

ST. AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG  
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**"Virtual" HOLY HOUR TODAY (GAUDETE SUNDAY, THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT : Sunday 13th December 3 p.m. on ZOOM.** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Holy Scripture, Prayers, Music and silence. The one on November 21st was well received, and we are considering making this a more regular feature in the winters months. Please join us.

**PLEASE PRAY** for the Happy Repose of the Soul of Monica Scott who died recently. Prayerful sympathies to her family and friends. The Mass of Christian Burial is at 12.15 on Monday 14th December, followed by burial in Brigg Cemetery. May she Rest In Peace.

**NEW PRIVATE PRAYER TIMES: (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 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

**"HOME MISSION":** TODAY, especially, we are asked to pray for the spread of The Gospel in our land, and recommit ourselves to witnessing to Christ in our daily lives. The need is urgent, and the ground is fertile, and people are receptive to The Truth.

**THE CHALLENGE OF COVID:** it was reported some weeks ago many Masses, especially at Christmas, celebrated by The Pope, will not be public events due to covid. It has just been announced that his "Midnight Mass" will be at 7.30 p.m. because Italy has a 10.00 p.m. Curfew, and within The Rome Diocese the first Mass of Christmas can be at 4.30 p.m. and the first night Mass (traditionally at Midnight) can be at 6.00 p.m.. Technically the Vatican City is a sovereign state but as part of the Treaty between the Vatican and Italy civil laws apply within the Vatican. The current times are a challenge to everyone in terms of worship even The Pope, who has some authority within The Church!

John 18:38

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 13th Dec 2020	First of Sunday Sunday	<b>Brigg Barton Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00am 11.00 am	Third Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish People of the Parish Caroline Wright RIP
Monday	14th Dec 20	<b>Brigg</b>	12.15	St John of the Cross (Memorial)	Funeral Monica Scott RIP
Tuesday	15th Dec 20				
Wednesday	16th Dec 20				
Thursday	17th Dec 20	<b>Brigg</b>	7.30 p.m.		
Friday	18th Dec 20	<b>Brigg</b>	7.30 pm		Sheila Richardson RIP
Saturday	19th Dec 20				
Masses for Sunday 20th Dec 2020	First of Sunday Sunday	<b>Brigg Barton Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am	Fourth Sunday of Advent	People of the Parish People of the Parish Jim May RIP

**PRIVATE PRAYER: MONDAY (BARTON) 12 -12.30 pm. THURSDAY (BRIGG) 10 - 11.00 am (Barton ) 12.00 -12.30 pm. There are no communal prayer/services at these times. VIRTUAL HOLY HOUR, with Exposition, TODAY SUNDAY 13th December 3 p.m on Zoom**

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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. (Please note for the Sunday Masses on 27th December, and 3rd January the booking times slots will be different to those published here. )

**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.

**A ROSARY NOVENA:** The St Marys Parish Novena continues until 16th December inclusive on Zoom. Each day at 6 p.m.. In honour of The BVM beginning on The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception. We will pray for World Peace, and those impacted by the pandemic, and the needs of our Parish. (Barton parishioners are also invited to join in)

#### **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). 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.**