

ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG  
1ST SUNDAY LENT ORDINARY TIME YEAR B (WKD) YEAR 1 PSALTER WK 3

**PARISH FINANCE:** The Diocese has designated last Sunday for each Parish, throughout the Diocese, to address the issue of Parish Finance. Our Churches exist because Catholic neighbours have come together to build a visible witness to Christ in the world, and to provide a place in which to celebrate the Eucharist “*the source and summit* of the Christian life. “ Saint John Paul II specified that: “Whilst the Parish is perfected and integrated in a variety of forms, it nevertheless remains an indispensable organism of primary importance in the visible structure of the Church”, whereby “evangelisation is the cornerstone of all pastoral action, the demands of which are primary, preeminent and preferential”

People in our country, and world, including many in our Parishes, will have suffered the effects of the economic downturn caused by the pandemic, and may have lost jobs, had hours reduced, or suffered a loss of income for other reasons. The situation is a source of ongoing concern and we must challenge industry leaders, capitalists and government, at local and national level, to continue to assist people and alleviate their pressures and concerns, and provide secure employment, and training, a fair and just wage.

In such circumstances, we can only ask as you seek to live and work within your means, and contribute to the ongoing work of the Church, as best you can. In reality, we need those who are financially able to consider increasing their contribution to Parish finance, but not if it increases your burdens. We thank you most sincerely for your ongoing commitment to the needs and mission of your parish.

A significant part of the income in St Mary's is from the hire of the Hall, and that has ceased at present. Therefore the decrease of income in Brigg is significantly greater than the one in Barton. *The Diocese asked each Parish to provide details of the difference in income between April—September 2019 and April –September 2020. It is a crude measure but it does reflect the harsh reality of our income during the pandemic. In broad terms the income in Barton showed a 10% decrease, and in Brigg a 53% decrease.* During this second lockdown even fewer are coming to Mass since when the Churches were allowed to re-open for worship in the summer. That has a major impact.

Your P.P. , as a boy, learned from his parish clergy that, in an ideal world, the Parish needs a regular and sustained income, and that is best provided through the Planned Giving Scheme, and, since then learnt, as it didn't exist when he was a boy, the fact that taxpayers can increase their donation, at no cost to them, by signing a Gift Aid Form. (At the time he was a parishioner, although the Parish developed a significant debt, his PP stressed that the best plan was regular giving rather than constant extra fundraising events, although they are an important part of the mix.) Please consider increasing your offering if you can. If you are a taxpayer sign a Gift Aid Form. Ideally sign a Standing Order Form, or use Planned Giving Envelopes.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver ....Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. “ 2 Corinthians 7, 12

Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention
Masses for Sunday 21st Feb 2020	First Mass of	<b>Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	First Sunday of Lent	People of The Parish Ints Margaret Wall
	Sunday Sunday	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Monday	22nd Feb	<b>Brigg</b>	9.00 am	Chair of St Peter Apostle (Feast)	Ints Burlison Family
Tuesday	23rdFeb	<b>Barton</b>	6.00 p.m.		
Wednesday	24th Feb				
Thursday	25th Feb	<b>ZOOM</b>	7.00 pm		
Friday	26th Feb	<b>Brigg</b>	7.00 p.m.		
Saturday	27th Feb				
Masses for Sunday 28th Feb	First Mass of	<b>Brigg</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm	Second Sunday of Lent	People of The Parish Private Int
	Sunday Sunday	<b>Barton Brigg</b>	9.00 am 11.00 am		

**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. 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.

**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.

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. 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.*

**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.

**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.

**PLEASE NOTE:** For an experimental period, the weekday Masses on **Thursday and Friday** will now ordinarily be at **7.00 p.m.** (However, for Maundy Thursday, 1st April 2021 a different time will apply.)

**CAFOD:** The **Lent Family Fast Day** is on Friday. Collecting and distributing envelopes is not covid friendly. They advise the quickest and simplest way of giving, which also enables you to Gift Aid your donation, is at [cafod.org.uk/give](http://cafod.org.uk/give) However, a basket will be available for your offerings on Sunday 28th.

**Cycle of Prayer:** during Lent, we pray for these intentions: Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

**THE PARISH:** continued from last week: some quotes from "**The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church**", published in July 2020:

29. The Parish is a community gathered together by the Holy Spirit to announce the Word of God and bring new children of God to birth in the baptismal font. Assembled by the pastor, the Parish celebrates the memorial of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord, bearing witness to faith in charity, living in a permanent state of mission, whilst ensuring that no one is excluded from the salvific, life-giving message. Pope Francis expressed it thus: "The parish is not an outdated institution; precisely because it possesses great flexibility, it can assume quite different contours depending on the openness and missionary creativity of the pastor and the community. While certainly not the only institution which evangelises, if the parish proves capable of self-renewal and constant adaptability, it continues to be "the Church living in the midst of the homes of her sons and daughters". This presumes that it really is in contact with the homes and the lives of its people, and does not become a useless structure out of touch with people or a self-absorbed group made up of a chosen few. [...] We must admit, though, that the call to review and renew our parishes has not yet sufficed to bring them nearer to people, to make them environments of living communion and participation, and to make them completely mission-oriented"

86. The lay faithful are called upon in our present age to make a generous commitment to the service of the mission of evangelisation, first of all through the general witness of their daily lives, lived in conformity with the Gospel, in whatever environment they are in and at every level of responsibility; in a particular way, they are called to place themselves at the service of the Parish community.

And a quote from a Mgr Pope, in "The Catholic Standard" in an article entitled "Parish boundaries still matter" : "There is no substitute for working with the residents within a parish's boundaries. The genius of the Catholic Church is that we have divided the entire world up into parishes defined by geographical boundaries. The pastor and the parish together are responsible for the evangelization and salvation of every man, woman, and child within those boundaries."

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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.