

**ONE COMMUNITY, WITH TWO CHURCHES:** Thank You to the Rev Nick Whetton, a Church of England Minister, who Chaired our joint Meeting on June 7th, and to all all attended, and participated, or who sent apologies and expressed active support for the process.

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, 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.

Those who attended the Meeting in Barton, who heard of the Parishes who had failed to satisfy the requirements surrounding a petition to amalgamate, got it approved on June 13<sup>th</sup> at the fourth attempt!

**FULL SCHOOL MASSES:** St Mary's School will attend Mass at 9.30 am on Monday July 11th. We have readily agreed that, to facilitate full attendance such Masses will be at 9.30 am\*, which **30 minutes later than it normally would be.**

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Brigg):** The Monday prayer time has proved popular. Therefore, between May and October we plan to have Exposition on a Monday 8.30 -8.55 am\*, Friday 6:30 -6.55pm, Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm (\* 845- 9.15 on whole School Mass Days.)

**CANDIDATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:** Please pray for Sam, Ella, Matty, Gabriel, Joseph, Barnaby and Penelope who have made, or who will soon make, their First Holy Communion. We hope, and pray, it will for the first of many times in their lifetime. It is important the celebration of Mass last Sunday in Brigg, and the one today in Barton.is just part of new stage, and part of an ongoing relationship, in their faith journey, and friendship with Jesus, and our Parish Communities. Please keep them in your prayers. Pray too for ~~the~~ families, and those preparing them on behalf of the Parish: Kim, Julie, Clare and Ann. Thank You. We thanks to those who provided the shared lunch in Brigg, those who prepared the liturgy, and Church, and the flowers, and St Mary's School Choir for their singing, along with our own singers. Thank you to all of you.

Saint Mary's, Brigg and St Augustine Webster Parishes.  
The Twelfth Week of Ordinary Time (C) Corpus Christi Weekday II Psalter Week 4

DAY	DATE		TIME	ORDO	INTENTION
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	First of Sunday	<b>BRIGG BARTON</b>	<b>6.00 pm. 9.00 am</b>	THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)	People of The Parish Marie Owen Brown R.I.P
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>BRIGG</b>	<b>11.00am 9.00 am</b>		
<b>Tuesday</b>	21st June	<b>BARTON</b>	<b>6.00 pm</b>		Private Int
<b>Wednesday</b>	22nd June			Feast of Saints John Fisher & Thomas More, Martyrs	
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> June	<b>ZOOM</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	Solemnity of The Nativity of St John The Baptist	Ints ZS
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>BRIGG</b>	<b>7.00 pm</b>	The Solemnity of The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus	Holy Souls
Saturday	25 <sup>th</sup> June	<b>BARTON</b>	<b>12.30 pm</b>	Memorial of The The Immaculate Heart of mary	
<b>Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June</b>	First of Sunday	<b>BRIGG BARTON BRIGG</b>	<b>6.00 pm. 9.00 am 11.00am</b>	The Thirteenth Sunday of The Year.	Norah Hagar R.I.P. People of The Parish

**PRIVATE PRAYER: BRIGG Thursday 10-00 – 11.00 BARTON Friday 12-1.00 pm EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT (Brigg) Monday 8.30 -8.55 am, Friday 6:30 - 6.55pm, Saturday 5.15 – 5.45pm**

**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, bymaking an appointment with the Priest.**

**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 bepatient! Sometimes we do abandon the attempt so as not to delay Holy Mass. Sincere apologies.)

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

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**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**

**Day for Life** is the day in the Church's year dedicated to raising awareness about the meaning and value of human life at every stage and in every condition. The Church teaches that life is to be nurtured from conception to natural death. This year's *Day for Life* is celebrated on **Sunday, 19 June** in England and Wales. On this site, you will find this year's [resources](#) and information on [subjects](#) which cover the journey of life. You can also [read](#) documents and publications released by the Catholic Church and her bishops on the key issues. *Day for Life* is celebrated annually by the Catholic Church in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales. **The proceeds of the Day for Life collection to be held in parishes in England and Wales assists the work of the Anscombe Bioethics Centre and other life-related activities supported by the Church.**

**Congratulations and welcome to** David Bontoft who was received into Full Communion with The Catholic Church on Pentecost Sunday, accompanied by his wife Valeria. Thanks to Tim who stood in, as a proxy, for his sponsor Ursula who had done some formal preparation with him. And to all those who supported him informally and welcomed him.

**THE USE OF ST MARY'S CHURCH BRIGG DURING THE TIME OF THE ROOF PROJECT:** At a meeting on Friday, with the Architect, we agreed the Church will NOT be used for ANY form of worship during the working day on a weekday, whether Holy Mass or Exposition except for whole School Masses and Funerals. ALL other group activity will be in The Day Chapel. For Health and Safety reasons, and to protect worshippers from the noise above, there will be NO exceptions. Thank You.

**USING THE CAR PARK IN BRIGG:** the Car Park in Brigg is not available until around August 5th. On a Friday and Saturday people coming to the evening Mass can, with the kind permission of The Methodist Church Park in their Car Park. On a Sunday people are advised to park "on street" but always paying particular care to the needs of our neighbours (their right of access to their property etc). Thank You. We thank our Ecumenical neighbours! (The offer of the use of the Methodist Church Car Park, is an indication of the ongoing ecumenical relationship we enjoy in both of our Parishes. A relationship that has never ceased, and nor should it!) The Scaffolding 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 last about 10 weeks.(5<sup>th</sup> August?)

#### **DEVOTION TO MARY:**

When he was a teenager, and well into adulthood, the man who is now our P.P. was an active member of The Legion of Mary, and since 1976 has been to Lourdes often, sometimes more than 2 or 3 times a year, and visited other major Shrines, and his last parish he reintroduced The May Procession, He is proud of his devotion to Mary.

It is sad that often people, for their own reasons, and sometimes on much more than one topic, act, not as an appointed representative, but share only their own fears, or wants, and frequently seek to undermine others who bring different knowledge, insights and experience to their faith, Catholicism, and active life in the Church. Seeking to follow the example of Mary is a remedy to that failing.

Our own devotion may be aided by a particular image, or a particular Shrine, or honouring Mary under a particular title. However, only we can restrict her role and her presence in our lives. Others might like a different image, Shrine or Title, but we are talking about a living being who as Mother of Jesus, Mother of The Church, and our Mother always watches over us and intercedes for us before the Throne of God.

"Christ is the only way to the Father (cf. Jn. 14:4-11), and the ultimate example to whom the disciple must conform his own conduct (cf. Jn. 13:15), to the extent of sharing Christ's sentiments (cf. Phil. 2:5), living His life and possessing His Spirit (cf. Gal. 2 20; Rom. 8:10-11). The Church has always taught this and nothing in pastoral activity should obscure this doctrine. But the Church, taught by the Holy Spirit and benefiting from centuries of experience, recognizes that devotion to the Blessed Virgin, subordinated to worship of the divine Saviour and in connection with it, also has a great pastoral effectiveness and constitutes a force for renewing Christian living. It is easy to see the reason for this effectiveness Mary's many-sided mission to the People of God is a super natural reality which operates and bears fruit within the body of the Church. One finds cause for joy in considering the different aspects of this mission, and seeing how each of these aspects with its individual effectiveness is directed towards the same end, namely, producing in the children the spiritual characteristics of the first-born Son. The Virgin's maternal intercession, her exemplary holiness and the divine grace which is in her become for the human race a reason for divine hope." APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION OF HIS HOLINESS PAUL VI *MARIALIS CULTUS* FOR THE RIGHT ORDERING AND DEVELOPMENT OF DEVOTION TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, 1974.

*Everyone knows the deep love St. John Paul II had for Mary. On the 100th anniversary of his birth in this month of May dedicated to the Mother of God, we invite you to embrace this prayer for families that the Holy Father addressed to the Blessed Virgin. From his childhood to his final days, St. John Paul II maintained a special relationship with the Virgin Mary. For, indeed, the Mother of God played a large role in the life of little Karol, and then in his life as a priest and cardinal. As soon as he was elected to the See of St. Peter, he placed his pontificate under the protection of the Mother of God. "In this grave hour which gives rise to trepidation, we cannot do other than turn our mind with filial devotion to the Virgin Mary, who always lives and acts as a Mother in the mystery of Christ, and repeat the words 'Totus tuus' (all thine)," he proclaimed in St. Peter's Square in Rome on the day of his installation, October 16, 1978. Then on May 13, 1981, the pontiff miraculously survived an assassination attempt, and it was to Our Lady of Fatima that he attributed this miracle. Throughout his life, he composed many prayers to the Mother of God, including this one, which families can use in their evening prayers during this month of May (and beyond ...):*

***May the Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church, be also mother of the domestic church.  
Through her maternal help, may every Cristian family  
truly become a little church  
which reflects and relives the mystery of the Church of Christ.  
May you who are the servant of the Lord, be our example  
of a humble and generous welcome of the will of God!  
You who are the mother of sorrows at the foot of the cross,  
be there to lighten our loads,  
and wipe away the tears of those afflicted by family difficulties.  
May Christ the Lord, King of the Universe, King of families,  
be present, as at Cana, in every Christian home,  
to communicate his light, joy, serenity, and strength.  
May every family generously add its share  
to the coming of his kingdom on earth.  
To Christ and to you, Mary, we entrust our families.  
Amen.***

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE HAPPY REPOSE OF THE SOUL OF** Mr Francesco Bosco, who died recently, and for his family and friends who mourn. We offer sympathies to them