

THE CAR PARK IN BRIGG: once the work begins on the Roof, planned for June 6th, the Car Park will not be available on weekdays.

The Scaffolding is being erected around St Mary's Brigg is to enable, long delayed, but essential work to be done. (The replacement of the leaking roof.) The roofing work will commence on June 6th, and will last about 10 weeks.

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>

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BRIGG AND BARTON FOOD BANKS: In each Church there a collection box for donations to the local food bank in your area. The donations, which are much needed, will be taken to the Food bank by a volunteer. Penny in Barton writes "The Food Bank is getting very busy. About 30 bags of various sizes are going out each week. We are having to buy an average of £200 of food a week to supplement our stock. We need all long life food except pasta and tea as we have a lot of those 2 items. As always we are very grateful for your help and prayers. Thank you Penny"

HOUSE MASSES From May to October we hope, initially, to have one **HOUSE MASS** each month. People are invited to volunteer to host the Mass, in the particular Parish. A sheet are available in both Parishes NOW. **The Mass in Barton will be on a Tuesday, to start no earlier than 6.30 p.m. The Mass in Brigg will be on a Friday, to start no earlier than 7.00 pm.** (Our P.P. will usually be travelling from elsewhere on those evenings, and keen to get an evening Meal before going to bed!) The host (family) or individual will invite Catholics, in their immediate area to attend, including those who no longer attend Mass in any Parish anywhere. However, as space will no doubt be limited it is not sensible to invite those who have chosen to worship in other Parishes, or Diocese, but welcome back those who need to be reengaged with in Christ's name from amongst the baptised not present at any Holy Mass anywhere. (It may be if the host has Wi-Fi the Mass will be on Zoom for the whole Parish, in fact both Parishes.) Any refreshments will be limited to Tea and Coffee, and simple biscuits. (No savouries or cakes.) **Please sign up ASAP. The choice will help us plan ahead.**

The first one in Brigg Parish, hosted by Jean, was, as we would want and expect, spiritually uplifting and a great community occasion.

AT A RECENT DEANERY MEETING TO DO WITH PARISH AMALGAMATIONS our Bishop spoke of "green shoots of recovery". In Brigg one such, is the growing crowd who enhance the 11.00 am Mass, with their outstanding singing from The Organ Loft. We also have heard rumours of a new signing of an Altar Server. Life is good, thank You for all you do.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE CONSECRATION OF ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH: A church "is a house amongst houses", and from there we are sent out to evangelise. On May 20th 2007 Bishop Malcolm consecrated, what is the third such Church in Barton, as a sign and beacon of hope. **Mass is at 6.00 p.m. Friday 20th May.**

*Saint Mary's, Brigg and St Augustine Webster Parishes.
The Fifth Week of Eastertide (C) Psalter Week 1*

DAY	DATE		TIME	ORDO	INTENTION
Sunday 15th May	First of Sunday	BRIGG BARTON BRIGG	6.00 pm. 9.00 am 11.00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter	People of The Parish Gerald Dixon R.I.P.
Monday	16 th May	BRIGG	9.00 am	Feasts of Saints Philip and James	
Tuesday	17 th May	BARTON	6.00 pm		Ints Fr M
Wednesday	18 th May				
Thursday	19 th May	BRIGG	7.00 pm		Ints ZS
Friday	20 th May	BARTON	6.00 pm	Solemnity of The Dedication of St Augustine Webster Church.	People of The Parish
Saturday	21 th May				
Sunday 22nd May	First of Sunday	BRIGG BARTON BRIGG	6.00 pm. 9.00 am 11.00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter	

PRIVATE PRAYER: **BRIGG** Thursday 10-00 – 11.00

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Brigg) each Monday 8.30 -8.55 am.

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. (Sadly technical difficulties may arise. Please be patient! Sometimes we do abandon the attempt so as not to delay Holy Mass. Sincere apologies.)

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www.http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/

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

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Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm in Brigg, and Sunday 8.30 -8.50 am in Barton.

It remains, and has always been possible, to celebrate the Sacrament, at other times, by making an appointment with the Priest.

IF YOU REQUIRE A PRIEST URGENTLY, please first contact the Parish and if no reply, then in the case of DANGER TO life or death, and not for routine enquiries, please phone St Bernadette's 01724 844895 or Holy Trinity on 01472 342301. It is important that you do not contact them for any general parish enquiries, but only if a person is in hospital, or in danger of death at home. Thank You.

The Laity
From the *Catechism of the Catholic Church, Simplified*
The Mission of the Lay Faithful (897-899)

"Laity" are all the baptized (except for those in Holy Orders or in the religious state). By Baptism, they are incorporated into the People of God, share in Christ's office, and have their own part to play in the Church's mission, especially by directing temporal affairs according to God's will. They must bring God's enlightenment and order to society. Their initiative is absolutely required so that the demands of the Gospel permeate temporal realities. The laity are on the front lines and must have a clear consciousness of actually being the Church (Pope Pius XII).

Right to Preach the Gospel (900)

Because of Baptism and Confirmation, they have the right and duty (individually or grouped in associations) to preach the Gospel to all. Their activity in ecclesial communities is so important that pastors cannot be fully effective without them.

Consecrating the World and the Family (901-902)

The laity are called to produce the Spirit's fruits. Their works, prayers, and apostolic Undertakings (even the patient bearing of hardships) must be accomplished as spiritual sacrifices. By these holy actions the laity consecrate the world to God, offering worship by their daily holiness.

In a very special way, parents, as Christian spouses and teachers of their children, share in this work (Canon 835).

Permanent and Other Ministries (903)

Those laity with the required qualities can receive the permanent ministries of lector and acolyte. Even without these ministries, laity can fulfil certain offices (read the Word, confer Baptism, or distribute Holy Communion).

Witness of Life and Word (904-905)

Christ establishes both hierarchy and laity as witnesses. "To teach in order to lead others to faith is the task of every preacher and of each believer" (St. Thomas Aquinas).

The layperson must proclaim Christ by word and example. This witnessing has a special power in the ordinary circumstances of the world. Laypersons must seek opportunities to announce Christ to believers and non-believers.

Bringing Their Special Competence (906-907)

By special training, lay people can help in catechetical, in the sacred sciences and in the mass media. According to their special competence, lay people must make their opinions known to their pastors and even to other faithful (with due regard for the integrity of faith and for the common good).

Changing the World (908-909)

Christ gave his followers a "royal freedom" so they might overcome the reign of sin in themselves. "That man is rightly called a king who makes his own body an obedient subject" (St. Ambrose). When the world's institutions and conditions are an inducement to sin, the laity should "unite their forces" to change them, and impregnate human works with a moral value.

Helping Their Pastors (910-911)

The laity must help their pastors by exercising various ministries or charisms for the good of the Church (Pope Paul VI). Canon law provides many opportunities for the laity to cooperate in the power of Church governance such as diocesan synods, parish finance councils, and parish pastoral councils.

Church and Society (912-913)

The faithful must distinguish between their rights and duties within the Church and within human society. They must unite the two, and be guided by a Christian conscience. Every person according to the gifts bestowed by Christ must be a living instrument of the Church's mission.

TWO CHURCHES, BUT ONE COMMUNITY OF THE LORD:

Meeting Tuesday June 7th 2022 7.30 pm

Parishioners and Barton and Brigg are invited to attend a joint Parish Meeting in St Augustine Church. We wish to discuss issues around the amalgamation of the two Parishes to form one Parish. We will have an independent, non-Catholic, chairing the meeting. *There will be Holy Mass at 7.00 pm but no-one is required to come to both events. Both are clearly important but for different reasons. However, the meeting is bring about what we profess, and commit to at Holy Mass, to form one Community united in Christ.*

Those who wish to, and can, are invited to join an Agenda Planning Meeting on Zoom on May 27th at 7.30pm. This meeting is not to revisit the past, or explore current matters, but to look to the future.

It must be openly, and very truthfully stated, and this is the wish and opinion of many, that they want the process to be concluded before too long, and therefore we sincerely hope that we can, after this meeting, petition The Bishop to formally amalgamate us into one Parish. It is suggested that it will formally take place on The Birthday of Our Lady, 8th September, and so our new Parish will, as it were, celebrate our Birthday on the same day as we celebrate The Birthday of The B.V.M.

Responses so far, clearly indicate the majority of our Parishioners may feel some emotion, sadness at one end and extreme happiness at the other but the majority welcome the change, and some thought it had already happened, as both Parishes have shared one P.P. for over a decade, and others think it can't come too soon! Let build, and not knock down!

We can chart some things, but we must also move ahead with some uncertainties which can only be answered as our new story unfolds. We must trust in Jesus, and like The Disciples, who thought their own personal experience topped everything, cast our nets into the sea. They, as experienced fisher folk, having followed Jesus' advice brought in a haul too huge to count.

As has been said, realistically apart from essential changes to administrative structures, and the establishment of one P.P.C, and one Finance and Buildings Committee many other things: times, and places, for Holy Mass etc will probably stay pretty much the same. Some preparation/pastoral programmes may be jointly shared and others, for example like First Holy Communion Preparation, may remain as it is now. **None of these things are set in stone, but are offered as possible building blocks.**