

PROGRAMME: ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS

Fri. 22 nd Dec.	SK	10.00am	Mass
		11.00am -12.00 noon	Confessions
Sat. 23 rd Dec.	SP	10.00am	Mass
		11.00am -12.00 noon	Confessions
	SK	5.30pm	Confessions
		6.00pm	Mass
Sun. 24 th Dec.	SP	9.00am	Mass
(4 th Sunday	SK	11.00am	Mass
of Advent)	SK	8.00pm	Office of Readings &
Christmas Eve			Midnight Mass
Mon. 25 th Dec.	SP	9.00am	Mass at Dawn
(Christmas Day)	SK	11.00am	Mass during the Day
Mon. 26 th Dec.	SK	11.00am	Mass
(St. Stephen)	SP	12.15pm	Mass
Sat. 30 th Dec.	SK	6.00pm	Mass
Sun. 31 st Dec.	SP	9.00am	Mass
(Holy Family)	SK	11.00am	Mass
	SP	4.00pm	Carol Service & <i>Te Deum</i>
	SK	6.00pm	Mass with <i>Te Deum</i>
Mon. 1 st Jan.	SK	11.00am	Mass
	SP	12.15pm	Mass
Sat. 6 th Jan.		Windmill, Burgh-le-Marsh	
		12.00 noon for 12.30 Parish Meal	

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



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar 3 rd Sunday of Advent – B (Gaudete)	Is. 6:1-11;1Thess.5:16-24; Jn. 1:6-28. p. 25. Mass Intention
Sat.	16	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	November Dead List
Sun.	17	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	(Polish)	People of the Parish Elvira Correia Borges da Fonte, RIP
Mon.	18	10.00am		Feria	Sr. Mary Finnegan, RIP
Tues.	19	9.45am 12.00noon	SK SP	Feria	Adoration Kay Poulter's ints.
Wed.	20	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	Feria	Sr. Kathleen Berriman, RIP November Dead List
Thurs.	21	10.00am	SK	Feria	Maria Costanza & Camila Lopez's ints.
Fri.	22	10.00am	SK	Feria	November Dead List
Sat.	23	10.00am 6.00pm	SP SK	Vigil	November Dead List People of the Parish
Sun.	24	9.00am 9.00am 11.00am	SP SK SK	4 th Sun. of Advent B.	Special int. (Polish) May & Tom Hennessy, RIP

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Kevin Colley, Alan Rush, Clare Sykes, Lyn Crawford, Cath Benton, Teresa Proom, and Mgr. Brian Dazeley who are sick; Mgr. Dazeley should be having a hip-replacement operation soon after Christmas. **SEASON OF ADVENT:** In the second part of Advent, we focus upon God's coming among us as man, to bring into our world the love, the life and the holiness of God, to offer us and all people the opportunity of salvation, the forgiveness of our sins and the joy of sharing eternal life with Him in the unity of the Blessed Trinity. **TALKS ON THE FAITH:** resume after Christmas. **WORK ON CHURCH ROOF, ETC. – SACRED HEART:** This important work, now completed, should extend the life of the roof and hence of the church by several decades; it is wonderful to be back in our church once more. Gutters and drains have been cleared both in Skegness and in Spilsby. **FIRE EXIT/ DISABLED EXIT RAMPS:** from the church and from the hall at Sacred Heart, required by health and safety, approved by the Parish Finance Committee and by the diocese, will take place soon. **OTHER WORK** on concreting the path from the hall to the gate, replacing a rotten door and window, are being done – **hence the outer car-park will not be in use this weekend.** **MARBLE AMBO:** relating to the remains of the bequest. Ormsby of Scarisbrick have found the marble to match that of the altar. They will produce a timber version and will arrange to visit the church soon to see and examine the project *in situ*. **RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION:** Reception of the sacred host may be on the tongue or in the hand (hands made into a 'throne', the host placed on the hand and taken by the other hand and placed in the mouth immediately before the priest or other minister of holy communion, before moving away, without any other gesture). Reception under one kind is the norm, but communion under both kinds is permitted, the chalice containing the Precious Blood being taken carefully with both hands, taking a small sip, and then returning the chalice to the minister carefully, ensuring he/ she has both hands on it.

TEAS & COFFEES: after Mass (SP) and, from new year (SK). **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 and in Sacred Heart (via The Storehouse, Skegness, for those in need (tinned and other NONPERISHABLE foods). Thank you for your help.

RETIRING COLLECTION TODAY: for gifts for the sick at Christmas.

COLLECTION NEXT WEEK: to contribute to flowers for the altar for Christmas.

INCOME:

COLL.	SK	SP	Total	10 th Dec., 2023.
Gift Aid:	£ 35-00	£141-00	= £176-00	
Loose:	£121-70	£ 51-00	= £172-70	
Total:	£156-70	£192-00	= £348-70	= £348-70.

2ND COLL. (Poor & Needy Parishes)

Gift Aid:		£15-00	= £ 15-00	
Loose:	£124-00	£ 37-75	= £161-75	
Total:	£124-00	£ 52-75	= £176-75	= £176-75.

OTHER: Repository: £ 14-30

Christmas cards:	£ 1-60	= £ 15-90	
Mass offerings:		£ 40-00	
Total:		£ 55-90	= £ 55-90.

Overall Total: = £581-35.

Many thanks.