

PLEASE PRAY FOR: Teresa Proom, Jane Wright, Michael Forshaw, all the sick, and for Leonard Cuff and for Alan Rush; may they rest in peace. **A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE PARISH:** Next year, 2025, it will be 350 years since the main apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacocque, associated with the shrine of the Sacred Heart at Paray-le-Monial in Burgundy in France, now cared for especially by the Community of Emmanuel. Next year both churches in our parish will celebrate important anniversaries, the 75th anniversary of the opening of the new Sacred Heart church in Skegness and the 100th anniversary of the dedication of the church of Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Spilsby. Martyrdom is the greatest possible form of dedication to Jesus and so both parts of the parish can truly be united in a year of preparation, in which we prepare to celebrate the past, the living faith of our families, the memory and inspiration of those who have gone before us, but also to renew our own faith, our own personal dedication and our dedication as a parish, as a living cell of the People of God, to Our Lord. The Sacred Heart is the core of God's mercy, divine mercy, brought fully into our world of sin, suffering and death in the very body of Jesus when He was born for us, revealed as His unlimited love for the Father in His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, and at the same time as the unlimited love of God towards each one of us, as He shed His Blood for us, and as, in His resurrection, He reconciled us to the Father, forgiving us, opening to us mortals the gift of eternal life, of unending, perfect communion of love with the Father, in Him, through the Holy Spirit. We pray that we may use this Year to grow in faith, deepen our prayer, strengthen our service of God in His Church, and be ever more effective witnesses to the saving, transforming power of the Sacred Heart of Jesus (martyr = witness to Christ by shedding of blood) in our world. **HOLY YEAR:** *'Spes non confundit* 'Hope does not deceive' (Rom 5:5), proclaimed by Pope Francis.

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. **TEAS & COFFEES:** after Mass on Sundays. **TALKS ON THE FAITH:** on 'Discipleship of Christ' on 5th commandment, life & bioethics – Thurs., 12.00 (SP). **WALSINGHAM PILGRIMAGE** from St. Mary's, Boston, 21ST July – Carolyn - 07827274251. **FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART:** You are all most welcome to join us to celebrate the feast of the Sacred Heart (Mass at 11.00 a.m., followed by refreshments in the Hall, on Friday, 7th June next; please, sign the forms if you intend to be there and/ or to make a donation to help meet the costs). As you know, the parish priest of the parish in which I helped out in Italy, on the suggestion of their parishioners, wished us to be 'twinned' this year in a joint dedication and prayer, exchanging the prayer and greetings in advance – see overleaf.

INCOME: COLL.	SK	12 th May	SP 19 th May	Total	19th May., 2024.
Gift Aid:	Details	£ 75-00	£ 85-00	= £160-00	
Loose:	next	£ 36-00	£ 29-00	= £ 65-00	
Total:	week	£111-00	£114-00	= £225-00	= £225-00.

SECOND COLL.

(World Communications):		£ 57-00		= £ 57-00	= £ 57-00.
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Overall Total: = £282-00.

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