

SINCERE SYMPATHIES to the family and friends of Teresa McLaren, and Jack Rubery. Each of them greatly supported their respective Parishes, by their direct involvement or as a supportive spouse of an active member. We pray they will see Jesus in his glory soon. We also assure those who mourn of our prayers and support.

Advent Course: Brigg Methodist Church will be holding an Advent Course every Thursday lunch-time, starting on Thursday 25 November at 12.15. We very much hope that some of you will join us. Revd Enid Knowles will be leading the discussions and we will be serving soup and a roll. Donations will go to a chosen charity. Please advertise these meetings in your church notices / websites/Facebook pages. It would be lovely to see lots of people there.

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:**

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

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

BARTON AND BRIGG PARISHES FIRST HOLY COMMUNION PROGRAMME: Parents/Guardians, of children currently in year 3, or above, at school, are advised to apply for them to join the 2020/21 programme if they wish them to do so. The Registration Forms are available only at Church, and can be collected when people attend Sunday Mass. They need to be returned to the Presbytery (in Brigg) by Sunday 12th December. So as to build on the knowledge, practice, and experience of the child, it is vitally important they are attending a Sunday Mass each, and every week, from now on. Preparation for Holy Communion is a faith experience to be lived out alongside the worshipping Community. If parents/guardians cannot facilitate attendance it may be they, rightly, choose to delay the reception of Holy Communion until such time they can do that. However, the journey they are invited to continue on began when their parents/guardians brought them to be baptized, and promised to raise them in The Catholic Faith. We look forward to their presence, and to walking with them on the journey.

Synod Online form – For those unable to join our parish meetings you can submit your responses to the parish questions online by visiting www.dioceseofnottingham.uk/synod2023 and clicking on 'HAVE YOUR SAY'. The information submitted will feed into our own parish reflections. This form can also be used by those on the margins of the Church or who are not a Catholic. We are being invited to ask those furthest away from our community to be involved so I encourage you to share this with friends and family. Scan the QR code to go directly to the form.



THE DIOCESAN QUESTIONNAIRE

St. Augustine Webster, Barton & Saint Mary's, Brigg
 The First Sunday of Advent (C) Psalter Wk 1

DAY	DATE		TIME	ORDO	INTENTION
Sunday Masses	First of Sun 28th November	BRIGG BARTON BRIGG	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am	The First Sunday of Advent.	N.D.L. N.D.L. N.D.L.
Monday	29 th Nov	BRIGG	9.00 am		Donald Jones R.I.P.
Tuesday	30 th Nov	BARTON	6.00 pm	St Andrew, Apostle (Feast)	(N.D.L.).
Wednesday	1 st Dec				
Thursday	2 nd Dec	ZOOM	7.00 pm		Ints ZS
Friday	3 rd Dec	BRIGG	7.00 p.m.	St Francis Xavier, priest (Memorial)	Ints Pat Littlewood.
Saturday	20 th Nov	BARTON	12.30 pm		
Sunday Masses	First of Sun 5th December	BRIGG BARTON BRIGG	Saturday 6.00 pm 9.00 am 11.00am	The Second Sunday of Advent	Ints Jean McFarlane Francis Patrick Kelly R.I.P.

PRIVATE PRAYER: Thurs 10.0 –11.00 am. (Brigg) Friday 12 Noon–100 pm. (Barton)

Parish Priest: FATHER MICHAEL GILLIGAN 01652 652221 07704058187
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St. Mary's: 12 Barnard Ave, Brigg, North Lincs. DN20 8AS

Facebook: www.facebook.com/stmarysbrigg

St. Augustine Webster: Whitecross Street, Barton on Humber, DN18 5DF

Facebook.com [staugustinewebsterbarton](http://www.facebook.com/staugustinewebsterbarton)

Joint Parish Website www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org

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

For Donations go to our **Joint Parish Website**, or the **Diocesan Web Site:**

www.http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/

Where a one off donation or standing order can be set up.

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

www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org

and our OFFICIAL Parish Facebook pages:

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

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

Please try the alternative sources if an issue arises with one of them. Thank You.

WEEKLY TOMBOLA, exciting prizes galore

in aid of St Mary's, Brigg each Sunday. £1 per strip of tickets.

£70 was raised on Sunday 21st Nov. Thank You.

The Solemnity of St Augustine Webster: as St Augustine Webster is the patron saint of the Parish of Barton Upon Humber his feast day is a solemnity there. In our Diocese this, as it has been for decades, is celebrated on Friday December 10th, and we will have Mass in Barton at 6.00 p.m. The Calendar of Saints, as has been noted previously, is drawn up universally, with national, regional and Diocesan adaptations, and even as applied to religious orders and congregations. All such matters are approved by Rome. It is not down to individual clergy or parishes.

CHRISTMAS MASSES, advance notice: Firstly, to meet the deadline for The Bartonian, a free newspaper, the Masses for Christmas Day were submitted, as they were celebrated last year: **Christmas Eve, Friday 24th:** the first of Christmas 6.30 p.m. Barton, and 8.30 p.m. (Brigg) **Christmas Day (Saturday 25th):** 9.00 a.m. Barton, and 11.00 a.m. Brigg. The pattern for future years will be decided at a later date.

**A CALL TO ACTION:
VOLUNTEERS WANTED.
NOMINATIONS WANTED.**

(By Parish we mean the two Parishes of St Augustine, Barton, and St Mary's Brigg and what is written applies to both.)

1. A PARISH SURVEY

We want to update our Parish lists, and so by using information on record, capturing the details of new people attending The Church, and posted letters through doors of people not on our records, but who Parishioners think may be Catholic.

- A) We need at least two volunteer coordinators in each parish.
- B) We need volunteers who will address letters and envelopes.
- C) We need even more people to volunteer to deliver the said letters to households in their village or the streets immediately around them.

(The letter will be one containing greetings from The Community and asking the occupants of the house to return the survey form in a prepaid envelope, and inviting them to continue with, or join, active life and worship in our Parish.)

2. A MEETING TO DISCUSS THE SETTING UP OF A STRUCTURED PARISH HOME VISIT GROUP, TO MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH ALL PARISHIONERS.

It would help if at least the initial couple of meetings were joint meetings, with the venue switching between the two Parishes. The date for this will be announced soon. We hope anyone who feels they would like to move this project forward will come along. A DBS Certificate and References will be necessary for any people who do the visiting, but not for enquirers who attend the initial meetings.

3. NOMINATIONS FOR ELECTION TO A PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL.

It should be noted that: The text repeatedly stresses the unique authority entrusted in the pastor of a parish. In one example, *it notes that while parishes often have pastoral councils, those bodies are only consultative and "proposals must be accepted favourably by the Parish Priest to become operative."*

The document even discourages pastors from adopting new titles. "Appellations such as 'team leader' ... which convey a sense of collegial government of the Parish, are to be avoided," it says. The text likewise notes that deacons, religious or laypeople who are given roles of responsibility in a parish cannot be designated "pastor," "co-pastor," "chaplain," "moderator," "coordinator," or "parish manager."

(The primary sources used here are the June 2021 document on The Pastoral Role of Parishes, and a report by THE NCR in July 2020.)

{You might note the Diocese says of a Finance (and Buildings) Committee it to advises only. "The committee is an advisory committee. Nevertheless, the parish priest shall consult and have regard to the opinion of the members of the committee on all matters concerning the acquisition, retention, administration and alienation of temporal goods belonging to the parish, both immoveable and moveable."

Further: 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.**

In our context The PPC will be kept abreast of financial and buildings matters, but it should not seek to do the role of The Finance and Buildings Committee. Both The Committee and The Council are advisory, and are not in competition with one another.)

We want nominations for elected members of The Parish Pastoral Council in each Parish. An elected member would need agree to be nominated for election by at least two active members of their respective Parish Community. Anyone nominated must be at least 16 years of age, and an active worshipping member in the Parish they are being nominated for from at least July 2021, but clearly people who have remained active members throughout a much longer period are eligible. The July 2021 date is the minimum requirement.

Nominations will end on 5th December. Elections, if required, will be held in January. (Based on the nominations the P.P. will look at possible appointed members.) **Hardcopies are available in each Parish.**

It would be good if a person, from each Parish, will accept an appointment, by the P.P., as a link with their Parish, and the P.P.C of the other Parish. This is an attempt to share insights across the Parishes.

It is thought to be beneficial if people with a particular interest, knowledge of experience of differing pastoral needs and situations come forward, in no particular order: Youth, Communications, Catechesis, Ongoing Adult Formation, and Evangelisation/Outreach. (It may be such people express their interest, and provide a C.V. to the P.P. as an appointed role might be the best vehicle to enlist their knowledge, insight and experience).

MASS ON MONDAY 13th December at 9.00 a.m. in St Mary's Primary School. Parishioners are welcome.

WE NEED AN ORGANIST FOR BOTH OF OUR PARISHES, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. Please email the joint Parish Office, if you can help. stmarysbrigg@gmail.com Ben Thomas has resigned as our organist at St Mary's, as he seeks to move forward having been ill recently. He has expressed his gratitude for our welcome, and the joy he shared assisting in our worship. We are grateful for that contribution.

The Parish Hall in Brigg: We hope to be given permission to open for general use very soon, and recommence activities like refreshments after Sunday Mass. Watch this space. As has been the case before, in Barton monthly refreshments have already begun!! (Thanks to Ursula and co. in Barton.)