

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR ALL WHO HAVE DIED AND THOSE WHO MOURN THE LOSS OF A LOVED ONE: We ask you to pray for all who have recently died, especially Kay McCourt & Simon Clarke, and for any family who mourn. Please pray the dead will see God face to face, and those in grief will be consoled.

The funeral details for Simon Clark:

**Reception into St Bernadette's Church, Ashby:** Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at 4pm

**Funeral Mass:** Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 12pm Burial: Brigg Cemetery at 1.30 pm

The funeral details for Kay McCourt:

The mortal remain of Kay will be received into St Mary's Church, Brigg, at 4.30pm

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March.** The Funeral Mass is on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at 12.30pm at St Marys, Brigg followed by burial in Brigg Cemetery.

**PRAY FOR THE SICK:** Rules on Data Protection, and sensitivity to those who choose not to speak to others about such a personal matter, or who may themselves be not fully aware, of their condition, names cannot usually be mentioned here. But the duty of praying, and caring for the sick, is important. As noted previously illness can be challenging not only for the patient, but for their nearest and dearest, and it may be cause much strain and stress and heartache. Please pray for the families of the sick, and all in Health and Social Care serving our sick, elderly, and infirm.

#### FUNDRAISING EVENTS IN A CHURCH NEAR YOU:

In **Barton**, Simone asks people to donate prizes for an **Easter Raffle**. She would like a big first prize too! **PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

Jean, in **Brigg**, will always welcome, and never refuse, items suitable for her legendary Tombola.

In particular Jean asks for **EASTER EGSS** for the next tombola **NEXT Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** (with the first chance after The First Mass of Sunday at 6.00 p.m. on Saturday March 25<sup>th</sup>)

Please support the Fundraising activities in aid of our Parish

**FLOWER ARRANGERS:** both Churches would benefit from having more folk on the Flower Arranging Rota. It is a much valued contribution to the life and worship of The Church. If you wish to sign up as a volunteer Please email the PARISH, and give your contact details, and specify which Church you normally attend. **IT WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL, AND GREATLY BENEFICIAL, TO HAVE MORE VOLUNTEERS IN TIME FOR EASTER!!!**

**THE SERVICES FOR THE SACRED TRIDUUM WILL ALL TAKE PLACE IN ST AUGUSTINE WEBSTER CHURCH BARTON:**

**Maundy Thursday 7.30 p.m.** The Mass of The Lord's Supper  
With watching at The Altar of Repose until 10.00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY:** 3.00 p.m. The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday

**HOLY SATURDAY:** 9.00 pm The Service of Light and Easter Vigil

BUT NOTE:

**GOOD FRIDAY 7.00 p.m.** *Stations of the Cross*, St Mary's Brigg

**EASTER SUNDAY HOLY MASS:** 9.00 am Barton, 11.00 am Brigg

The Parish of St Mary and St Augustine Webster, North Lincolnshire.

The Fourth Week of Lent – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2023 (A)

Psalter Week 4

One Community with two Churches.

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DAY	DATE		TIME	ORDO	INTENTION
Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	First of Sunday	<b>BRIGG BARTON BRIGG</b>	6.00 pm. 9.00 am 11.00am	The Fourth Sunday of Lent	Ralph & Joan Patchett R.I.P People of The Parish Lena Cunningham R.I.P
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>BRIGG</b>	9.00 am	Solemnity, St Joseph Spouse of The B.V.M.	Maureen Gilligan R.I.P.
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>BARTON</b>	6.00 pm.		
Wed	22 <sup>nd</sup> March				
Thurs	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	<b>ZOOM</b>	7.00 pm		Ints ZS
Friday	24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>BRIGG &amp; ZOOM</b>	7.00 pm		Michael Gilligan R.I.P.
Sat	25 <sup>th</sup> March				
Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	First of Sunday	<b>BRIGG BARTON BRIGG</b>	6.00 pm. 9.00 am 11.00am	The Fifth Sunday of Lent	L.V. Kelly-Mackay R.I.P People of The Parish Lena Cunningham R.I.P

**EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Monday 8.30 -8.55 am (Brigg)**

**PRIVATE PRAYER: Thursday 10-11.00 (BRIGG).**

**HOLY HOUR: 11.00- 12 Noon (BARTON) \*\*\***

*Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday 5.15 -5.45pm BRIGG*

*Sunday 8.30 -8.50 am in Barton.*

*It remains, and has always been possible, to celebrate the Sacrament, at other times.*

Parish Priest: FATHER MICHAEL GILLIGAN 01652 652221 07704058187

(Please leave voicemails on the landline only.)

**CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS FOR ALL CORRESPONDENCE:**

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\*\*Please note: *by emailing us, you consent* to your submitted details being collected, stored and used by the Parish for the purpose or purposes for which you have provided them to us.

St. Mary's: Barnard Ave, Brigg, North Lincs. DN20 8AS

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

[www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org](http://www.bartonandbriggcatholicchurches.org)

Parish Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/stmaryandstaugustine> Bank Details:

Barton and Brigg RCP

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

[www.http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/](http://www.http://dioceseofnottingham.uk/)

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

**THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2023:** Young people currently in Year 6\*\*\*and above are invited to enrol for a course of preparation to receive The Sacrament of Confirmation later in 2023. E We wish to state that our working assumption must be that those who apply will commit themselves to attending Sunday Mass throughout the period of preparation and beyond. We ask to commit yourself to this exciting journey with Christ, and your Parish, We ask your fellow Parishioners to pray for you, and you to pray for them. The candidates are advised of a special day for them on April 22<sup>nd</sup> – more details to follow.

**Cycle of Prayer during Lent, we pray for these intentions:** Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; the Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.

**THE ONLY CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS FOR OUR PARISH:** The parish of St Mary and St Augustine Webster, North Lincolnshire was formally created on 8th September 2022. It has taken some months to formally register a **new postal address** for Parish Correspondence, and it is that of the only operational ("lived in") Presbytery. *It has been done primarily out of sensitivity to the people of the former parish of Barton Upon Humber, but also in firm recognition of the fact we are one Community with two Churches. Therefore, we will not use the name of one Church, or the title of The Parish on OUR Postal Address, as it is ALSO too long for starters!!*

It was arranged, and registered, by NORTH LINCONSHIRE COUNCIL, with the Royal Mail, and the Diocese will change the building registration with The Land Registry .It is:

**The Presbytery, 12, Barnard Avenue, Brigg. DN20 8AS**

We would be grateful if you would use this address on **ALL** future correspondence.

**OUR DIOCESE IS REGULARLY RECRUITING FOR FOUNDATION GOVERNORS FOR OUR SCHOOLS, including our own St Mary's Academy.** If you are interested in more information about this important role please contact: Julie Sweeney: [julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk](mailto:julie.sweeney@nottingham-des.org.uk)

**THE DEPARTURE OF OUR PARISH PRIEST:** it may be true that Fr Michael is the only, or at least one of a very view, who has only left any Parish, having served as its Parish Priest, at his own request after consultation with the then Bishop.

His decision to request to leave the Parish was not an easy one. He is filled with sadness that he felt it appropriate to do so.

Having returned to Nottingham, his home town, for half term in the first term of his first year at seminary, he learnt very quickly not to say to his new P.P., whose predecessor had been for 17+ years "it is what we do here Father!" He never said it again.

Sad to say, in his time as a priest Parishioners have said to him "this is OUR Parish", and "we let you live in our house", and we don't want to be dictated to by a cleric.

It is surprising that such encounters could ever take place, but they still do, and the people who say such things are often the stalwarts of The Parish, who are worse than any stereotypical image of a traditional resident priest housekeeper, or the mythical obstructive receptionist in a G.P. Surgery. (In the experience of the P.P. they have always been kind and helpful.)

No-one should set themselves as "Parish Administrator", or seek to control every parish activity, or be the gateway or conduit for all things others wish to refer to the priest, but sadly it happens.

For the record, a Parishioner is one who lives within a defined geographical boundary and so a priest is both a Parishioner of that Parish, and it's Pastor.

Bishop McKinney, on February 24<sup>th</sup>, when he and Fr Michael had been discussing the imbalance that often arises in distinguishing between the rights and responsibilities of the ordained, and those of the lay state, says he prefers the term used by Pope Francis of "co-responsibility".

By virtue of his priesthood the priest must be, and remains, the spiritual and overall leader in a Parish Community. It cannot be handed over to a lay person. Lay people, with the priest,

worship God, and respond to The Word of God, and pray, and work, to foster missionary, pastoral, and social activity in any given Parish. The Parish priest consults the laity especially the members of any Finance and Buildings Committee, which is generally universally required, and the Parish Pastoral Council. The P.P.C is not mandated in Canon Law (Church Law), but the Bishop may require Parishes within his Diocese to establish one.

What President Truman said of his great Office is true of a Parish Priest "the buck stops here". In 2020 the Document on the Pastoral Mission of The Parish from The Congregation for The Clergy stated " The non-ordained faithful may use the term "extraordinary minister", only if called by the competent Authority[143] to fulfil the supplementary functions referred to in canons 230 §3 and 943. The temporary deputation in liturgical celebrations, which canon 230 §2 mentions, even if protracted for some time, does not confer any special designation on the non-ordained faithful [144]. These laypersons must be in full communion with the Catholic Church[145], receive a formation adequate to the function that they are called to perform, and maintain a personal and pastoral conduct that is exemplary, making them convincing in carrying out their service."

I believe the issue relating serving multi-parishes is NOT lack of seminary training, but priests, and the diocese, promoting a model expressly barred by reference to Vatican Documents in 1997, and 2020. Just to quote a snippet from the Document on Collaboration with the Non-Ordained Art 1, 3 "It is unlawful for the non-ordained faithful to assume titles such as "pastor", "chaplain", "coordinator", " moderator" or other such similar titles which can confuse their role and that of the Pastor, who is always a Bishop or Priest.(58)"

And the 2020 Document on the Pastoral Mission of The Parish:

"IX. Appointments and Pastoral Ministry

94. Besides the occasional collaboration that every person of good will—even the unbaptised—may offer in the daily activities of the Parish, there exist also stable appointments, on the basis of which the faithful accept responsibility for service within the Parish community for a determined time. For example, one thinks of catechists, of altar servers, of educators that work in groups and associations, of those who fulfil the works of charity and those who dedicate themselves to different types of counselling or to listening centres, and of those who visit the sick.

95. In any case, in designating the tasks entrusted to deacons, consecrated men and women and the lay faithful that receive a participation in the exercise of pastoral care, it is necessary to use terminology that corresponds in a correct way to the functions that they can fulfil in conformity with their state of life. In this way, the essential difference that exists between the common priesthood and the ministerial priesthood is clearly maintained, and the identity of the appointment received by each person should be evident.

96. In that vein, it is the responsibility, first of all, of the diocesan Bishop and, as far as it pertains to him, the Parish Priest, to see that the appointments of deacons, religious and laity that have roles of responsibility in the Parish, are not designated as "pastor", "co-pastor", "chaplain", "moderator", "coordinator", "Parish manager", or other similar terms[141] reserved by law to priests,[142] inasmuch as they have a direct correlation to the ministerial profile of priests.

In referring to the aforementioned faithful and deacons, it is likewise illegitimate, and not in conformity with their vocational identity, to use expressions such as "entrust the pastoral care of a parish", "preside over the parish community", and other similar phrases, that pertain to the distinct sacerdotal ministry of a Parish Priest.

For example, the terms "Deacon Co-operator" or "Coordinator of (a particular sector of pastoral care)", "Pastoral Co-operator" or "Pastoral Associate or Assistant" seem to be more appropriate. It is important to note that the priest who comes is undertaking a temporary pastoral appointment, and he is not The Parish Priest, or a designated Parish Administrator. Please welcome him and support him and do not ask him, or expect him, to make any changes in the interim period. That is not intended to be his role.

Please pray for our Bishops and all the priests who serve in our Diocese.

**THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ACTIVELY SUPPORT THE LIFE AND MISSION OF THE CHURCH, IN THIS PARISH, YOU ARE A LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS, AND LIKE A CITY BUILT ON A HILLTOP. MAY GOD BLESS YOU ALL**