

**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 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sun. of Ordinary Time - B	Is. 35: 4-7; Jas. 2:1-5; Mk. 7:31-37. p. 783. Mass Intention
Sat.	31	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	People of the Parish
Sun.	8 Sept-	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	(Polish) (Tridentine)	John McEneaney, RIP Fr. Gerry O'Collins, RIP  Private int.
Mon.	9	10.00am	SK	Feria	Fr. Paul Casartelli, RIP
Tues.	10	9.45am 12.00noon	SK SP	Feria	Adoration Special int. (M. Flynn)
Wed.	11	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	Feria	Canon Alfred Baldwin, RIP Janos Laszlo, RIP
Thurs.	12	6.00pm	SK	Holy Name of Mary	Fr. Joseph Carty, RIP
Fri.	13	6.00pm	SK	St. John Chrysostom	Fr. Terence Fellows, RIP
Sat.	14	10.00am 6.00pm	SK SK	Exaltation of the Holy Cross	People of the Parish Fr. Hugh Doherty, RIP
Sun.	15 Sept.	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	24 <sup>th</sup> Sun. of Ord. Time B (Polish) (Tridentine)	Peter Haines, RIP People of the Parish  Private int.

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK:** Teresa Proom, Jane Wright, Eileen Chantry, Kathleen Glynn-Owen, Christine Duffy, Filipe Araujo, Rev. Peter Coates, who are ill.

**CONFIRMATION:** Please, keep in your prayers Joseph Titley-Bayes, who will be making his Confirmation in Spalding on 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. next.

**HOLY YEAR, 2025:** *'Spes non confundit* 'Hope does not deceive'.

**NEW LECTIONARIES:** The revised revision of the Lectionaries (Scripture readings), ordered by the Congregation for Sacraments and Divine Worship in Rome, under the authority of the Pope, will be ready in its English translation in October and must be used in all churches from the First Sunday of Advent. Very many thanks to all who have given donations which have covered the cost of the large Lectionaries for both churches and to all who have bought and/ or 'sponsored' copies of the new small Sunday Missal. This, together with a rebate to parishes for multiple purchases, will enable us to cover books for all, including visitors. Payments should be made to Jacinta (SK), Bob (SP) or me, so that they may be recorded. Many thanks again for your great generosity.

**WOLDS & COAST CHURCHES' FESTIVAL, 2024:** our church in Spilsby, Our Lady and the English Martyrs, will be open for this festival, with a display on Church history, on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> Sept., from 2.00 to 4.30 p.m. and on Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., from 1.30 to 4.30 p.m. You are all most welcome. Many thanks to Stephen and to all helpers.

**NEW EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION:** The Bishop has granted me the faculty to admit Cathy Topliss as a new Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for the parish, which I shall do today at 11.00 a.m. Mass. This is because she could not join one of the groups being prepared elsewhere in the diocese, but will do so next year and will then be commissioned by the Bishop.

**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:** Meeting on Tuesday, 6.30 p.m. We shall be considering in detail the programme for this year, planning ahead for November, the month of the dead, and even for Christmas, as well as the use of the new lectionary and the roles of readers and of extraordinary ministers of holy communion.

<b>INCOME: COLL.</b>	SK	SP	Total	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sept., 2024.</b>
Gift Aid:	£ 25-00	£ 85-00	= £110-00	
Loose:	£222-29	£ 66-00	= £288-29	
Total:	£247-29	£151-00	= £398-29	<b>= £ 398-29.</b>
<b>OTHER:</b>				
Repository	£ 30-22	£ 23-10	= £ 53-32	
Donations:				
- Mass books:	£ 70-00	£140-00	= £210-00	
- Boundary markers:	£1,750-00		= £1,750-00	
Mass offerings:	£ 32-00		= £ 32-00	
Teas & coffees (Aug.):	£	£ 47-85	= £ 47-85	
Total:	£ 1,882-22	£210-95	= £2,093-17	<b>= £2,093-17.</b>
		<b>Overall Total:</b>		<b>= £2,491-46.</b>

Many thanks.

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.