofnottingham.uk).

**MASS FOR THE UKRAINE:** We keep in our prayers the people of the Ukraine and all affected by the conflict. There will be a special Mass in the Deanery on Wednesday, 16th March, at Spalding at 7.00pm, preceded by adoration and confessions. This will be in harmony with a Mass on that day celebrated by Fr. Christopher Thomas, General Secretary to the Bishops' Conference. Not all can manage that; I shall offer Mass for peace in the Ukraine on Tuesday, 15th March, at 12.00 noon in Spilsby and on Friday, 18th March, at 6.00 p.m. in Skegness, the latter in harmony with other parishes in our deanery.

**SPECIAL SECOND COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE today:** postponing CAFOD Family Fast Day until next week. **STATIONS OF THE CROSS:** Fri.6.00pm (OL & EM), 5.15pm (SK) and Sun. 10.20 (SK).

**REPOSITORY:** On sale booklets 'Walk with Me' and also large print 'Stations of the Cross' to help us to pray daily in Lent.

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**DRAFT DIOCESAN RESPONSE TO THE SYNOD:** see back of church or website. Any comments should be sent to the diocesan coordinators, Fr. David Cain (david.cain@dioceseofnottingham.uk) or to Joe Hopkins (joe.hopkins@dioceseofnottingham.uk). by 19th March. **'DIOCESAN ROAD SHOW':** 31st March, St. Mary's Boston, 7.00-8.30 p.m., on changes proposed in the diocese. **RITE OF ELECTION:** Last Sunday in the Cathedral, Bishop Patrick, joined by the Apostolic Nunzio, Archbishop Claudio Gugerotti, celebrated this rite of electing or enrolling the names of those preparing for baptism (catechumens) and those preparing for reception into full communion with the Catholic Church (candidates) at the Easter Vigil; it is a sign of their becoming (more fully) part of the community of the Church in our diocese. From our parish, this included Adrian Topliss, who will be received into full communion at the Easter Vigil. It was very good to be able to welcome Adrian at this diocesan enrolment. We shall continue to support him with our prayers throughout Lent and we look forward to his reception into full communion at the Easter Vigil. **PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Meeting on Tuesday at 6.00 p.m., to discuss, amongst other things, Holy Week and Easter, the use of the Hall after the easing of the Covid restrictions. It had been suggested that we have talks on the faith, to provide people with an understanding of their faith that goes beyond what they learnt at school and when they were younger. I look forward to this very much. If anyone has any specific topics or themes they wish to be included, or if there are preferences for a time, some evening from ... to ..., but not Wednesday (because of the Mass in Spilsby), please let us know.

<b>Collection:</b>	Skegness	Spilsby	<b>INCOME: 6th March 2022.</b>	
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	
Gift Aid:	£ 30-00	£105-50	=	£ 135-50
Loose:	£ 82-36	£ 46-50	=	£128-86
Total:	£ 112-36	£152-00	=	£264-36 = <b>£264-36</b>
<b>Other:</b>	Repository :	£ 6-85		
	Mass offerings:	£75-00		= <b>£ 81-85</b>
			<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>£346-21.</b>

Thank you very much.