

**WEEKDAY MASSES FROM MONDAY 28th December to FRIDAY 1st January will be at 10.00 am.. Venue for each to be announced in the next Bulletin, but will hopefully follow our regular pattern.**

**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 from **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

**THANK YOU:** 1. Ben, Mags, Ross, Laura, Imogen, Ellen-Grace, Elizabeth all of whom helped celebrate, for a video recording to be broadcast elsewhere, a celebration of "Midnight Mass"! (Yes an actual liturgical celebration of Midnight Mass, celebrated well in advance for later use.) 2. Piero and Imogen for their contribution to the Rosary Novena, and all who joined them. 3. Pauline, Lynn, Jane, Piero and Imogen who helped in particular ways with the recent Virtual Holy Hour(s). 4. For the ongoing work of our Stewards who welcome people to worship, and have to cleanse the Church afterwards each and every time it is used. (and have frequently done those duties outside of our normal regular worship times). 5. The "Call Centre" Staff who give considerable time to take Mass Bookings. They work all round, not just Christmas, unlike the Elves who work for Santa. 6. Those who will do particular work preparing for our celebration of The Nativity of Our Lord. These duties are in addition to those jobs/tasks that are a normal feature of our life, and worship, which are undertaken throughout the year, and are much appreciated. Thank You everyone.

**Brigg Town Carol Service** In normal circumstances on the 20th December there would have been a Town Carol Service at St John`s church to conclude the Christmas Trees Festival. This year we have organised an on-line Carol Service by Zoom at 3.00 pm this coming Sunday. It will include input from members of our three churches in Brigg and from members of the community including our Mayor. We are hoping that many will join us via Eventbrite using the link <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/lessons-carols-brigg-tickets-132518908623>

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** Please note there is Private Prayer Time in Barton this week, but not in Brigg over the Christmas period.

**ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B (WKD) YEAR 1 PSALTER WK 4**

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 20th Dec 2020	First Mass of Sunday	<b>Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish
	Sunday	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am		People of the Parish Jim May RIP
Monday	21st Dec	<b>Brigg</b>	9.00 am		
Tuesday	22nd Dec				
Wednesday	23rd Dec				
Thursday	First Mass of Christmas 24th Dec	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	7.00 p.m. 10.00 pm	Christmas Eve The Nativity of the Lord (Solemnity)	Gerald and Olga Dixon RIP Michael and Maureen Gilligan RIP People of The Parish Private Int
Friday	25th Dec	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00am		
Saturday	26th Dec	<b>Barton</b>	12.30 pm	St Stephen, Martyr (Feast)	
Masses for Sunday 27th Dec 2020	First Mass of Sunday	<b>Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	The Feast of The Holy Family	Paddy O'Callaghan RIP
	Sunday	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00am		People of the Parish Nora Joyce RIP

**PRIVATE PRAYER: MONDAY (BARTON) 12 -12.30 pm. THURSDAY (Barton ) 12.00 –12.30 pm.** As usual **There are no communal prayer/services at these times.**

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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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FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS BOOKINGS FOR HOLY MASS: **ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH:** ON SUNDAY (27th December and 3rd January) will be by pre-booking by phone (07753925651) between 6.30 p.m.—7.30 p.m. Tuesday, and Wednesday 11am - 12 noon. 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 before you enter. 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.

Today is a **Day of Prayer for those who work at Sea**, when the Church prays for all those who live and work at sea. Without them, we would not have most of the items we buy in the shops. The retiring collection is for Stella Maris (Apostleship of the Sea), the Catholic Church's official maritime welfare agency. It supports seafarers both practically and spiritually. For an appeal talk, and a video showing some of what Stella Maris does, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/SeaSunday). This collection is vital to enable Stella Maris to continue its important work. To donate, please visit [www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate](http://www.stellamaris.org.uk/donate) or text 'SEA' to 70460 to donate £5. Stella Maris is dependent on voluntary donations, so please give generously. Thank you.

**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 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) and we apologise in advance if we are wrong. Attendance is on a "first come, first served" basis.** 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. (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.)

**MASSES FOR CHRISTMAS DAY:**

Christmas Eve 7.00 p.m. Barton 10.00 pm Brigg (Thursday 24th )

CHRISTMAS DAY, 9.00 a.m. Barton 11.00 a.m. Brigg (Friday 25th )

Attendance at the 7.00 p.m. and 9.00 a.m. Masses in St Augustine Barton, Barton will be by pre-booking only by telephoning (07753925651) between 6.30—7.30 p.m. Monday 21st December, or 11.00 a.m.—12 Noon on Tuesday 22nd December. Please do not leave a text message or voicemail.

Attendance at the 10.00 p.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses in St Mary's Brigg will be by pre booking only. You can do this by telephoning 07597 034908 on Saturday 19th December between 10.00 a.m.—1.00 p.m., and the normal weekly booking time of 5.30—7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd December. Please do not leave a text message or voicemail.

PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY THE DAY, AND NUMBER, TO PHONE TO BOOK.