

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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR:** the Happy Repose of the Soul of Ian McLaren who died recently. May he Rest In Peace. Pray too for his family and friends who mourn at this time. The Funeral Mass is at 10.00 a.m. at St Augustine Webster Church, Barton, on Friday 5th February, followed by cremation. Attendance is limited to 30 and is by pre-booking only bookings for Holy Mass are to be by phone (07753925651) between 8—9.00 pm. on Thursday 4th February.

**COLLECTION, MASS OFFERING ENVELOPES** (Requests) to be put in The Collection Basket on leaving Holy Mass. If the date is imminent please phone or email the date. (We are not meant to handle cash/envelopes for 72 hours after receiving them.) People who send Mass Offerings electronically to the Bank are asked to give “STIPEND” as the reference. Thank You..

**SINGING THE MASS:** As we cannot currently have Congregational Singing it may seem an odd time to mention Singing The Mass. However, it is worth reminding ourselves that The Church speaks of “singing THE Mass” rather than singing at Mass. Parts of the Mass are ideally meant to be sung, and others should only rarely be sung. In a document published in 1997, but still entirely relevant, by The Liturgy Committee of The Bishops’ Conference of England and Wales we read: “If you ask people what the main sung parts of Mass are, many will say ‘the hymns’. Hymns are all many people experience, so that is a reasonable answer. It can be a sur-prise to hear that to sing hymns at Mass is a quite recent development and that you could have a perfectly good sung Mass with *no* hymns.” The Liturgical Document, and liturgical principles, that the document draws upon were even “old” in 1997, and were being taught over a decade before when your PP was in seminary, and presumably for decades before that.

One of the great blessings of recent months is that we have been able to make use of cantors to add some singing/music to some of our Masses and our virtual Holy Hours. Imogen has played a particularly notable role, and it is not possible to forget the small group who came together to record a “Christmas Midnight Mass”, for use elsewhere, on the first Sunday of Advent! Our plan is that, whilst the restrictions continue, we will have the cantors once a month, and for the Holy Triduum. Hopefully it will not however, not be too long before the whole congregation can “sing the Mass”.

Please NOTE that members of the congregation are not, currently, allowed to sing AT ANY TIME during worship. Only the designated Cantor(s) can. Thank You.

**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.

**COLLECTION FOR PRO-LIFE ORGANISATIONS:** In our two Parishes we will have a voluntary Retiring Collection to be shared between SPUC, Right to Life, and The Life Charity. Each Organisation is a campaigning pro-life Charity. Support of this work is truly in keeping with our faith. The collection will be at the Sunday Masses (including the First Mass of Sunday) **NEXT SUNDAY 7th February**. (Recently your PP given money for a Collection, by people whose names he cannot recall, for a “cause” that doesn’t want the money. Unless the Donor’s request the money back your PP will add those donations to this collection.)

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 31st Jan 2020	First Mass of	<b>Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	Fourth Sunday Ordinary Time	Alice Abuo R.I.P.  People of the Parish Denis Flaherty RIP
	Sunday Sunday	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Monday	1st Feb	<b>Brigg</b>	9.00 am		Private Int
Tuesday	2nd Feb	<b>Barton</b>	6.00 pm	The Presentation of The Lord (Feast)	
Wednesday	3rd Feb				
Thursday	4th Feb	<b>ZOOM</b>	7.30 pm	St Gilbert of Sempringham (Memorial)	Mary Titley R.I.P.
Friday	5th Feb	<b>Barton</b>	10.00 a.m.	Saint Agatha (Memorial)	Funeral of Ian McLaren R.I.P.
Saturday	6th Feb			Saints Paul Miki and Companions (Memorial)	
Masses for Sunday  7th Feb	First Mass of	<b>Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	Ralph Patchett RIP  People of the Parish
	Sunday Sunday	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00am		

**PRIVATE PRAYER: MONDAY (BARTON)** 12 -12.30 pm. **THURSDAY (BRIGG)** 10.00-11.00am (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

For Donations you can go to our website where a one off donation or standing order can be set up.

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**BOOKINGS FOR HOLY MASS:** Anyone wishing to attend the First Mass of Sunday (Saturday 6 p.m.) or the 9.00 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. Masses on Sunday must use the relevant Booking Line **each and every week**. No one can make a block booking for an indefinite time.

**ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH:** Attendance on SUNDAY is by pre-booking only. Bookings for Holy Mass are 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 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.*

**ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH:** during the winter months we will use Option 2 for Holy Communion. As we did when the first church reopened, Holy Communion will be immediately before people leave Church. People are required to take their personal belongings with them as they leave, and not return to the Church. Thank You.

**ST MARY'S CHURCH:** People are required to exit the Church when directed by the stewards, and should not loiter in the Narthex, or block the Church Door.

In both Churches our covid secure status, and the right to have worship, is dependent on people maintaining a 2 meter distance everywhere on Church property, both inside and out, and people must not socialise/mingle with anyone not in their household at any time, and, generally, that all movement is consistent with the one way system.

**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.

**THANK YOU:** to our Psalmists last Sunday: Piero, Jane and Mags. Their work was much appreciated with many favourable comments being expressed. Thanks, too, to Imogen who, as she has done frequently, contributed musically to the Virtual Holy Hour, and to Sam who led it. Again, as one would expect, it was very well received. We will announce future dates for the Virtual Holy Hour( s) soon.

**DAY OF SPECIAL PRAYER FOR RACIAL JUSTICE:** Today, Sunday January 31st. Let us always be mindful of the need to create a just and fair society.

## Maintaining a Covid Secure Church...

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.

WE NEED MORE STEWARDS IN BOTH PARISHES!!!!!!

**FACE COVERINGS:** everyone in Church is, ordinarily, required to wear a face covering. But this rule does not apply to those with exemptions or children under 11. As with other disabilities it will not always be obvious to others that some people have an exemption, and we must, in charity, assume people would not falsely claim to have such an exemption.

Please see our joint Parish website for more general information relating to both Parishes. Thank You.

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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.