

**NEW YEAR GREETINGS AND THANKS:**

“The people that walked in darkness  
has seen a great light;  
on those who live in a land of deep shadow  
a light has shone.  
You have made their gladness greater,  
you have made their joy increase;  
they rejoice in your presence  
as men rejoice at harvest time,  
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.

For the yoke that was weighing on him,  
the bar across his shoulders,  
the rod of his oppressor,  
these you break as on the day of Midian.....

For there is a child born for us,  
a son given to us  
and dominion is laid on his shoulders;  
and this is the name they give him:  
Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God,  
Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace.  
Wide is his dominion  
in a peace that has no end,  
for the throne of David  
and for his royal power,  
which he establishes and makes secure  
in justice and integrity.

From this time onwards and for ever,  
the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this. (Isaiah 9: 1— 7)

The Feast of The Baptism of The Lord marks, for us all, the beginning of Ordinary Time. However, we would do well to remember that every day we live everyday in The Time of Christ, and ,in that sense, we should enjoy all that these religious festivals invite us to call to mind and celebrate them every day. Every Mass is a Christ Mass. Every Mass is the perfect Representation of the Sacrifice of Calvary. Every Mass is a celebration of the Empty Tomb, and his triumph over sin and death. (Our Church of England colleagues continue to celebrate Christmastide until February 2nd.)

As we rejoice at the Dawn of Salvation, in the presence of The Christ Child, I would like to wish for you all every possible joy and blessings in this New Year, that is just beginning. Thanks to all who helped prepare in a particular way for our recent liturgical celebrations of Christmas, and for all those who do so much work, usually quietly behind the scenes, for the benefit of us all, all the year around. Mass is being offered for the intentions of our stalwart volunteers on Monday of this week. (Every Sunday, and Holyday, Mass is offered for all Parishioners.) Thanks too for your cards and gifts, and to those who have offered me particular support during challenging times for me personally. May God truly bless you all.

Fr Michael

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 10th Jan 2021	First Mass of Sunday	<b>Brigg Barton Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	The Baptism of the Lord (Feast)	People of the Parish Ints Norton Family
	Sunday		9.00 am 11.00 am		
Monday	11th Jan	<b>Brigg</b>	10.00 am		For all who do voluntary work in our Parishes.
Tuesday	12th Jan	<b>Barton</b>	6 .00 p.m.		Alice Abuo RIP
Wednesday	13th Jan				
Thursday	14th Jan	<b>ZOOM</b>	7.30 pm		Ints Boston Family
Friday	15th Jan	<b>Brigg</b>	7.30 pm		Ints Dominic V
Saturday	16th Jan				
Masses for Sunday 17th Jan 2020	First Mass of Sunday	<b>Brigg Barton Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	Second Sunday Ordinary Time	Doreen Webb RIP.  People of the Parish
	Sunday		9.00 am 11.00 am		

**PRIVATE PRAYER: MONDAY (BARTON) 12 -12.30 pm. THURSDAY (BRIGG) 10.00 –11.00 (Barton ) 12.00 –12.30 pm. There are no communal prayer/services at these times.**

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website where a one off donation or standing order can be set up.

**BOOKINGS FOR HOLY MASS: ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH:** Attendance on SUNDAY is 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 Attendance** (The First of Sunday) on SATURDAY 6.00pm, SUNDAY 11am is 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.

**Cycle of Prayer during Ordinary Time - Winter:** Peace on Earth; Christian Unity; The Sick and Those Who Care for Them; Victims of Human Trafficking and Those who Work to Combat it; Students and Teachers; The Unemployed.

**VIRTUAL HOLY HOUR:** Sunday 24th January 2021 at 3 p.m. on Zoom from Brigg. Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament, Scripture, Silence and some music and lots of prayer and reflection. Even your P.P. does know the content/format as it is being prepared and led by a Parishioner! The previous Holy Hours have been much appreciated by those who participated/attended. All are welcome to join in this act of prayer and worship.

**SICK AND RETIRED PRIESTS FUND:** There will be a retiring collection NEXT Sunday, on 17th of January 2021, in aid of the Sick and Retired Priests Fund.

“ In the course of his preaching John the Baptist said: ‘Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.’ It was at this time that Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised in the Jordan by John. No sooner had he come up out of the water than he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit, like a dove, descending on him. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’ “ Mark 1: 7 -11

## Maintaining a Covid Secure Church...

Many of you will recall , I hesitated to take on this role when I entered a Church (St Mary's, Brigg) for the first time, since the first lockdown in March, in early July. The signs and bench and floor markings were, to say the least, off-putting. Since then we have had a second lockdown and more restrictions. I have not been “home” since March, and have had no physical contact with family and friends. I understand our common struggle.

The people who volunteered to act as stewards cannot possibly have appreciated they were in it for the long haul, and the P.M. had promised us it would be over by Christmas. He just didn't say which. Their dedication to their role is admirable and praise worthy. I would like to personally, but on behalf of the worshipping Community, to thank the stewards for the valuable work they are undertaking at St Augustine Webster and St Mary's, without their support we would not be able to have Mass or Prayer.

The national requirements are that 2 stewards must be present at each Mass/Private Prayer to undertake preparation prior to any other Parishioners being admitted to the building. If anything, the doors must be locked until the stewards have done all their preparation. If beforehand, we know stewards cannot support Mass or Prayer this will be not be listed on the bulletin, however if on the day we find out 2 stewards cannot attend, then that is when a cancellation will occur, even at short notice.

As we begin 2021 we know keeping the Church open, and for people to attend, requires we always have stewards supporting services, and so please can I ask you to consider volunteering to be a steward on the rota? This will help to ensure all Masses and Prayer sessions are supported. Your offering to help, say, once a fortnight, could make a difference and would be so appreciated by Parishioners, many who cannot volunteer due to personal individual issues.

**JOINT PARISH WEBSITE** Please see for the general guidance relating to Churches and Covid-19, which apply when attending Church. Thank You: [www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org](http://www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org)

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**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.