

**A MINI PARISH SOCIAL AND A WARM WELCOME IN BARTON, after Mass next**

**Sunday:** Ursula Vickerton writes:” To mark Fr Michael’s recent formal induction as our Parish Priest, we are going to have refreshments after the **9 am Mass on Sunday 10 Oct in Barton**. Some people have already agreed to bring cakes to share. If you willing and able to bring a contribution please do so... The parish room is full of chairs and other furniture/ contents. We hope to serve drinks from a table in kitchen doorway and use the outside, weather permitting, and some of the back of the Church. The Blessed Sacrament will be removed from The Tabernacle before Mass. We hope this will give a social opportunity for parishioners to meet each other and Fr Michael.”

Many, including your P.P., would feel uncomfortable if a Church was routinely used for refreshments (even in a Parish without a Hall). However, The Blessed Sacrament will be removed from The Church. For months people were denied Holy Mass and The Sacraments, and social activity. The early Church met and worshipped in peoples houses. Surely Jesus, who dined and partied often, would surely want such a gathering at the end of such a bad spell, and for us still ensure we have air and space and socialize safely for what is for The Parish community a special occasion. All people of goodwill are indeed welcome.

**A note from The P.P. of Barton and Brigg to everyone in both Parishes:** Firstly as I stated last week, it is regrettable my Induction was delayed, and Brigg was chosen for it because of the size of The Church, and to use The Parish Hall. All people of goodwill, and with a generous and forgiving heart, were invited and some of you, but not all, sent very gracious apologies, but very many of you very kindly attended. Thank You.

As I wrote last week: **“It was a commitment by individuals, and people within two Parishes, to work to live the life and fulfil the mission, of The One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. People who act in a Christian manner and give a united witness, and ensure where any differences exist they are reasonably, and charitably, overcome, and that only truths are spoken and/ or shared on, or through, any media.** They expressed the fact we all are to be evangelizers’ in our area. People, who like the rest of society, had experienced major restrictions and limitations, who had witnessed sickness suffering and death, and people not formally mourned. A people who **recognise it is Jesus is is the founder, and corner stone, and leader of our Parishes, and who calls us to take up our cross each day and follow him, and love our neighbors’, whoever they may be, unconditionally, and become what we eat, at The Altar, which is the centre of our two Parishes: The Bread of Life, Jesus Christ.....**

The ceremony highlights the fact The Bishop is The Chief Shepherd of The Diocese, and that he appoints a co-worker, to minister in his name, and that all of the laity are called, and challenged, to work with their P.P. to fulfil the role and mission of The Parish. **I did not, therefore, seek a dispensation from having the much delayed ceremony, with Covid as one of the reasons, as it is important we publicly commit ourselves to work together on this new journey.** The act of welcoming me began even before I officially came here, through cards, letters, and emails, and even gifts, and has continued, in person, throughout. We are stronger together – affirming the faith of one another – and seeking to work as one.

*Let us all continue to seek to be what we are called to be: Saints, the children that God loves, and evangelizers’ and enablers in a broken world in need of his healing. Let us together seek healing for the world, where necessary, and the necessary grace from God, so that we, model that hope that Christ gives, and spread The Gospel of Salvation through all of our words and actions in any, and every, sphere of life.”*

St. Augustine Webster, Barton & Saint Mary’s, Brigg  
28th Sunday Ordinary Time (B) Weekdays Year 1 Psalter Wk 4

DAY	DATE		TIME	ORDO	INTENTION
Sunday Masses	First of Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>BRIGG BARTON-BRIGG</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am	28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Year	Private Int. People of The Parish Robin Horscroft R.I.P.
<b>Monday</b>	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>BRIGG</b>	9.00 a.m.		Paulinus Young R.I.P..
Tuesday	12 <sup>TH</sup> Oct				Marie Owen-Brown
<b>Wednesday</b>	13 <sup>TH</sup> Oct				
<b>Thursday</b>	14 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>ZOOM</b>	7.00 p.m.		Ints ZS
<b>Friday</b>	15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>BRIGG</b>	7.00 pm	St Teresa of Jesus (of Avila (Memorial)	
<b>Saturday</b>	16 <sup>th</sup> Oct	<b>BARTON</b>	12.30 pm		
<b>Sunday Masses</b>	First of Sunday 17 <sup>TH</sup> October	<b>BRIGG BARTON BRIGG</b>	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am	29 <sup>h</sup> Sunday of the Year	People of The Parish Robin Horscroft R.I.P.

**PRIVATE PRAYER:** Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 am. **(Brigg)** 12 Noon – 100 pm. **(Barton)**

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**Bank Details:** BRIGG RC PARISH/ST. MARY’S or ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER RCP

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

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**SUNDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER: 3.00 p.m. in St Mary's, Brigg**, as will be explored, and explained, in a Pastoral Letter from our Bishop at all The Masses for Sunday, we will have **Eucharistic Adoration** as a joint prayer time for our two Parishes. (It is yet another occasion when we can, in prayer, express our desire and commitment to work together as two Parishes, with one Parish Priest.) It is linked to our Parishes, and Diocese, launch of our preparation leading up to The Synod of Bishops in 2023.

**NOVEMBER MONTH OF HOLY SOULS:** It is part of our faith, and Tradition, that we routinely pray for our deceased: every time Mass is celebrated, in The Divine Office of The Church, in our private prayers, and obviously at a funeral, or on a visit to a cemetery or a Crematorium. However November is termed "The Month of Holy Souls", and the church grants certain plenary indulgences during that month.

Usually, in a Parish, during November, Masses are offered specifically for people on the "November Dead List". The number of Masses offered varies from priest to priest and Parish to Parish. In some, it may be one on a particular day every week, or one Novena of Masses (Nine masses.) The pattern your P.P. is familiar with, and has practiced in every Parish, is that Mass is offered, where possible, every day for those on the List except when there is a funeral, or another specific intention requested. Essentially, "The November Dead List" is, in fact, **all the individual lists submitted collated to form one List** that is "your list" is part of the bigger list, and not a separate list. Which again, is why if you want a specific mass in November, for your deceased relatives, you need to ask now, because those names submitted as part of The November Dead List are part of one list and that means your deceased relatives and friends are included in the multiple Masses offered, not just the one. (We remind you that to have specific Masses offered throughout the year, as well, is good practice.)

*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." (Your P.P. remembers that when he was a child, this mysterious list "The November Dead List" was published on a Cathedral Notice Board. Nobody explained to him that there were not many more fatalities in November!) In each Parish what happens with the List differs nowadays. However, as it is likely as the envelopes may contain confidential information they will not be put out publicly. As with all prayer it is not whether the intentions are publicly recorded, anywhere, but whether or not The Church prays! (Indeed the GDPR Laws require, in general, personal details of any kind should not "be published".)*

*It is traditional to include an offering with "The List" in the same envelope. As with Mass Offerings, people often include confidential information in the envelope, and so whether it is put in The Collection basket or posted through the door at ST MARY'S PRESBYTERY it must, and will, be only opened by your P.P. For example, if a Mass Envelope says "Private Intention" on the front then frequently inside there is a note sharing with the priest what that intention is. Or it is not unknown, that a deceased person may be a child that other people may not know had ever been conceived/born, or a name of someone people don't want publicly shared (because it is a private family matter.) No person, or committee, can override GDPR or a confidential transaction.*

**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:**

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**Our public groups on WhatsApp are:**  
ST MARY'S PARISH BRIGG  
LUMEN CHRISTI @ BARTON

We have been asked "**why is there no Mass, in either of our Parishes, on a Wednesday? Is it the P.P.'s day off?**" The answer is that he routinely has Weekday Parish Mass on what is his day off, and many, many, priests do not do that. On a Wednesday our P.P. routinely/usually celebrates one, and even two, Masses for two separate "communities", in another role. Therefore, between the two Parishes there is routinely daily Mass on 5 days between Mon to Sat, and on the 6<sup>th</sup> Weekday (Wednesday) Mass is celebrated elsewhere. It might be noted in many Parishes there is never a "weekday" Mass on a Saturday day time, as the priest does a The First Mass of Sunday on a Saturday evening. Often we have a weekday Mass on a Saturday in Barton. (Although, in fact, your P.P. also celebrates a "Sunday" Mass elsewhere earlier that day, as he cannot be in two places to do a Sunday Mass on a Sunday!) Thus in a period of a week your P.P. **routinely celebrates 11 Masses** for all the people in his care. [It might be noted he has not had one Sunday not working a Parish since July 2020.

*A public answer is being offered to a question addressed to him privately, because It is good that people know, and understand, some of what his role requires.* (It is debatable if Fr is routinely obsessed with minutiae, and rules, but he feels he always tries to respond to real needs, even if Canon Law says a priest should only celebrate one Mass a day, but he tries be faithful to, at least, the spirit of whatever law, rubric, or guideline exists. (Sadly, not everyone appreciates that.) A Canon Lawyer may advise him he has misunderstood what a "just cause" (Canon 905.2) is, that makes him think that each Community he serves is "just" that! It might be noted even when a Wednesday Parish Mass may have frequently been possible, during covid, it was the judgement of the P.P. it is better to have the same consistent approach, no matter what the weather so it speak. It would, for example, become problematic if Wednesday Mass, in a Parish, proved to be popular and was not offered throughout his time here. (He has been asked frequently to restore a weekday Mass on a Thursday, but even to do it occasionally, would fuel that need/request. Some might then say but "you did it when...!" Covid cannot be used as a reason to lower standards, or abandon norms. No ardent Catholic would ever want that. ) The fewer changes that have to be made, when establishing a pattern or routine, especially when moving out of a crisis, seems to be the best kindest, fairest, option. There is, he thinks, logic, and even a degree of pastoral care and compassion, in his methods. (In the years he has not been in a Parish, Fr has celebrated Mass as early as 5.00 a.m. and always before his breakfast. The timing of public Masses take into account public needs, and his legitimate requirements.

On most days in the past week, we have prayed this as The Post Communion Prayer: **Grant us, almighty God, that we may be refreshed and nourished by the Sacrament which we have received, so as to be transformed into what we consume. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.** May we all, as individuals, and a Parish Community, be transformed so the we truly live what we profess and become what we consume. One Bread. One Body. Unity is not a word, it is what Jesus prayed for, and what we are committed, by virtue of our baptism. to seeking within, and beyond, The Parish and The Universal Church.