

ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER, BARTON & SAINT MARY'S, BRIGG
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR B (WKD) YEAR 1 PSALTER WK 3

Now this is the message that we have heard from him and proclaim to you: God is light, and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say, "We have fellowship with him," while we continue to walk in darkness, we lie and do not act in truth. But if we walk in the light as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from all sin. If we say, "We are without sin," we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we acknowledge our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing. If we say, "We have not sinned," we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. 1 John 1: 5-10

The Sacred Triduum and Easter:

It is good to report that St Mary's Brigg had bookings for the maximum possible attendance, in these harsh times, on Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and for the Easter Masses (and the Sunday morning Mass, as in Barton, had a waiting list). Sadly, as happens on most Sundays in the year, some of those who booked were forced to cancel, and it was too late to offer those seats to others.

In St Augustine's, Barton, on Maundy Thursday, and Good Friday the attendance was, we understand, as good as any year pre-pandemic, and on Easter Sunday, as in Brigg, the number was the highest ever since The Church was allowed to have public worship in July (and a waiting list was drawn up for the 9.00 a.m. Mass).

It is good Catholics in Brigg and Barton openly witness to their faith and witness to the truth that Christ is Risen from the dead, and that we gather in his name, around his table, and share one bread and cup, and break open His Word together.

Anyway back to the good news: the flowers in both Churches were wonderful. The extensive work of Parishioners before, during, and after the ceremonies was evident. Those who had a particular role in preparing for, or during the liturgies, were as we know they are: outstanding. In Brigg, Mags, Laura, Imogen, Piero and Ben enhanced our worship more than can be imagined. It was a good anticipation of a Heavenly Choir, we guess.

All that work is appreciated, but the stewards were, as usual, were stupendous in their dedication. We need to maintain our covid secure status, and follow all public guidelines in this pandemic. They, and The Call Centre Staff, make it possible.

Thank you everyone. Thanks, too, for your cards and gifts.

"The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common. The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect. None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need."
Acts 4:32-35

Wishing you all the joy of the Risen Lord. Stay close to him, and accept his grace and blessings.

Fr Michael
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Day	Date	Parish	Time	Liturgical Calendar	Mass Intention/ Type of Service
Masses for Sunday	First Mass of Sunday	Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm	Third Sunday of Easter	Ralph and Joan Patchett R.I.P.
Sunday Sunday	18th April 2021	Barton Brigg	9.00 am 11.00 am		People of the Parish Linda Bland R.I.P.
Monday	19th April	Brigg	9.00 am		Fr Patrick Littlewood RIP
Tuesday	20th April				
Wednesday	21st April				
Thursday	22nd April				
Friday	23rd April	Brigg	7.00 p.m.	Saint George (Solemnity)	
Saturday	24th April				
Masses for Sunday	First Mass of Sunday	Brigg	Saturday 6.00 pm	Fourth Sunday of Easter	
Sunday 25th April	Sunday Sunday	Barton Brigg	9.00 am 11.00 am		People of the Parish

PRIVATE PRAYER: Monday (Barton) 12-12.30pm Thursday (Brigg), 10.00-11.00 am (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. 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 in extreme weather.. 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. If the weather is reasonable we will use Option 1. **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: Attendance will be on a strictly first come first served basis and you may be refused entry when capacity is reached, and 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.

Cycle of Prayer during Eastertide, we pray for these intentions: New Members of the Church; Vocations; The Right Use of the Media; the Church; Human Work.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE (IN BRIGG): ideally the Candle would be in The Sanctuary near "The Ambo"/ "The Lectern" or "The Table of The Word". However, the open windows mean the candle is either being blown out or is unusually burning down quickly. We have therefore moved it to where we think is an appropriate, prominent , place, outside The Sanctuary having consulted people at a weekday Mass. It is in front of The Statue of The Risen Christ, and standing next to The Parish Memorial Book. The crucified and risen Lord Jesus Christ, The Light of The World, by his dying, and rising has conquered sin and death and has offers us eternal life. May all our deceased rise with him. May they Rest in Peace until then.

FACEBOOK OR WHATTSAPP: If either Parish sets up a new facebook page or whatsapp group we will announce it publicly. Only ones we advertise are recognised and endorsed by their respective parishes:

www.facebook.com/stmarysbrigg www.facebook.com/staugustinewebsterbarton

Our public groups on whatsapp are:

ST MARY'S PARISH BRIGG

LUMEN CHRISTI @ BARTON

There have been NO new official groups set up since early 2020. All others are not recognised or endorsed by the respective Parishes. No other groups can, or should, claim the endorsement of either Parish. Be wary of any not listed above, and please don't promote them to other people.

A DEPARTURE OF ANOTHER KIND: Our Secretary, who has worked in some capacity in St Mary's, for over 25 years, and latterly with Barton too, overseeing the only functional joint Parish Office, is soon moving to pastures new. We will say more nearer the time, but we thought we should forewarn you as there may be a local run on paper tissues! We appreciate all she has done, and will continue to do so up until she leaves.

EXPOSTION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT, AND PRAYER AND PRAISE in a Virtual Holy Hour, on the last Saturday of each month on Zoom 7.30—8.30 p.m.. The first on Saturday 24th April.

DONATION FOR THE ROOF FUND: Thanks for the very generous anonymous donation of £100 to help pay for the roof replacement at St Mary's. Such actions are needed and are greatly appreciated. Thank You.

"How rightly Isaiah prophesied about you when he said: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. Their reverence of me is worthless; the lessons they teach are nothing but human commandments.' He called the people to him and said, 'Listen, and understand. What goes into the mouth does not make anyone unclean; it is what comes out of the mouth that makes someone unclean.' Then the disciples came to him and said, 'Do you know that the Pharisees were shocked when they heard what you said?' He replied, 'Any plant my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. Leave them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind; and if one blind person leads another, both will fall into a pit.' " Matthew 15: 7-14

WEEKDAY MASSES IN THE COMING WEEK: On Monday a commitment made about the Mass that day will be honoured, and on Friday, as we honour St George, (Patron Saint of England) there will again be a public Mass. There are however no public masses Tuesday—Thursday. During the Octave of Christmas (25th December—1st January), and Octave of Easter (April 4th—11th) your P.P. used his official holidays ,from his other role, to celebrate the public Masses during those days of solemnity.

"Accountability and democratic choice, I deeply believe, are guaranteed by rigorous scrutiny only." **Jemima Khan**