

**ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B (WKD) YEAR 1 PSALTER WK 1**

**INFORMATION SHARED WITH THE PARISH:** is being shared with the Parish Priest, and the parish admin. Both are based in St Mary's Brigg thus the email addresses are held/ used by the people listed. Everyone, in both parishes, is invited to Register via the joint website to receive bulletins and other information electronically. All information from "The Parish Priest" will be sent via the Brigg Email address.

We want to establish three address lists.

- 1 St Augustine Barton
- 2 For St Mary's Brigg
- 3 Joint list.

Parish or joint information will be sent to people depending on its relevance.

For example, all those registered will receive the joint bulletin but Parish specific notices / alerts will only be sent to those on that Parish list.

**ALL PARISHIONERS IN ST MARY'S, AND THOSE IN BARTON, WHO HAVEN'T DONE SO RECENTLY, ARE ASKED TO REGISTER OR RE-REGISTER TO RECEIVE ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS/BULLETIN VIA THE WEBSITE.**

Thank You..

**Vocations Café** The Diocesan Vocations Team are holding a Zoom Café for men and women on Tuesday 1st December at 7 pm. If you would like to meet the team, ask any questions or simply just listen in, email Diane at: [vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk](mailto:vocationsadmin@dioceseofnottingham.uk) for the link and password to enable you to join them on your device with your drink and cake. Find out what it means!!!

**NEW PRIVATE PRAYER TIMES:** **SUNDAY** (Barton) 9.00 –10.00 am  
**(MONDAY** (Barton ) 12.00 –12.30 pm **THURSDAY** (Brigg) 10.00am – 11.00 am  
 (Barton ) 12.00 –12.30 pm **THERE ARE NO COMMUNAL PRAYERS/SERVICES AT THESE TIMES.**

**SONG FOR CHRISTMAS IN AID Of "March for Life":** The Braddish Family, former parishioners of Saint Augustine's, have written, performed and professionally recorded a song which will be available on iTunes and Amazon (£0.99) in time for Advent. Christmas is Coming (Our Saviour is Born), is a song which promises to uplift people and bring hope in these strange times and despite the talk of Christmas being cancelled, Christmas IS Coming! Euan (13) plays Cello and Trombone on the track, Leo (12) Drums and Violin, Pearce (9) Viola, Vincent (8) Violin and the youngest Edith & Micah (5&3) on glockenspiels. Mum, Fiona (nee Norton) sings lead vocals and plays piano, while Dad, Mark, plays the tubular bells adding to the Christmas feel of the song. "We want the song to remind people of the real reason for the season, Jesus is our Saviour". As well as spreading some good cheer, with every download The Braddish family will be raising money for **March for Life**. You can follow them on twitter & facebook for up to date information and photos @BraddishFamily

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 29th Nov 2020	First of Sunday Sunday	<b>Zoom</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm  11.00 am	First Sunday of Advent	Deceased of the Higgins and Richardson Families RIP  NDL
Monday	30th Nov 20	<b>Zoom</b>	9.00am	St Andrew apostle (feast)	NDL (November Dead List)
Tuesday	1st Dec 20	<b>Zoom</b>	6.00 pm	Advent Feria	People of the Parish
Wednesday	2nd Dec 20				
Thursday	3rd Dec 20	<b>Brigg</b>	7.30 p.m.	Saint Francis Xavier priest (memorial)	John Burlinson RIP
Friday	4th Dec 20	<b>Brigg</b>	7.30 pm	Advent Feria	People of the Parish
Saturday	5th Dec 20	<b>Barton</b>	12.30	Advent Feria	People of the The Parish
Masses for Sunday 6th Dec 2020	First of Sunday Sunday	<b>Brigg</b>  <b>Barton Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm  9.00 am 11.00am	Second Sunday of Advent	Mr Porter RIP  People of the Parish  Caroline Wright RIP

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**Joint Parish Website** [www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org](http://www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org)

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

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**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.

#### **THE CHRISTMAS SEASON, and THE OCTAVE OF CHRISTMAS:**

Most of us are used to the fact that retailers, online and in-store, have anticipated, and promoted "Christmas" for weeks, and even months, and on facebook certainly, and possibly on other online apps, people are posting pictures of the Christmas decorations which already adorn their houses. One woman I worked with some years ago who describes herself as "a good Catholic girl" published hers last week, and boasts she takes down her decorations on "Boxing Day" as she doesn't like "dragging Christmas out"! (You can't make these things up. Truth is often stranger than fiction. When I was a child decorations didn't go up until Christmas Eve, and came down on the Feast of The Epiphany.) However, for Catholics, and many, but not all, Christians, there is a recognised Christmas Season, and that begins on Christmas Day, and lasts until the Feast of the Baptism of The Lord, and, in the Church of England, until February 2nd, The Feast of Candlemas (as was once the case in the Catholic Church). However, within the Christmas Season there is "**The Octave of Christmas**" – in effect, eight days of Christmas Day. Prior to that, of course, we have The Season of Advent which begins today Sunday 29th November, and it is a period of preparation for Christmas.

As we have to work to maintain a Covid Secure Church it is necessary to limit numbers at Christmas Masses, and people have to pre-book for all of them. However, our Bishops, with this limitation in mind, wish to highlight the fact we have a

Christmas Season, and do not just celebrate on one day, but more specifically to highlight **The Octave of Christmas**. That is, for eight days we celebrate Christmas Day, as we do with Easter Sunday.

#### **Our Bishop, Patrick McKinney, The Bishop of Nottingham writes:**

Alongside other bishops, I would like to propose that we use the period between now and the lead up to Christmas to provide catechetical information about the Church's understanding of the celebration of the Christmas Octave.

Like Easter, the Nativity of the Lord is one of the two solemnities in the Ordinary Form of the Church's liturgical calendar which has its own Octave. **As you know, the Church regards each day in an Octave as if it were the solemnity itself.** So, for example, the prayers for Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Christmas Octave refer to each day as if it were still Christmas Day. Despite having days within the Octave that are feasts, St Stephen, St John the Evangelist, the Holy Innocents, the Holy Family, and the concluding Solemnity of Mary the Mother of God, each of these days is, as the Roman Missal states, a "**day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord.**" This means that, liturgically, **each of the days from 25th December to the 1st January is 'Christmas Day'.**

Although an additional Mass or Masses on Christmas Eve and/or on Christmas Day might enable more people to attend Mass, **it would be good to remind people that they can come and celebrate the mystery of Christmas at any of the Masses during the Octave days.** This would allow them, this year, to **plan for a day within the Octave** when they would like to come to church to celebrate their Christmas Mass."

Thus, people will be required to book for Masses from December 24th to December 27th (Thursday, Friday Saturday and Sunday), but we believe it will not be necessary to book for the weekdays from December 28th to 1st January (Monday to Friday). However, we do ask that if you cannot get to Mass on December 24th or 25th you come on one of the other days of the Octave, and every day of the Octave is a proper celebration of Christmas Day.

I might add that during my time as a Priest, in a parish, I have never taken a holiday during The Octave of Christmas or Easter as I have believed it is my duty to enable my fellow Parishioners to celebrate The Octave. The thinking shared is not new, and given in response to the pandemic, but the part of the traditional practice of the post-conciliar Church.

(As with Sunday the "obligation" to attend Mass specifically on Christmas Day is currently suspended, as the Bishop also notes in his letter to the clergy.)

**THE VIRTUAL HOLY HOUR:** Thank You to Imogen, Ellie, Lynn and Pauline who each had a particular role in enabling it to take place, and in providing Music and Singing, Scripture Readings and Prayers (on November 21st). The "attendance" was good, and the feedback excellent. Much praise has been given! Some have suggested we could make it happen regularly. It is still Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Communal Prayer and Praise and surely a source of blessings for all. The Private Prayer in Church is even more challenging as winter draws on, and so just maybe we should work on this project. Please let us know what you think. Thank You.