

ST. AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG
SIXTH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME YEAR B (WKD) YEAR 1 PSALTER WK 2

PARISH FINANCE: The Diocese has designated this day 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 giverBecause 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 14th Feb 2020	First Mass of	Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm	Fifth Sunday Ordinary Time	People of the Parish John Burlinson R.I.P.
	Sunday Sunday	Barton Brigg	9.00 am 11.00 am		
Monday	15th Feb	Brigg	9.00 am		
Tuesday	16th Feb				
Wednesday	17th Feb	Brigg Barton	9.00am 11.00am	Ash Wednesday	
Thursday	18th Feb	ZOOM	7.30 pm		
Friday	19th Feb	Brigg	7.30 p.m.		
Saturday	20th Feb				
Masses for Sunday 21st Feb	First Mass of	Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm	First Sunday of Lent	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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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.

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.

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY (February 17th 2012): marks the beginning of The Season of Lent. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. 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.)

THE PARISH:

Pope Francis challenged parishes to be more than just offices but homes for people of society. "Let us pray for our parishes, that they not be simple offices, but that [they may be] animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen," he said.

In a Document entitled "**The pastoral conversion of the Parish community in the service of the evangelising mission of the Church**", published in July 2020, we read: "Since its inception, the Parish is envisioned as a response to a precise pastoral need, namely that of bringing the Gospel to the People through the proclamation of the faith and the celebration of the Sacraments. The etymology of the word makes clear the meaning of the institution: the Parish is a house among houses^[10] and is a response to the logic of the Incarnation of Jesus Christ, alive and active among the community. It is visibly characterised then, as a place of worship, a sign of the permanent presence of the Risen Lord in the midst of his People."

The Congregation for Clergy's guidelines recognize that reality. "Increased mobility and the digital culture have expanded the confines of existence," the guidelines state, "people are less associated today with a definite and immutable geographical context, and "digital culture has inevitably altered the concept of space, together with people's language and behaviour, especially in younger generations."

But the document insists that territoriality matters. That "interpersonal relationships risk being dissolved into a virtual world without any commitment or responsibility towards one's neighbor."

The parish is not a self-selected or self-defined community, but a set of people with obligations to each other, and the guidelines warn against losing that sense

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.

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.