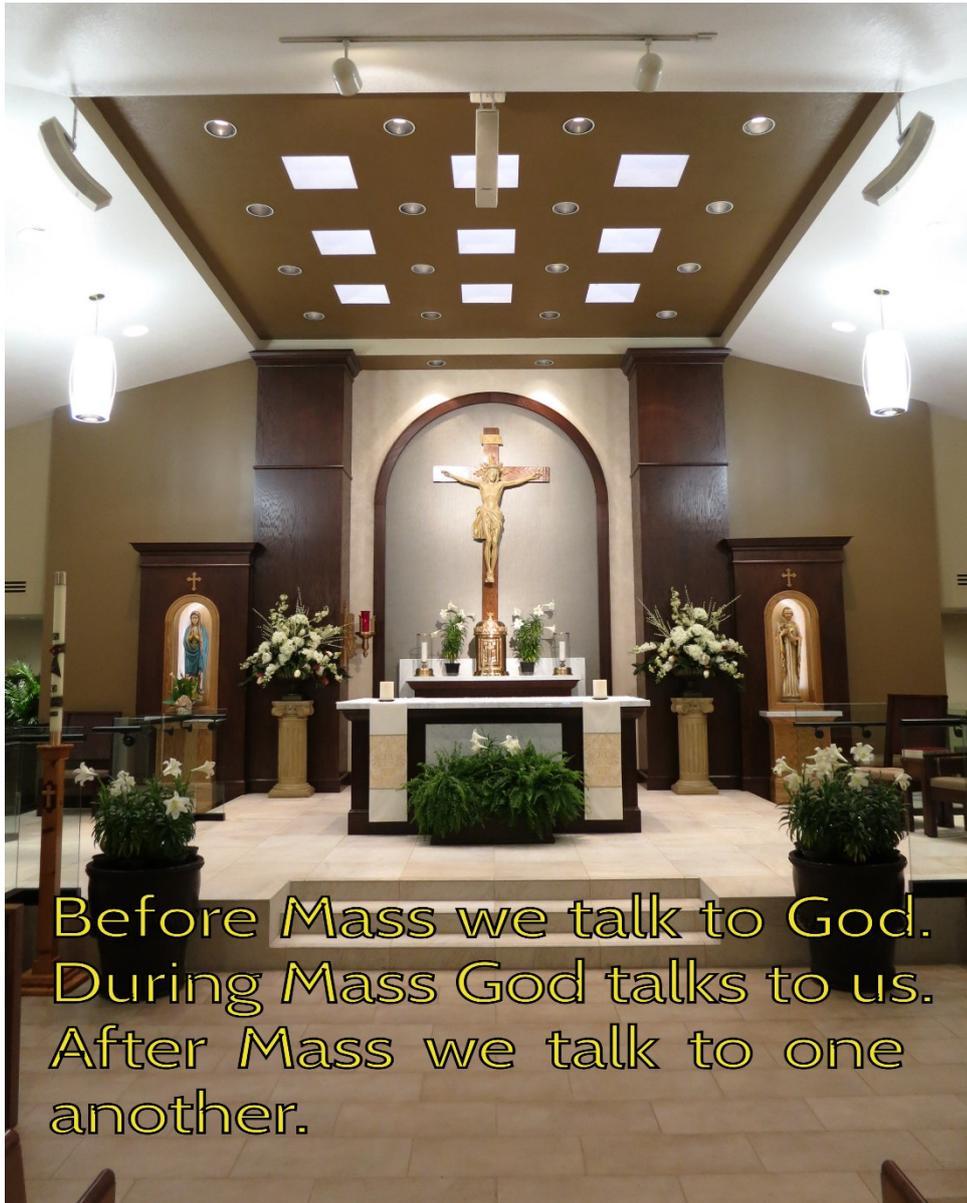


Dear All

In The Bulletin, reference to TODAY usually means the Sunday that is officially the publication date for The Bulletin.

In THIS cover note, TODAY may in fact mean today, as it is sent out ahead of the official publication date of The Bulletin.

Masses from Brigg are normally on Zoom. The ID is 992 962 6557 and the ID does not change and so we ask you to note it for future use. It is essential that ALL users mute their mics for the benefit of all every time they join in.



The Synod of Bishops 2023. The Preparatory work: In our Diocese the discussion first takes place within Parishes. To uphold the integrity of the process, people who normally attend Sunday Mass outside their geographical Parish, or Diocese, and contribute financially to that Parish and Diocese, should attend the meetings arranged in that place. We have arranged the first of our meetings: **St Augustine's, Barton:** Tuesday 26th after the 6.00 p.m. Mass (or 6.30 p.m.!) **St Mary's, Brigg:** Wednesday 3rd November at 7.00 p.m. in The Hall. Suggested questions for each parish to consider: 1) What is my dream for the Church, for my parish so that it can become more outward-looking, more missionary? 2) To achieve this dream, what do we need to stop doing? What are we doing that needs to be developed or done differently?

THE POPE'S MESSAGE FOR WORLD MISSION DAY, SUNDAY 24TH OCTOBER: "...we too can daily touch the sorrowful and glorious flesh of Christ. There we can find the courage to share with everyone we meet a destiny of hope, the sure knowledge that the Lord is ever at our side. As Christians, we cannot keep the Lord to ourselves: the Church's evangelizing mission finds outward fulfilment in the transformation of our world and in the care of creation. **TODAY THERE IS A RETIRING COLLECTION FOR "MISSIO" TO SUPPORT THE FOREIGN MISSIONS, but we are all called to be Missionary.**

[Message for World Mission Day 2021 | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

THE BRIGG 10K RUN – A Fundraising Event: Nagham and Bashar Mikail Yasso are running the Brigg 10k Run on 31st October 2021, and are asking for sponsorship **in aid of St Mary's Parish**. Sponsor Forms will be available in both Churches, and people in both Parishes are invited to respond to the generous example of this couple. Thanks to Nagham, and Bashar and all who offer support

NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS: Traditionally, throughout November, we pray for all of our deceased, and "November Dead List" Envelopes are NOW available but you can use your own marked "November Dead List". You are invited to place the names of your deceased Parents, Relatives and Friends in the envelope and post it to St Mary's 12 Barnard Avenue BRIGG DN20 8AS, or hand it to Fr Michael. Masses will be offered for all those on the lists practically daily, where possible, throughout November. (Those Masses may be "private" ones – and the intention will be listed in The Bulletin, but not the location, if not in one of our Churches, or on Zoom.) . *Every November Dead List Mass is for EVERY person whose families or friends have submitted a list, and **not** specific individuals or families.*

Anyone who wants a specific intention, on a particular date, - say for an anniversary – should send in that request as soon as possible, as priority, otherwise, will be given to those on The N.D.L.. Every November Dead List Mass is for EVERY person on the List, and not specific individuals or families.

THE BULLETIN: is available online and we would ask people who have obtained it that way, during covid, to continue obtaining them that way. However, from Sunday we will make a small number available in each church for those who DO NOT have online access. In charity to those who need a hardcopy please do not take one if you have online access. It will also save on costs and resources which is in the interest of all. Thank You.

THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL/Bidding Prayers: The General format is an introduction by the Priest, and then, if particular intentions are to be listed, they are read from a prepared list by a designated reader. The Celebrant concludes each pause/silence except the last before The Hail Mary.. It was never intended, nor is it desirable, people in the Congregations extemporise and list things from their place. Such intentions should be universal in nature but where some specific need may be mentioned, as part of that intention.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Periodically in the next few weeks there may not be the regular weekday Masses. . Please do check The Bulletin each week.

ORGANIST REQUIRED: We would be grateful for a volunteer to play the Organ, or provide other musical accompaniment in Barton. Please contact the Joint Parish Office if you can help.

ATTENDING SUNDAY MASSES AFTER JULY 19TH: Covid –19/ The Church/ New Freedoms: various options, as we move forward, will be deliberated upon and shared with you, once agreed, via email, on our joint parish website (www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org) or our only official Parish Facebook pages :

<http://www.facebook.com/stmarysbrigg>

<http://www.facebook.com/staugustinewebsterbarton>

or see:

<https://bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org/covid-19/> on our Joint Parish Website,

The gathering of the Parish Community, as one, especially on a Sunday and Holyday, is central to the life and mission of The Church. “Therefore, the dies Domini is also the dies Ecclesiae. This is why on the pastoral level the community aspect of the Sunday celebration should be particularly stressed. As I have noted elsewhere, among the many activities of a parish, “none is as vital or as community-forming as the Sunday celebration of the Lord’s Day and his Eucharist”. Mindful of this, the Second Vatican Council recalled that efforts must be made to ensure that there is “within the parish, a lively sense of community, in the first place through the community celebration of Sunday Mass”. Subsequent liturgical directives made the same point, asking that on Sundays and holy days the Eucharistic celebrations held normally in other churches and chapels be coordinated with the celebration in the parish church, in order “to foster the sense of the Church community, which is nourished and expressed in a particular way by the community celebration on Sunday, whether around the Bishop, especially in the Cathedral, or in the parish assembly, in which the pastor represents the Bishop”. n35 APOSTOLIC LETTER DIES DOMINI OF THE HOLY FATHER JOHN PAUL II TO THE BISHOPS, CLERGY AND FAITHFUL OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ON KEEPING THE LORD’S DAY HOLY.

See also this invitation/plea from our Bishops: <https://www.cbcew.org.uk/bishops-encourage-catholics-to-place-sunday-mass-at-the-heart-of-their-post-pandemic-lives/>

THE BULLETIN IS EASILY AND READILY AVAILABLE, FOR
DOWNLOADING ON OUR JOINT PARISH WEBSITE:

www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org

And our OFFICIAL Parish facebook pages:

<http://www.facebook.com/stmarysbrigg>

<http://www.facebook.com/staugustinewebsterbarton>

A Finance and Buildings Committee, a Parish Pastoral Council, and a Social Committee.

Future plans: a volunteer recruitment drive, and the establishment a new Pastoral Council in each Parish (probably in September). Plus a revitalising of The Finance and Buildings Committee in Barton. Please think about what talents you can offer to use in the service of Jesus and your Community. Thank You.

It is worth noting our Diocese advises that “particularly in these days of a Priest being appointed to more than one Parish coupled with the ever increasing responsibilities and requirements of the national law each Parish Priest is strongly encouraged to ask parishioners for assistance. However, even though a job is delegated, the formal responsibility remains with him”. (What is said of Civil Law is true of Canon Law!)

‘The parish priest is the proper pastor of the parish entrusted to him. He exercises the pastoral care of the community entrusted to him under the authority of the diocesan Bishop, whose ministry of Christ he is called to share, so that for this community he may carry out the offices of teaching, sanctifying and ruling with the cooperation of other priests or deacons and with the assistance of lay members of Christ’s faithful, in accordance with the law.”

Finance (and Buildings) Committee:

“Each parish is required to have a finance committee, to be known as the ‘Parish Finance Committee’ and hereafter called the ‘committee’, whose members assist the parish priest in administering the temporal goods of the parish, in accordance with canon law and the law of England & Wales.” (As the two are closely linked we wish to add “and Buildings” to the role of The Committee, and to seek to have people with the relevant knowledge of both subject areas on The Committee)

The Parish Pastoral Council:

“The parish is to have a parish pastoral council (hereafter ‘the council’), whose members assist and advise the parish priest, who is the proper pastor of the parish, in all matters concerning the life and mission of the parish, *without prejudice to the function of the parish finance committee concerning the temporal goods of the parish* and such other committees that the parish priest may establish on a permanent or temporary basis.”

“The council is an advisory and not a deliberative body. Nevertheless, the parish priest shall consult and have regard to the opinion of the members of the council concerning the life and mission of the parish”

“The parish finance committee is to work with the council and should be represented on it, especially in regard to fundraising activities and the repair, maintenance and reordering of the parish churches.”
“Since the council always and *only acts in an advisory capacity*, it cannot in any way be held accountable for the parish priest’s actions.”

The leadership of The Finance and Buildings Committee, and The Parish *Pastoral* Council

In both instances The Parish Priest presides at the meeting, and it is envisaged each body will have a Vice-President/Chair.

On both bodies it is expected that the members are full active worshipping members in their Parish and Church, and known for their Christian charity and affirmative words and actions. An exception would be where a person is seconded to the body for their professional/specialist knowledge and insights, if needed but would still possess those essential characteristics.

A Parish Social Committee:

We recommend that both Parishes establish an independent Social Committee, with a member of that Committee attending the Parish Pastoral Council. This is to ensure the size of the Parish Pastoral Council remains manageable, and that the members of the Social Committee can dedicate themselves to undertake practical hands/on work, as is necessary. It would also be true the number of meetings necessary to be undertaken by the Social Committee will vary from time to time, whereas, except in the case of absolute need, The F and B Committee, and The PPC will meet at set intervals.