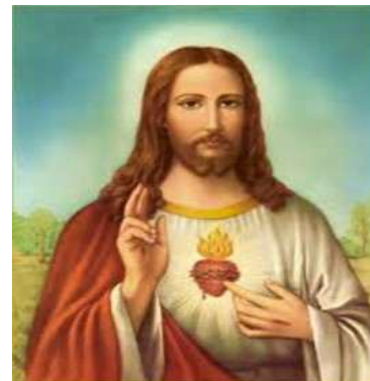


A SPECIAL YEAR FOR THE PARISH: Next year, 2025, it will be 350 years since the main apparition of the Sacred Heart of Jesus to St. Margaret Mary Alacocque, associated with the shrine of the Sacred Heart at Paray-le-Monial in Burgundy in France, now cared for especially by the Community of Emmanuel. Next 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 30 th Sun. of Ord. Time - B	Jer.31:7-9; Heb. 5:1-6; Mk. 10:46-52. <u>p. 811.</u> Mass Intention
Sat.	26	6.00pm	SK	Vigil	Nora-Lopez-Jaramillo - ill
Sun.	27	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm 4.30pm	SP SK SK SK	(Polish) (Tridentine)	Jane Wright's ints. People of the Parish Peter Mead, RIP
Mon.	28	6.00pm	SK	Ss. Simon & Jude	Dessie Fitzgerald - ill
Tues.	29			Feria	No Mass today
Wed.	30	7.00pm	SK	Feria	Benefactors of the Johnson Fund
Thurs.	31	7.00pm	SK SP	Feria (Vigil)	No morning Mass today. Bernard Brady, RIP
Fri.	1 Nov.	10.00am 12.00noon 7.00pm	SK SP SK	All Saints' Day – Holyday of Obligation	November Dead List <u>p. 1030.</u> People of the Parish Leonard Cuff, RIP
Sat.	2	10.00am 12.00noon 6.00pm	SK SP SK	All Souls' Day	Holy Souls <u>p. 1035.</u> Pope's ints. <u>p. 1040.</u> November Dead List <u>p. 1041.</u>
Sun.	3	9.00am 11.00am 3.15pm	SP SK SK	31st Sun. of Ord. Time B <u>(Polish)</u>	November Dead List Julie Redgard – ill

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR SICK: Teresa Proom, Jane Wright, Peter Stevens, Eileen Chantry, Kathleen Glynn-Owen, Filipe Araujo, Rev. Peter Coates, Terence Blackshaw 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: 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. These are expected at any time now. Any remaining payments should be made to Jacinta (SK), Bob (SP) or me, so that they may be recorded. Many thanks again for your great generosity.

POPE FRANCIS' ENCYCLICAL, 'Dilexit nos' (He has loved us) on the Sacred Heart was issued this week, in the 350th year since the apparitions to St. Margaret Mary Alacocque at Paray-le-Monial in France.

BISHOP PATRICK'S PASTORAL LETTER ON ASSISTED DYING: Please, write to MPs to urge their opposition to proposals to legislate in favour of allowing people to take their own lives, aided by others.

WORKS IN PROGRESS/ APPEAL FOR HELP: Thanks to all who helped clear the grounds around the bungalow in Spilsby last week. There was no response to requests for help with grounds at Sacred Heart.

JANE WRIGHT: The 'Thank you' card at the back of church for people to sign will go today; I have sent a Mass card also, to thank her for all she has done. Mass today for her at 9.00a.m. SP.

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. **ALL SAINTS' DAY:** Friday, 1st Nov., a holyday of obligation on which we all come to Mass. There is no abstinence today, since it is a solemn feast day. **NOVEMBER DEAD LIST:** At least 15 Masses will be celebrated for this intention during November. **INDULGENCE FOR THE HOLY SOULS:** A plenary indulgence on behalf of the Holy Souls (not at our choice, but at God's) may be gained, provided they are completely detached from sin, go to confession, receive holy communion and pray for the Holy Father's intentions (Our Father, Hail Mary) and recite the required prayers (Our Father, Creed) for the Holy Souls in a church on All Souls' Day or visiting a cemetery between 1st and 8th November and there praying even just mentally for the dead (only one indulgence may be gained on each day). *Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, may they rest in peace. Amen.* **TALKS ON THE FAITH:** These will need to be postponed until November. They will focus on the short, but very good section in the Catechism on prayer. In the four weeks of November, we shall be able to centre on the key point. In the New Year our programme of preparation for the Anniversary of dedication of our church in Spilsby and for the dedication of our church in Skegness will be the core of our spiritual journey in this great year for our parish. In November the talks on the Faith will be on Mon. 10.45am (SK) & Tues. 6.30pm (SK), and Thurs. 12.00noon (SP)

INCOME: **20th Oct., 2024.**

COLL.	SK	SP	Total	
Gift Aid:	£ 0-00	Details	= £ 0-00	
Loose:	£225-69	next	= £225-69	
Total:	£225-69	week	= £225-69	= £225-69.

2ND COLL. (World Mission Sunday):

Gift Aid:	£ 15-00	Details	= £ 15-00	
Loose:	£ 92-33	next	= £ 92-33	
Total:	£107-33	week	= £107-33	= £107-33.

OTHER: Repository: £ 25-09; Mass ints. £ 77-00 **= £102-09.**

Many thanks. Fr. G.J. Woodall. **Overall Total: = £435-11. .**