

**All I ask of you ,
wherever you may be,
is for ever to remember me
at the altar of the Lord.**
(St. Monica to her son, St. Augustine)



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Late have I loved You, o Beauty, so ancient and so new; late have I loved You. For, behold You were within me, and I outside; and I sought You outside, and in my ugliness fell upon those lovely things that You have made. You were with me and I was not with You. I was kept from you by those things; yet, had they not been in you, they would not have been at all. You called and cried to me and broke open my deafness, and You sent forth Your beams and shone upon me and chased away my blindness. You breathed fragrance upon me and I drew my breath and do now pant for You. I tasted You and now hunger and thirst for You. You touched me and I have burned for Your peace.

(St. Augustine, *Confessions*, Bk. 7, *Divine Office*, III, p. 225.)

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

| Day | Date | Time | Place | Liturgical Calendar 21st Week of Ordinary Time | Is. 22:19-23; Rom. 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20. p. 639. Mass Intention |
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| Saturday | 26 | 6.00pm | SK | Vigil | Mary Gamell & family ints. |
| Sun. | 27 | 9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm | SP SK SK SK | (Polish) (Tridentine) | Julianna Kitzinger, RIP People of the Parish Fr. John Feeley, RIP |
| Mon. | 28 | 10.00am | SK | St. Augustine | Jenkinson family ints. |
| Tues. | 29 | 9.45am 12.00noon | SK SP | Beheading of St. John the Baptist | Adoration John Wilbram, RIP |
| Wed. | 30 | 7.00pm | SK SP | Dedication of the Cathedral | No Mass (SK) Private int. |
| Thurs. | 31 | 10.00am | SK | St. Aidan | Tasnee Draviliset - ill |
| Fri. | 1Sept | 6.00pm | SK | Feria | Desmond Jenkinson, RIP |
| Sat. | 2 | 6.00pm | SK | Vigil | Canon James Monaghan, RIP |
| Sun. | 3 | 9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm | SP SK SK | 22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time - A (Polish) | People of the Parish Richardson & Furniss family ints. |

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Tasnee Daravilset, Les Turek, Anita Collingwood, and Peter Stevens who are sick.

MARCH FOR LIFE: 2nd September, 2023. Information at 'pro-life@dioceseof Nottingham.uk'.

ALTAR SERVERS' MASS: Cathedral, 23rd September, 11.30 am.

MARBLE AMBO SACRED HEART CHURCH: You saw the design for a possible new, marble Ambo to replace the existing wooden lectern a few weeks ago. Everyone who spoke about the design was very happy with it and there was not a single negative comment. The expert working in marble, who seemed happy with the proposed plan, at least in principle, came to visit the church to see the practical realities and was very positive about the idea. He will now work to make a clear proposal and also give a projection of the costs. If all goes well, then, after the necessary consultations at parish level, it would need to be referred to the diocese for their approval.

PILGRIMAGE OF WOMEN TO LINCOLN CATHEDRAL: Sat. 9th Sept; meet at Cathedral at 10.30 am Mass at 11.00am; followed by private tour and all ending at 2.00pm. See www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/events.

CHURCH ROOF AT SACRED HEART: The diocese has been considering our initial request in relation to the replacement of defective tiles (about 30%) and to the replacement of the corroding zinc nails by the more durable copper nails, of the roof of Sacred Heart church. It has been approved by the Diocesan Finance Committee and by the Diocesan Building and Sites Committee. Once the diocese has finalised insurance details, we should be able to establish a date for the work to begin, which is essential for the long-term future of the roof and hence of the church.

COAST AND WOLDS OPEN CHURCHES: Our church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs' in Spilsby will participate in this event and will be open on Sat.-Sun., 9th-10th September, 2.00-4.30pm, with Christian art display, ending with Evening Prayer. If possible, try to come along; if you can help with stewarding, please let Stephen Duffy know. Thanks, in anticipation, to those in our parish organising this occasion and being present on those days to ensure its success.

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:** in Spilsby (toiletries needed) and in Sacred Heart (via The Storehouse, Skegness, for those in need (tinned and other NONPERISHABLE foods). Thank you for your help. **GIFT AID:** as mentioned in the annual Financial report and presentation, the costs of health and safety, maintenance and energy (gas and electricity) have increased. Anyone who pays taxes can make a 'gift aid' declaration to the parish, by which the government will pay the parish 25p for every £1 gift-aided in this way. Information from Jacinta; forms available at the back of church. Thank you very much.

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| Collection: | Skegness | Spilsby | Total | INCOME: <u>20th Aug., 2023.</u> |
| Gift Aid: | £ 33-00 | £115-00 | £148-00 | |
| Loose: | £270-51 | £ 39-00 | £309-51 | |
| Total: | £303-51 | £154-00 | £457-51 | = £457-51. |
| Other: | Repository: £13-40 (SK) | | | |
| | Mass offerings: £ | | | |
| | Donation: £ | Total: | | = £ 13-40. |
| | Many thanks. Fr. G.J. Woodall. | | TOTAL: | = £470-91. |