

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).

Plans 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 and on the English Martyrs' chapel at Tyburn, London, where many martyrs died and where relics are kept, 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 Bishop Jean Laffitte, 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 25 th Sun. of Ord. Time - B	Wisd. 2: 12-20; Jas. 3:16-4:3; Mk. 9:30-37. p. 791. Mass Intention
Sat.	21	6.00pm	SK	St. Matthew Vigil	Betty Massingham, RIP
Sun.	22	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	(Polish)	Patricia Sobolewski, RIP People of the Parish
Mon.	23			St. Pio of Pietralcina	No Mass today
Tues.	24			Our Lady of Walsingham	No Mass today
Wed.	25	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	Feria	Fr. Patrick Doherty, RIP Fr. Bernard Grimley, RIP
Thurs.	26	10.00am 7.00pm	SK <u>SPAL- DING</u>	Ss. Cosmas & Damian	Mgr. John McLean, RIP Joseph Titley-Bayes' ints. (Confirmation)
Fri.	27	6.00pm	SK	St. Vincent de Paul	Fr. John Sullivan, RIP
Sat.	28	6.00pm	SK		Fr. Joseph Jones, RIP
Sun.	29	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	26 th Sun. of Ord. Time B (Polish)	Philip Marshall's ints. People of the Parish

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, and for Betty Massingham, who has died; may she rest in peace.

CONFIRMATION: Please, keep in your prayers Joseph Titley-Bayes, who will be making his Confirmation in Spalding (Immaculate Conception & St. Norbert) on Thursday this week, 26th Sept. at 7.00p.m.

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.

MANY THANKS TO MGR. JOHN HADLEY: for coming to look after you this weekend. I am most grateful to him. I know that you will make him very welcome. Some of you may remember him from when he said Mass in Sacred Heart one Saturday evening last year or even from the time when he was the Dean, based in Grimsby, responsible in those days also for our parish. He is officially retired, but continues to work as the Chancellor of the diocese and as a Judge on the diocesan tribunal.

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.

INCOME: COLL.	SK	SP	Total	15th Sept., 2024.
Gift Aid:	£ 5-00	£145-00	= £150-00	
Loose:	£125-00	£ 63-50	= £188-50	
Total:	£130-00	£208-00	= £338-50	= £338-50.
2nd COLL. (Evangelii Gaudium):				
Gift Aid:	£ 0-00	£ 0-00	= £ 0-00	
Loose:	£ 65-82	£ 54-00	= £119-82	
Total:	£ 65-82	£ 54-00	= £119-82	= £119-82.
OTHER:				
Repository	£ 13-92		= £ 13-92	
Donations:		£ 20-00	= £ 20-00	
- Mass books:	£	£	= £	
Mass offerings:	£ 30-00		= £ 30-00	
Total:	£ 43-92	£ 20-00	= £ 63-92	= £ 63-92.
Overall Total:				= £522-24.

Many thanks.
God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.