

Fiat!

Dear Faithful

We are in the middle of Our Lord's great discourse on the parables. The sermon on the mount showed the holiness of the life held out to the disciple; we then heard Our Lord's discourse on the conditions and qualities necessary in a disciple and in this third great discourse, Jesus talks about the mystery of the Kingdom of God. He tells his disciples clearly, "for you it has been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven." (Mt 13:11).

What is a mystery? At mass the priest introduces the penitential rite with the words, "and so prepare us to celebrate the sacred mysteries." 'Mystery' is a difficult biblical word because we now use the word in a different sense. For mystery as used by Jesus means both something revealed and yet partly hidden. It is also the ultimate reality, it contains within it the power to transform. A Christian is fundamentally a person who participates in the mystery of God.

Clearly, to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven is our absolute priority. To Know in the Hebrew means intimate knowledge—the same word that is used of the relationship between a husband and his wife. This in itself requires a mystical experience; that is, an experience that goes beyond words and in which God works in the innermost depths of our soul.

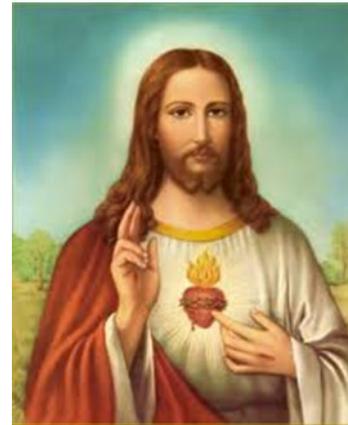
What dispositions to we therefore need as a disciple to grow in this knowledge?

DOCILITY - ZEAL - COMMITMENT.

Notice Jesus takes his disciples aside. We need therefore to make time to ponder the word of God in an intimate setting. We must prioritise this time as the most important moment of our day. Lastly, we must trust God and be prepared to be totally re-made in his image and likeness. Human flesh recoils naturally at the thought of transformation but luckily the grace of God is powerful enough to overcome this.

This powerful praying of the Word so as to be transformed into Christ, we could say is the one necessary thing that Jesus refers to in Luke 10:42. Lastly, Jesus depends upon us now to be those who explain and pass onto others the mysteries of the Kingdom. This is not primarily an intellectual task, it is most importantly a witness to others of God's transformative power in us; our first-hand testimony of God's love for us which we witness to in everything we do, say and think. Let us ask Mary who always held the Word in her heart, constantly turning it over, to intercede for us to gain these graces.

May God bless you all, Fr. Dominic.



Sacred Heart, Skegness

22, Grosvenor Road, Skegness. PE25 2DB and
Our Lady and the English Martyrs, Spilsby
 Church St., Spilsby, PE23 5EF

Parish Priest: Fr. Dominic O'Connor 01754 762528

email: sacredheartandspilsby@gmail.com

Website: www.skegnessrparish

Safeguarding officer. Mrs Judy Lumb

Charity No 11349 Company no 7151646

Registered office: Willson house, NG1 5AW

Day	Date	Time	Place	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Sunday	19	11.00am	SK	16th Sunday	Pro populo
Monday	20			Feria	Canon Matthews DCA
Tuesday	21	12.00 noon	SP	Feria	Peter Fitzgerald RIP
Wednesday	22	10.00am	SK	St Mary Magdalene Feast Penitent	Julia Vellacott RIP
Thursday	23			St Bridget Sweden Feast Patron of Eur.	Priest's intention
Friday	24	6.30pm	SK	Feria	N.Bellamy RIP
Saturday	25	4.00pm	SP	St James Feast Vigil	NDL
Sunday	26	11.00 am	SK	17th Sunday	Pro Populo

SP = Spilsby SK = Skegness

CONTACT DETAILS FOR BOOKING FOR MASS

For services at Spilsby:

Tuesday 12.00 noon and Saturday 4.00pm please contact either:
Mary Flynn 01790 754563 or Patrick Doyle 01507 481072

For Services at Skegness:

For Sunday or Wednesday contact **Jacinta Lewis** by the day before each service.

You will need to provide contact details. You can contact Jacinta as follows:
01754 820644 email: jacintalewis21@aol.com

For Friday contact Fr Dominic on:

01754 762528 or email sacredheartandspilsby@gmail.com.

NOTES ON LITURGY

Please make sure you read the attached letter concerning mass since at the present time attendance at mass has to be booked. Please be patient as we become familiar with the diocesan guidelines. There is still no Sunday obligation. Places I am afraid are limited so please book early. We shall have to under government guidelines keep your postal address for 21 days.

Some other important points:

1. **Confessions:** At Spilsby I shall be available outside for confession at 3.30pm. For Skegness if possible make an appointment with Father or he will hear confessions outside the presbytery if asked
2. Please don't car pool and pay attention to social distancing when leaving your car.
3. Please follow the stewards' instructions, they have a difficult job to do but once we are in the habit it will be very smooth. It will be helpful if you bring your own sanitiser but the stewards will have some.
4. As the kneelers are not in use, we shall stand for the Eucharistic Prayer.
5. Candles: At Skegness please give Father an envelope with your intentions and a donation if you wish and he will ensure that the candles are lit for you. Or alternatively email him at the parish address opposite.
6. Because we are social distancing at 2 metres you do not have to wear a mask unless you wish to. If you have coronavirus symptoms please do not attend, if you feel unwell during mass please notify a steward.
7. Mass will be much shorter and **the TOILETS are closed** so please bear this in mind before you come.
8. We shall still need some more volunteers for cleaning duties.