

**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 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the new Sacred Heart church in Skegness and the 100<sup>th</sup> 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).

Proposals for this Year of Preparation in our Parish.

- Talks on the Faith, to focus on prayer, including prayer as a way to understand the meaning of the sacraments.
- Four special celebrations, two in each church, on four of the sacraments, with invited priests to lead them
- Pilgrimages to focus on the Sacred Heart, Our Lady & English Martyrs (Maryvale, Birmingham first Sacred Heart shrine in England and 'vale' dedicated to Our Lady)/ Martyrs' chapel at Tyburn, London, where many martyrs died and where relics are kept, with a visit to St. James's Palace, where there is an icon of St. Claude de la Colombière, Spiritual Director to St. Margaret Mary Alacocque, whose visions at Paray-le-Monial, France, 350 years ago next year inspired the Sacred Heart devotion, which St. Claude first preached in England/ to St. Mary's, Louth, where there is a stained-glass window to St. Eustace White, one of the Lincolnshire Martyrs, and perhaps to Melwood, shrine to St. Augustine Webster and other Lincolnshire Martyrs.)
- Invite a French Bishop, part of the Emmanuel Community, which looks after the major Sacred Heart shrine at Paray-le-Monial, to come to the parish to preside and to preach at Masses one weekend.



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Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar 17 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Ordinary Time - B	2Kgs. 4:42-44; Eph. 4:1-6; Jn. 6:1-15. p. 759. Mass Intention
Sat.	27	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Canon Michael Gilleran, RIP
Sun.	28	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	(Polish) (Tridentine)	People of the Parish Patsy Power, RIP  Private int
Mon.	29	10.00am	SK	St. Martha	Billy Hyland, RIP
Tues.	30	9.45am 12.00noon	SK SP	St. Peter Chrisologus	Adoration Fr. Jim Lynch - ill
Wed.	31	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	St. Ignatius Loyola	Veronica Trew – ill Irena Szyszko, RIP
Thurs.	1 Aug.	10.00am	SK	St. Alphonsus Liguori	Connor Scott - ill
Fri.	2	6.00pm	SK	Feria	Billy Hyland, RIP
Sat.	3	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	People of the Parish
Sun.	4	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	18 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Ord. Time B (Polish)	Krys Pietryka - ill Margaret Monahan, RIP

Confessions: SK Sat. 5.30pm; SP before Mass.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK:** Teresa Proom, Jane Wright, Celia Senior, Eileen Chantry, Kathleen Glynn-Owen, Fr. Jim Lynch, Rev. Peter Coates, who are ill. **HOLY YEAR, 2025:** 'Spes non confundit' 'Hope does not deceive'. **NEW LECTIONARIES:** The texts of the Church's liturgy, including the texts of the Sacred Scriptures used in the liturgy were translated into various languages as a result of the Second Vatican Council. The Roman Missal, issued by Pope Paul VI in 1970, and the Lectionaries (books with the readings from Scripture) emerged around the same time. Some of the translations from the Latin, in different languages, were rushed and some too loose and hence a revision of both the Roman Missal and of the Lectionaries (Scripture readings) was ordered by the Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship in Rome, under the authority of the Pope. The new Roman Missal came out in English about ten years ago; the new Lectionaries in English, approved by the Congregation in Rome, will be ready in October and must be used in all churches from the First Sunday of Advent. There are four volumes (1. Major Seasons, Sundays of Ordinary Time and Solemn feasts, 2. Weekdays of Ordinary Time (cycle I), 3. Weekdays of Ordinary Time (cycle II), 4. Special Celebrations (Baptisms, Marriage, other sacraments, Funerals, etc.). I am enormously grateful to the persons who have given donations in Spilsby and in Skegness which have covered the cost of those Lectionaries in both places. The cost for the large (altar) versions is almost £592-00 for the four volumes; for Spilsby these have been paid for by two donations, for Skegness a donation has paid for most of this, but we still need £200-00. Obviously, all the Scripture readings in the small blue missals used by the people, will be new and a new (red) edition of this book is being published (cost £9-95 per copy). The parish cannot afford to buy all of them. Those who wish to buy personal copies are asked to sign the form at the back of church and to pay £10-00 per copy; anyone who wishes to 'sponsor' copies for other people, is asked to sign the column for that. In this way and with a

rebate to parishes (not to individuals) for multiple purchases, we could cover books for all, including visitors. Many thanks for your great generosity.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please, pray for Raquel Fernando, who will be making her First Holy Communion today at 11.00 a.m; we wish Raquel and all her family every blessing on this special day in her life.

**GIFT AID:** This is a major source of income to us, without which we would struggle to run both churches. It is free money; we get 25p from the government for every £1 that you give in your offerings. This is essential to us, so, if you pay income tax through your work or through a pension, then please sign up for Gift Aid today; do not hesitate, we need this free money. Talk to Jacinta or e-mail her on 'jacintalewis21@aol.com' or talk to me.

**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.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL:** At the last meeting, we examined SAFEGUARDING steps to ensure recruitment of all working in any capacity in the parish, identity cards for those visiting parishioners, measures to make our churches and all church-based activities safe for all (many thanks to Luke Morris for his work and input). We approved the CONSTITUTION of the Council (copies at back of church). We considered the ways to prepare for the DEDICATION/ CENTENARY OF DEDICATION of our churches next year.

<b>INCOME: COLL.</b>	SK	SP	Total	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July, 2024.</b>
Gift Aid:	£ 25-00	£ 75-00	= £100-00	
Loose:	£181-00	£ 73-00	= £254-00	
Total:	£206-00	£148-00	= £354-00	<b>= £354-00.</b>

**OTHER:**

Donations:

- Lectionaries:	£200-00		= £200-00	
- Mass books:	£ 80-00	£ 60-00	= £140-00	
Mass offerings:	£ 10-00		= £ 10-00	
Stole fee:	£ 10-00		= £ 10-00	
Total:	£280-00	£ 20-00	£ 60-00	= £360-00 <b>= £360-00.</b>

**Overall Total: = £714-00.**

Many thanks.

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.