

ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG
28TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR A (WKD) YEAR 2. PSALTER WK 4

BOOKINGS FOR HOLY MASS: ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH: ON SUNDAY will be by pre-booking only bookings for Holy Mass are to be by phone (07753925651) between 11am and 12 noon on a Friday and a Saturday. **Please do not leave a text message or voicemail. ST MARY'S CHURCH, Brigg** HOLY MASS (The First of Sunday) ON SATURDAY 6.00pm, SUNDAY 11am will be by pre booking only. You can do this by **telephoning 07597 034908** on Wednesday between 5.30pm and 7.30pm and Thursday between 11.00am and 12.00 noon. **Please do not leave a text message or voicemail.** When booking please advise us if anyone has mobility issues so that we can allocate the best/most practical seat to facilitate easier Reception of Holy Communion.

For both Churches you will be asked to give your name and telephone number, these will be kept and given to the stewards to confirm your place before you can access the church. You will be required to wear a face covering and sanitise your hands on entry. A steward will show you to your seat. and Assist you when you leave. Your details will be kept for track and trace for 21 days prior to destruction.

WEEKDAY HOLY MASS You do not need to book, but you will be required to give your name and contact details to the steward, wear a face covering and sanitise your hands before you enter. Attendance will be on a strictly first come first served basis and you may be refused entry when capacity is reached.

HOLY COMMUNION: In both Churches we are continuing to experiment with restoring the distribution of Holy Communion to its normal place in Holy Mass. The instructions relating to this will be specific to each Church, and will usually be announced before the Mass begins. Thank You.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS: The Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, have said that there is one more collection this autumn that is mandated – relating to the Holy See. These are: World Mission Sunday – Sunday 18th October (including the First Mass of Sunday on Saturday 17th, at 6pm in Brigg)

CAFOD: The Autumn Family Fast Day was on Friday last.. Collecting and distributing envelopes is not covid friendly. They advise the quickest and simplest way of giving, which also enables you to Gift Aid your donation, is at cafod.org.uk/give However, a basket will be available for offerings today.

HOLY MASS, from St Mary's, will when possible, be on Zoom. Please log on a few minutes before each Mass. Viewers are asked/required to mute their microphone during Holy Mass so as to ensure there are no unnecessary distractions for other worshippers.

MASS OFFERINGS: When people come to the Church to “have a Mass said”, they are using an ancient practice whereby they have Mass offered for someone who has died or, in general, for the souls in Purgatory. In asking a priest to offer Mass for a certain intention, the accompanying gift to him is looked upon as an offering for the support of the priest, or the Church at large, or for a particular mission endeavour in some part of the world. It is never considered payment for the Mass but an offering to God for the work of his Church. Current Church law tells us (*Canon 945*) that “in accordance with the approved custom of the Church, any priest who celebrates or concelebrates a mass may accept an offering to apply the mass for a specific intention” The Mass is the most perfect prayer a Catholic can offer to God. That is why so many of them want to continue the beautiful practice of “having a Mass said” for someone they love. Having a Mass offered for joyous occasions, like a wedding, an anniversary, a birthday, or nameday, is also encouraged.

STOP PRESS: On October 7th, in an email about other things, Fr Andrew, our Dean, wrote: “I hope the re-opening of Churches has gone well. I appreciate some people find the restrictions onerous, but the alternative is closure, and I don't think we really want that. The stewards' work has been invaluable”. A salutary sobering thought, and so true.

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Saturday	10th Oct 20	Barton	12.30 pm		
Masses for Sunday 11th October 2020	First of Sunday Sunday Sunday	Brigg Barton Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00 am	27th Sunday Ordinary Time	Paddy Connolly RIP Tom Flemming RIP People of the Parish
Monday	12th Oct 20	Brigg	10.00am		Paulinus Young RIP
Tuesday	13th Oct 20	Barton	6.00pm Mass		Tom Flemming RIP
Wednesday	14th Oct 20				
Thursday	15th Oct 20	Brigg	7.30pm	Saint Theresa of Jesus (Memorial)	Private Int.
Friday	16th Oct 20	Brigg	7.30 pm		Robin Horscroft RIP
Saturday	17th Oct 20	Barton	12.30 pm	Saint Ignatius of Antioch (Memorial).	Fr Terry Fellows RIP
Masses for Sunday 18th Oct 2020	First of Sunday Sunday Sunday	Brigg Barton Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am	28th Sunday Ordinary Time	Ralph Patchett RIP People of the Parish Joyce Family Int.

PRIVATE PRAYER: MONDAY (Barton) 12 noon to 1pm.
THURSDAY (Brigg) Cancelled (Barton) 7-8pm.

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Joint Parish Website www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org

Bank Details: BRIGG RC PARISH/ST. MARY'S or ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER RC P

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OUR ATTEMPTS TO CREATE A COVID-SECURE SPACE...Our PP writes:

From March 23rd until June 29th, when I visited Brigg, I had not been inside a Catholic Church once, and what I saw shocked me: floor markings, hazard tape, with benches sealed off, and furniture taped together, one way signs, and do not touch notices on statues. It put me in mind of visiting some kind of hostile Holding Facility. That night I was very minded to ring The Bishop and say I don't feel able to take on the Parishes of Barton and Brigg. Some good friends persuaded me to persevere with the decision I had already made, which was to become your PP at the request of The Bishop. With hindsight, I can fully appreciate all of these measures, without exception, which were all put in place by Fr Ben and the Open Church Group at Brigg, and others in Barton, were because they cared, and they wanted to welcome people back, as soon as possible, to the celebration of Mass.

The Bishops of England and Wales are working with The Government, Health Bodies, and Parish Communities, to ensure we observe the law, fulfil our moral obligations, and work within the guidelines, that are based on those laws, to seek to protect human life, and The NHS..

It is worth noting, that in Barton Upon Humber they had the first Sunday Mass, after lockdown, on July 4th and yet in Brigg we were not able to meet all the requirements for Mass until on July 18th. I believe in Crowle they had their first Sunday Mass on October 4th, and Gainsborough have their first Sunday Mass today. Every week Canon Geoff and Fr Liam remind their fellow Parishioners, for they are priests and parishioners*, that the Diocese, not they, require us to keep the two metre rule. (*A Parish is a geographically defined area, and people who live in it are parishioners. Just as the distinction, such as it exists, is between Priests and the laity, and not between priests and people. Priests are people! A "Parish Priest" is surely a Parishioner with a specific role and mandate within the Parish.) In some of the Churches in the Grimsby area Fr Andrew has to wear a mask when processing to the Sanctuary. Each church is different but the desire is the same: to welcome, and minister to, people, and to use the old slogan "Safe Lives. Protect the NHS.".

Your current PP had nothing at all to do with any of the above arrangements, and the work in Brigg continued, as speedily as it could, with all the pieces put in place by Fr Ben and The Open Church Group. (I now understand the delay in Brigg was partly due to the lack of stewards. All stewards have to be DBS cleared, and they sign to say they will help, and advise, others to keep all the relevant Guidelines, in every situation, and seek to keep themselves and others safe. We appreciate what they do, but we must all do our bit too.)

In recent weeks, however, we did get Diocesan permission to reorder the Church in Brigg to create more spaces, and any such reordering has to be approved by The Diocese, and we increased the potential capacity from 36 to 89. People say it is more aesthetically pleasing, *with fewer signs*, with *less distance between The Congregation and The Sanctuary* and in, in fact, a family can be seated in the Sanctuary (or a number of individuals), and Holy Communion is once more at its traditional time** (**Which was not part of the original plan I inherited, but even though I think Option 2 is safer, I have responded to the public clamour to change it, but, by preference, I wouldn't, and I took weeks to get rid of the screen(s) which many told me they found to be an obstruction and made Holy Communion more like approaching a Vending Machine. However, the screens were set in place for good reason and with good intent.). I extend our thanks for the members of The Open Church Group who cooperated to make my suggestions become a reality. (Some they ruled out: including using a Confessional as The Lady Chapel to create more seating in The Lady Chapel.) We are more visibly one family gathered around The Table of The Lord, and not a group at a concert, and, potentially, in greater numbers than in the original plan agreed by Fr Ben, and The Diocese.

As was mentioned at Mass last Sunday, 90% of things that were planned for a recent funeral, that had been anticipated, and was thankfully long delayed for 18 months, had to be abandoned, as currently saving lives and protecting others has to be an underlying principle in all things in our Churches, and on Church property, and at every liturgy. The generosity, and openness, of the family concerned, in the sad circumstances of the death of their relative, is highly commendable and one we can all sensibly learn from.

We may disagree as to Government policy, the science, the rules, and the way The Bishops, and the Clergy lead on Covid-19 issues but we are Catholics and pro-life, and our disagreements on policy, and its irksomeness, should not distract us from the fundamental principle of protecting all life from conception to the grave, especially during a pandemic, and fulfilling our legal and moral obligations whilst living as a Sacramental Church united with Jesus Christ.

We must also adhere to the requirement that people should not be in Church longer than is necessary for worship, and that social distancing, and now The Rule of 6, have to be observed internally and externally on Church property at all times.

No space can ever be truly Covid-Secure but we must, in every circumstance, try to make it the safest we can for The Common Good. (Mark 12: 30-31, 1 John 4:20)

CONGRATULATIONS, to Natalia Mrozek and Adam Sornat who were confirmed recently in Barton. Please do pray for them. As the current crisis unfolds we will wait to learn when our young people can be confirmed, and hopefully soon, by our Bishop, who remains the Ordinary Minister of Confirmation. There is no set age for Confirmation and people are confirmed at different ages in different Diocese throughout the world., and indeed within a Diocese. Within The Salford and Liverpool Diocese children were, for a time, and I think now, receiving The Sacrament of Confirmation before they made their First Holy Communion. However, it is the norm that people should be confirmed before Marriage or Ordination, and both Natalia and Adam are adults and need to be free, and open, to those life options, having been fully initiated into the life of The Church.

ST MARY'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, DERBY, was very sadly burnt to the ground last weekend. Please pray for the whole school community who have, understandably, been devastated by the event, and so soon after reopening have had to return to virtual learning. The school has a long and distinguished history but the current buildings were only 20+ years old.

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: Traditionally, throughout November, we pray for all of our deceased, and "November Dead List" Envelopes have always been made available, but, as with CAFOD Family Fast Day, the distribution and collection of envelopes is not good practice at this time. (That is the envelope being handled multiple times and so lets keep it to a minimum.) However, you are invited to place the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives and Friends in an envelope CLEARLY MARKED "**NOVEMBER DEAD LIST**" and hand in put it in St Mary's Letterbox, or hand it directly to Fr Michael. Masses will be offered for all those on the lists practically daily, where possible, throughout November.

RECENTLY DECEASED: Please pray for the Happy Repose of the Soul of Fr Terry Fellows, a priest of our Diocese, who died recently. His funeral is on October 20th. May he Rest in Peace. Due to social distancing rules his fellow clergy cannot attend the funeral, as would be the norm. Covid, sadly, is affecting the pattern of all of our lives every day.

COME TO JESUS: "When we cannot go to the Church, let us turn towards The Tabernacle; no wall can shut us out from the good God". St John Vianney.