

A quote from Pope Francis on **The World Day of Prayer for The Sick** 11th February 2021:

“Sickness always has more than one face: it has the face of all the sick, but also those who feel ignored, excluded and prey to social injustices that deny their fundamental rights (cf. *Fratelli Tutti*, 22). The current pandemic has exacerbated inequalities in our healthcare systems and exposed inefficiencies in the care of the sick. Elderly, weak and vulnerable people are not always granted access to care, or in an equitable manner. This is the result of political decisions, resource management and greater or lesser commitment on the part of those holding positions of responsibility. Investing resources in the care and assistance of the sick is a priority linked to the fundamental principle that health is a primary common good. Yet the pandemic has also highlighted the dedication and generosity of healthcare personnel, volunteers, support staff, priests, men and women religious, all of whom have helped, treated, comforted and served so many of the sick and their families with professionalism, self-giving, responsibility and love of neighbour. A silent multitude of men and women, they chose not to look the other way but to share the suffering of patients, whom they saw as neighbours and members of our one human family. Such closeness is a precious balm that provides support and consolation to the sick in their suffering. As Christians, we experience that closeness as a sign of the love of Jesus Christ, the *Good Samaritan*, who draws near with compassion to every man and woman wounded by sin. United to Christ by the working of the Holy Spirit, we are called to be merciful like the Father and to love in particular our frail, infirm and suffering brothers and sisters (cf. *Jn* 13:34-35). We experience this closeness not only as individuals but also as a community. Indeed, fraternal love in Christ generates a community of healing, a community that leaves no one behind, a community that is inclusive and welcoming, especially to those most in need. Here I wish to mention the importance of fraternal solidarity, which is expressed concretely in service and can take a variety of forms, all directed at supporting our neighbours. ‘Serving means caring ... for the vulnerable of our families, our society, our people.’ (*Homily in Havana*, 20 September 2015). In this outreach, all are “called to set aside their own wishes and desires, their pursuit of power, before the concrete gaze of those who are most vulnerable... Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness and even, in some cases, ‘suffers’ that closeness and tries to help them. Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people” (*ibid.*.)” (Section 3)

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 17th 2012): marks the beginning of The Season of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. After much reflection, it has been decided that Masses will be as follows: 9.00 a.m. Brigg, and 11.00 a.m. Barton. This takes into account the need to have two stewards, and the cleaning of the Church, and the fact many, who are at present regularly coming to Mass, feel unable to come out on the dark winter nights. We anticipate that it won't be necessary to book, but it also means there is a, very slight, possibility we will reach our numbers before everyone is accommodated. If that happens, we apologise in advance. However, people are welcome, and encouraged, to come to Mass any time there is Mass during Lent. (It is necessary to use the Booking Line(s) for Sunday.)

“Honesty is more than not lying. It is truth telling, truth speaking, truth living, and truth loving.” James E Faust

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 7th Feb 2020	First Mass of	Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm	Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	Ralph and Joan Patchett R.I.P
	Sunday Sunday	Barton Brigg	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Monday	8th Feb	Brigg	9.00 am		
Tuesday	9th Feb	Barton	6.00 pm		
Wednesday	10th Feb			St Scholastica (Memorial)	
Thursday	11th Feb	ZOOM	7.30 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes (Optional Memorial)	Private Int
Friday	12th Feb	Brigg	7.30 p.m.		
Saturday	13th Feb				
Masses for Sunday 14th Feb	First Mass of	Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm	Sixth Sunday Ordinary Time	People of the Parish
	Sunday Sunday	Barton Brigg	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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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.

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) **TODAY (SUNDAY 7th February).**

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.

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.

WELCOMING THE GOSPEL:

A quote Adoremus—a source of liturgical knowledge, and insight— January 13th 2019: “First, in the description of the Alleluia and Verse before the Gospel in GIRM, 62, we find two important indications of the rite’s significance: 1) it is to be sung, [iii] and 2) the act of singing it ‘constitutes a rite or act in itself.’ Unlike the Entrance Chant, Responsorial Psalm, and Communion Chant, where the antiphons given in the liturgical books should be recited when they are not sung, the Alleluia and Verse are among the texts that are ‘in principle meant to be sung,’ [iv] and therefore may simply be omitted when “it is not always necessary (e.g., in weekday Masses)” to sing them. [v] “

Readers are advised it should NOT be necessary to invite people to stand for The Gospel, as it firmly entrenched in The Rite of Mass, and, therefore, are asked not to do so, at any time. Thank You. The Liturgy should not be used to fight for personal preferences! Unlike other Christian denominations we make a distinction, and give particular honour, to The Gospel by: a procession of The Book of Gospels, use of servers carrying acolytes, incense, we stand, and it is proclaimed by a Priest or Deacon. None of these are dependent on the use of the Gospel Acclamation, or the instruction/invitation to