

Gloria in excelsis Deo

*Puer natus est pro nobis,
Christus Salvator noster*

Glory to God in the highest

*A child has been born for us,
He is Christ our Saviour*

May Jesus, Eternal Son of the Father, born this day in our human flesh from the Virgin Mary, grant to you and to your families every blessing of joy, peace and prosperity at Christmas and in the New Year.

God bless you all.

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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar Mary, Mother of God	Nm. 6:22-27; Gal. 4:4-7; Lk. 2:16-21 <u>p.79.</u> Mass Intention
Saturday	31	6.00pm	SK	St. Sylvester Vigil (with <i>Te Deum</i>)	Private int.
Sun.	1 Jan.	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	(Polish)	People of the Parish Eileen Power & fsm. - ill
Mon.	2	10.00am	SK	Ss. Basil & Gregory Nazianzen	Matty Lee, RIP
Tues.	3	9.45am 1200noon	SK SP	Holy Name of Jesus	Adoration November Dead List
Wed.	4	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	Feria	Jean Sweeney's ints. Patrick O'Sullivan RIP
Thurs.	5	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	Feria Vigil	Lee Wymark - ill Mary Kerry, RIP
.Fri.	6	10.00am 1200noon 7.00pm	SK SP SK	The Epiphany of the Lord - Holyday of Ob- ligation <u>p. 88.</u>	Parishioners in lieu of cards Most abandoned souls in Purgatory People of the Parish
Sat.	7	10.00am 6.00pm	SK	St. Raymond of Penya- fort Vigil	Pope Benedict XVI - ill Richardson family ints.
Sun.	8	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	Baptism of the Lord -A (Polish) (Tridentine)	People of the Parish Robert Watson, RIP Fr. Woodall's ints.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK: James Whittle, Elizabeth Blythe, Angela Davis, Gwen Rigby, Kay O'Reilly and Joan Fletcher.

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT XVI: In the words of Pope Francis: "I would like to ask all of you for a special prayer for Pope Emeritus, Benedict, who, in silence, is sustaining the Church. Let us remember him - he is very sick - asking the Lord to console and sustain him in this witness of love for the Church until the end." Pope Benedict is reported to be "absolutely lucid and conscious" and, while his condition remains "grave", it is at present "stable". I shall Mass for him on Saturday at 10.00 a.m.

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY: on Friday, 6th January, is one of the solemn feast days of Christmastide and is a holyday of obligation on which we all come to Mass to celebrate this manifestation or revelation of who the child born at Bethlehem is, the Saviour of the world. Since it is a major feast day, there is no obligatory abstinence from meat or other penance this Friday.

'WHITE FLOWER' APPEAL ON BEHALF OF SPUC (Society for the Protection of the Unborn Child): next week (8th-9th Jan.).

MANY THANKS for your generosity at all times, but especially:

- to purchase Christmas gifts for the sick and housebound of the parish, who were most grateful to receive the sacraments in preparation for Our Lord's birth, but who were most grateful also to you for the gifts they received.

- for those who gave donations for the two new altar cloths in both churches (one of which you see today) and also for the two new tabernacles veils at Sacred Heart.

- for the collection for flowers for the altar, in both churches, to beautify them in order to honour the birth of Our Lord.

- to the Holmes brothers for the new notice boards outside both churches and for those inside both churches and the hall for policy documents.

- for all that you have done to prepare and to celebrate the Liturgy in this sacred period, as well as the Carol Service, and for all you do in preparing and celebrating the liturgy throughout the year, in doing so much to clean, maintain, finance and look after all aspects of the Church's life, and especially one another, in this parish.

- for your prayers, your greetings and your very generous gifts to me for Christmas, for which I am most thankful.

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.

THE HALL: N.B. NOT open for teas and coffees after 11.00 a.m. Mass until 8th January.

GIFT AID: This is a way for us to earn extra money on your offerings... it's free money from the government. For every £1 that you donate we can claim 25p back from the government this is crucial money because it goes towards the running cost of both churches. We were able to claim back £5,763 in 2021 which was critical in keeping both churches running. If you work or have a pension where you pay income tax and you haven't yet signed up to gift aid, then please think about it and sign up today. There are forms at the back of church, for you to fill in and return to Jacinta or me. If you want to discuss it first, then talk to Jacinta or email her on jacintalewis21@aol.com.

SYNODAL PROCESS: CONTINENTAL STAGE: Forms available at back of the church to be returned by 9th Jan.

FOOD BANKS: The Food Bank in Spilsby has been operating for some time, that in Skegness had not resumed in the parish after the Covid outbreak. It is proposed to begin this once again in a couple of weeks' time, liaising with the Storehouse in Skegness. We shall need volunteers to take collected items (tinned and other NON-PERISHABLE foods) to the Storehouse. Please, let me know if you are willing to help in that capacity. Thank you for your help.

PARISH MEAL, Sat., 7th Jan., 12.00 noon at **The Windmill, Burgh-le-Marsh**, a good occasion to relax and celebrate together. Many thanks to Mary Flynn for organising this event for us.

Collection:	Skegness	Spilsby	INCOME: <u>25th Dec 2022.</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 60-00	Details next week	
Loose:	£587-36		
Total:	£647-36		= £647-36.
Other:	Repository :	£ 21-03	
	Mass offerings:	£ 30-00	
	Mary's Meals:	£ 54-42	
	Flowers for Christmas:	£ 20-00	
	Total:	£125-45	= £125-45.
			Overall = £772-81.

Thank you very much.