

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 28 th Sun. of Ord. Time - B	Wids.7:7-11; Heb. 4:12-13; Mk. 10:17-30. <u>p. 803.</u> Mass Intention
Sat.	12	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Canon Brendan O'Sullivan, RIP
Sun.	13	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	(Polish)	People of the Parish Wendy Hudson's ints. Private int.
Mon.	14	6.00pm	SK	St. Callistus	Fr. Marian Cieseilski, RIP
Tues.	15	12.00noon	SK SP	St. Teresa of Avila	NO Adoration this week Private int.
Wed.	16	10.00am 7.00pm	SK SP	St. Margaret Mary Alacocque	Fr. Jim Daly, RIP Fr. Bill Saunders, RIP
Thurs.	17	10.00am	SK	St. Ignatius of Antioch	Fr. Bill Ellis, RIP
Fri.	18	6.00pm	SP SK	St. Luke	Fr. Bernard Brownbill, RIP
Sat.	19	6.00pm	SK		Fr. Sylvester Cotter, RIP
Sun.	20	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	29 th Sun. of Ord. Time B (Polish)	Fr. Franciszek Krajewski, RIP 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, Filipe Araujo, Rev. Peter Coates, who are ill, and for Fr. Christopher Hogan, who died last week; may he rest in peace. The funeral arrangements are not yet known.. **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. **WORKS IN PROGRESS:** The Asbestos survey of the boiler house at Sacred Heart revealed no problems, but the survey was useful, to complete the survey of the premises, since the survey in the parish in 2006 had not covered the boiler house. This has meant that the work on replacing the condemned boiler could begin and, indeed, the old boiler has been dismantled and removed already. The new boiler has been installed, but the flue and other work still needs to be completed. Many thanks to James Darby for painting the railings; an excellent job! **APPEAL FOR HELP:** We need a team of people to help to clear the area around the bungalow behind the church in Spilsby, so that it may be more attractive; this will be important for anyone interested in renting the property and will have an impact on the rent itself. It is mostly a question of cutting grass and of gardening, but it needs to be done as soon as possible. Anyone able to help is asked to let me know this weekend, please. We also need help in clearing the grounds around the church, hall and presbytery at Sacred Heart; again help from a number of

'people makes the work lighter – please, let me know. **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.

NOVEMBER DEAD LIST: November Dead List envelopes are available at the back of church; please, insert the names of deceased relatives and friends you wish to be included on our November Dead List. At least 15 Masses will be celebrated for this intention during November. Please, return the envelopes no later than Sunday, 29th October.

TALKS ON THE FAITH: on Prayer : Mon, 21st Oct. 10.45am (SK) & Tues. 15th 6.30pm (SK), and Thurs. 17th Oct. (12.00noon) (SP)

ANNUAL MASS COUNT: continues this weekend.

INCOME:

COLL.	SK	SP	Total	6 th Oct., 2024.
Gift Aid:	£ 20-00	£135-00	= £155-00	
Loose:	£134-00	£ 53-40	= £187-40	
Total:	£154-00	£188-40	= £342-40	= £342-40.

2ND COLL. CAFOD FAMILY FAST DAY:

Gift Aid:	£	£ 30-00	= £ 30-00	
Loose:	£138-02	£119-20	= £267-22	
Total:	£138-02	£149-20	= £297-22	= £297-22.

OTHER:

Repository	£ 36-95	£ 30-30	= £ 67-25	
Donations:	£100-00	£ 50-00	= £150-00	
- Mass books:				
Mass offerings:	£ 60-00		= £ 60-00	
Teas & coffees (Sept.):	£121-45		= £121-45	
Total:	£ 218-40	£ 80-30	= £298-70	= £298-70.

Overall Total: = £938-32.

Many thanks.

God bless. Fr. G.J. Woodall.