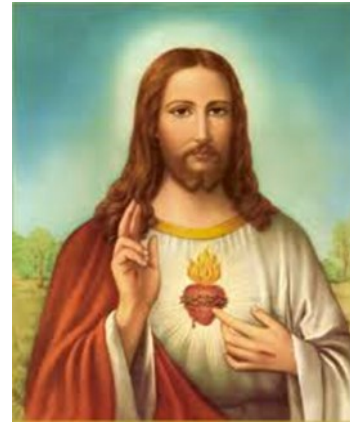


PARISH PASTORAL PROGRAMME: We hope to try to recuperate those who have perhaps drifted away through Covid or for other reasons by making contact with them, inviting them to return, organising Talks on the Faith, advertised by leaflets to attract interest. To make contact with the many tourists and visitors, we shall try to devise leaflets/ cards to be distributed to hotels, caravan sites, next year. To welcome Ukrainian and other immigrants, especially Catholics, we are still seeking advice from local authorities; cards will be translated into Ukrainian. Without any rushed decisions, since hasty judgments do not usually produce good fruits, it is intended to try to look at these aspects of our mission in the months to come, with a view to developing a way of responding to them over the next few years, which may be successful pastorally. Talks on the Faith, as part of our preparation for the celebration of the anniversary of dedication of the church in Spilsby and for the dedication of the Church in Skegness in 2025, to focus on the mysteries of faith (1st year), life of disciples in care for human life, sexuality and marriage, and justice (2nd year), and the sacraments and prayer (3rd year). Pope Francis' advance notice of the Holy Year of 2025 included a request to prepare for this by studying the four 'constitutions' (the major documents) of the Second Vatican Council, on divine revelation, the liturgy, the nature of the Church, the pastoral mission of the Church. We could integrate this into our programme, including divine revelation and the Church in the mysteries of the faith, pastoral mission in the life of disciples, and liturgy in prayer and the sacraments. **Talks on the Faith begin in Lent - Mon. 10.45 - 11.45am & Tues. 6.30-7.30pm (SK hall); Thurs.12.00 noon - 1.00pm (SP).**

POLICY DOCUMENTS: These indicate policies we are going to implement in the time to come, objectives to be reached.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS IN LENT: 5.15 p.m., before the 6.00 pm Mass on Fridays, and also 10.20 a.m. on Sundays each week in Sacred Heart and 5.30 p.m. on Fridays each week in Spilsby, alternating between Our Lady & the English Martyrs and St. James's, beginning on 24th Feb. at St. James's.

God bless you all. Fr. G.J. Woodall.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Lev. 9:1-2, 17-18; 1Cor 3:16-23; Mt. 5:38-48.p. 581.
Saturday	18	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Mass Intention Kevin McGuinness, RIP
Sun.	19	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	(Polish)	People of the Parish Private int.
Mon.	20	10.00am	SK	Feria	Mary Atkinson's ints
Tues.	21	9.45am 12.00noon	SK SP	Feria	Adoration Elizabeth Blythe, RIP
Wed.	22	10.00am 12.00noon 7.00pm	SK SP SK	Ash Wednesday	Robert Watson, RIP People of the Parish Fr. Ken Payne, RIP
Thurs.	23	6.00pm	SK	St. Polycarp	Sr. Mary Camilla Laferla, RIP
Fri.	24	5.15pm 6.00pm 5.30pm	SK SK SP	Stations of the Cross Feria Stations of the Cross	Mgr. Anthony McDermott, RIP (St. James's)
Sat.	25	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	People of the Parish
Sun.	26	9.00am 10.20am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK SK	1st Sunday of Lent - A Stations of the Cross (Polish) (Tridentine)	Fr. Peter Edwards, RIP Marcus Flaherty, RIP Private int.

PLEASE PRAY FOR: James Whittle, Angela Davis, Michael Forshaw, Margaret Smith, Tasnee Daravilset, Geoff Lambourne and many others who are sick. **THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK:** Many thanks to everyone for last week and to all at home; it was good to be able to pray together and to celebrate this important sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, in association with the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

WORK ON THE CHURCH ROOF: on the two porches in Spilsby, will take place in the week beginning 27th February. It will involve the closure of the church during those days. Towards the end of that week, the inspection of the church roof in Skegness will take place, although that will not involve the closure of the church.

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS: World Day of Prayer, Fri. 3rd March, at Our Lady and the English Martyrs at 12.00 noon; Confirmation of three of our parishioners, Thursday, 4th May, feast of the English Martyrs at 7.00 p.m., also in our church in Spilsby; Ecumenical service in Spilsby relating to the Coronation on Sunday, 7th May, at 11.00 a.m. In St. James's, Spilsby.

IN PREPARATION FOR LENT, which begins on 22nd February, it is important for each of us to decide ahead of time the particular penance we are going to adopt in order to use this holy season well, to prepare for Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum of our redemption: eg. particular prayers each day, Stations of the Cross each Friday and even daily, daily Mass or an extra Mass in the week, a particular gesture of charity each day or each week - to help us in our spiritual combat against sin (a specific sin?) and to grow closer to Christ every day. Pamphlets '**Walk with me**' on sale (£1-00). **ASH WEDNESDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY**, the beginning and (almost) the end of Lent, are **days of fasting and abstinence**. Fasting means eating no more than one meal, with light collations at other times, and binds those over 18 and under 65, while abstinence from meat binds those over 14, although it is good for those in other age groups to observe these practices also, apart from anyone who must or is advised to eat more regularly or to eat meat for medical reasons. If at all possible, come to Mass on Ash Wednesday to begin Lent well, and set aside the times for the main ceremonies of Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil.

HOLY WEEK:

Palm Sunday: Blessing & distribution of palms at all Masses.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's Supper 7.00 p.m.

Good Friday: Liturgy of the Lord's Passion 3.00 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Easter Vigil and first Mass of Easter 8.00 p.m.

THE HALL: open for teas and coffees after 11.00 a.m. Mass. **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. **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. **MANY THANKS** for the excellent response to the SPUC White Flower Appeal £119-79 SK and £75-50 SP and for your exceptionally generous response to the Appeal (CAFOD) for the victims of the Turkish-Syrian earthquakes of £650-19 last week, for whom we continue to pray.

Collection:	Skegness	Spilsby	Total	INCOME: <u>12th Feb., 2023.</u>
Gift Aid:	£ 27-00	£100-00	£127-00	
Loose:	£107-81	£ 42-00	£149-81	
Total:	£134-81	£142-00	£276-81	= £276-81.
Special coll. Gift Aid:	£ 20-00		£ 20-00	
(Earthquakes): Loose:	£388-11	£260-08	£648-19	
Total:	£408-11	£260-08	£650-19	= £650-19.
Other: Repository:	£9-76;	Mass offerings:	£20-00;	Donation: £10-00 = £ 39-76.
				Overall: = £966-76.

Thank you very much.